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TITLE OF REPORT: 2ND QUARTER MONITORING REPORT ON KEY PROJECTS FOR 2016/17

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT
EXECUTIVE MEMBER: COUNCILLOR JULIAN CUNNINGHAM

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This monitoring report provides an update on the delivery of the key projects for 16/17 identified to the Committee in March 2016.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That delivery against the key projects for 16/17 be noted and commented on by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

2.2 That monitoring against the project relating to the development of John Barker Place be removed from future monitoring reports.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 To enable achievements against the key projects for 2016/17 to be considered.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4.1 There are no alternative options as this is a monitoring report.

5. CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT MEMBERS AND EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

5.1 No external consultation has been undertaken in the preparation of this report as it is a monitoring report. Members will, however, be aware that a report setting out the key projects was brought to this Committee on 22 March 2016.




6. FORWARD PLAN

6.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key decision and has not been referred to in the Forward Plan

7. BACKGROUND

7.1 This report provides details on the status of the key projects 16/17. It does not include any projects initiated after the document was agreed and is not a full report on all of the projects that the Council is undertaking.

7.2 This report summarises the status of each of the key projects. Overall, where the delivery has been solely down to the Council good progress has been made. The following symbols have been used to summarise progress.

Status	
	Project Completed.
	Project behind original due date.
	Project not due for completion in 2016/17 or has not reached due date

7.3 It is proposed that the Project relating to the completion of John Barker Place in Hitchin be removed from future monitoring reports. The remainder of this project is solely under the direction of North Hertfordshire Homes and NHDC has no control over the timescales for its completion.

8. KEY PROJECTS 2016/17

8.1 At the Overview & Scrutiny committee meeting in July 2016, it was agreed that monitoring progress against key projects would take place on a more frequent basis and be reported quarterly.

8.2 The 2nd Quarter monitoring report against key projects for 2016/17 is included in Appendix A.

8.3 Appendix A includes the original milestones for reporting progress which were reported to this Committee in March 2016 and progress made against those actions. In addition, updates may have been provided to Executive Members and where relevant through the Members Information Service. Progress against some will also have been monitored through the Capital monitoring reports to the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee and to Cabinet.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 No direct legal implications arise from this report. Legal implications for the projects listed in Appendix A are considered as part of those projects and will include (but are not limited to) governance, property, planning and contractual issues. Under the Local Government Act 2000 there is a legal requirement fore Councils operating Executive arrangements to appoint an overview and scrutiny committee with remit to review decisions and other action taken..

9.2 Overview and Scrutiny's terms of reference include at paragraph 6.2.7(s) of the Constitution "to review performance against the Council's agreed priorities and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and/or service areas". This report gives the Committee an opportunity to comment on progress made against the projects that have been identified for delivery against the Council's objectives.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The actions identified were resourced through the corporate business planning process cycle for 2016/17 that was undertaken in 2015/16. A number of these projects formed part of the Council's capital programme for 2016/17.

10.2 The Council continues to face difficult spending decisions in view of the reduction in government support in future years and the availability of funding continues to impact on the projects that can be undertaken.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The Lead Officer for each project is responsible for identifying any risks to the successful delivery of the Project.
- 11.2 Some of these major projects have been identified as Top Risks for the Council and these are monitored quarterly by the Finance, Audit & Risk Committee. These include :
- Local Plan
 - Office Accommodation
 - Asset Management
 - Development of Careline
 - Waste and Street Cleansing Contract Renewal

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 The Equality Act 2010 came into force on the 1st October 2010, a major piece of legislation. The Act also created a new Public Sector Equality Duty, which came into force on the 5th April 2011. There is a General duty, described in 12.2, that public bodies must meet, underpinned by more specific duties which are designed to help meet them.
- 12.2 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of its functions, give **due regard** to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 12.2 By reporting delivery against the key projects for 2016/17 this provides a means to monitor whether the council are meeting the stated outcomes of the district priorities, its targets or delivering accessible and appropriate services to the community to meet different people's needs. This assists the Council to fulfil a number of its obligations arising from the Public Sector Equality Duty.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 As the recommendations made in this report do not constitute a public service contract, the measurement of 'social value' as required by the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 need not be applied, although equalities implications and opportunities are identified in the relevant section at paragraphs 12.
- 13.2 Where the key projects referred to in this report relate to the award of a public service contract, 'social value' will be captured and reported in accordance with the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012.

14. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1 There are no additional human resource implications arising from this monitoring report. The resources needed to deliver projects should be considered through the Corporate Business Planning process.

15. APPENDICES

- 15.1 Appendix A – 2nd Quarter Monitoring against Key Projects for 2016/17.

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17. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 17.1 None.