

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: CABINET

Date of Meeting:	14 th June 2010
Report of:	Head of Policy and Performance
Subject/Title:	2009/10 Performance Report
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr. David Brown

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 Cheshire East is committed to continuous improvement and excellence in all that it influences and delivers. This report gives summary and detailed information about its performance in the first year including major successes in creating a new authority and a commentary on performance against overall priorities and detailed performance indicators, areas that need to improve and key challenges going forward. The timing of this report means that the financial outturn is not finalised but, where relevant, the key financial implications are noted.
- 1.2 The report reflects a developing framework to embed a performance management culture. During 2010/11 this will be further developed with formal challenge sessions on performance improvement and a clearer link between performance information and scrutiny activity.
- 1.3 Our vision, corporate plans, financial allocations, democratic and organisational structures are all designed to help us achieve the outcomes that matter to the people of Cheshire East. Performance reporting and a focus on improvement are fundamental to achieving our long term ambitions.

2.0 Decision Requested

- 2.1 To note the assessment of performance and consider issues raised in relation to underperformance against targets and how these will be addressed.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The Council is committed to high standards of achievement and continuing improvement. Performance information plays a vital role in ensuring that the Council understands its performance in key areas and addresses issues of under performance. The Council and LSP partners have identified priority areas for improving outcomes for local people. Indicators in the Local Area Agreement reflect this commitment to local improvement by partners and form a core element of performance monitoring.

4.0 Wards Affected

- 4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

5.1 All

6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change, Health

6.1 Performance management supports delivery of all key Council policies including climate change and health

7.0 Financial Implications 2010/11 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

7.1 The Council's financial resources are aligned to its priorities and used to deliver priority outcomes for local communities. Monitoring performance helps ensure that resources are used effectively and that business planning and financial decision making are made in the context of performance. In addition there is financial reward attached to the achievement of Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets in 2010/11 that will benefit the Council and partners.

8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

8.1 The Council is required to report to Government on its performance against measures in the National Indicator Set. Monitoring and reporting on performance is considered to be part of the requirements for inspection and the relationship between local authorities and the public.

9.0 Risk Management

9.1 Performance and risk management are part of the key management processes of the Authority. Risks are captured both in terms of the risk of underperforming and the risk to the Council in not delivering its ambitions for the community of Cheshire East. The performance reporting system will be integrated with risk reporting in 2010/11.

10.0 Access to Information

10.1 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting:

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