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Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
Cabinet Member:		Councillor Peter John, Leader of the Council	

FOREWORD - COUNCILLOR PETER JOHN, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The council's vision for the borough is a fairer future for all in Southwark. In 2011 the council made ten promises, aimed at establishing Southwark as a fairer place to live, where all residents have the opportunity to fulfil their potential. This report provides a full end of year update of how the council is delivering on our Fairer Future promises.

Underpinning our vision is a determination to treat residents as if they were members of our family and to spend every penny wisely, as if it were our own. Although we are under increasing pressure to deliver more with less, we remain committed to ensuring all residents, businesses, and voluntary and community sector groups can make the most of the many good opportunities in the heart of London that our borough of Southwark has to offer.

These continue to be difficult times for residents and businesses within Southwark are facing tremendous challenges. As a council, we want to be on your side through this. In the year ahead we will continue to support our most vulnerable residents and treat all people fairly. We will champion improved educational attainment for our children, maintain modern library services and work towards a cleaner, safer borough for everyone.

While consulting widely on plans for the borough's future housing needs, we remain committed to making the investment needed to ensure all our council housing is warm, dry and safe. We will continue to promote healthy living among residents and ensure that the regeneration across Southwark brings sustainable benefits for the community.

We will also continue to improve our customer services whilst moving towards more modern ways of working, streamlining our management and retaining an able, committed workforce focused on delivering better value for money services. As we enter 2013/14 our Fairer Future for All promises will continue to drive our commitment to improve the quality of life for people who live, work and volunteer in Southwark.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That cabinet:

1. Notes progress in 2012/13 against the ten fairer future promises and portfolio performance objectives in the Council Plan.
2. Agrees the Council Plan's cabinet member portfolio objectives and targets for 2013/14 (see Appendix 1).

3. Recommends that Council Assembly agrees the Council Plan's cabinet member portfolio objectives and targets for 2013/14 (see Appendix 1).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. On 6 July 2011 council assembly approved a new Council Plan. This set out how the council would seek to achieve its Fairer Future for All vision, in an environment of significantly reduced funding specifically to the council and to the wider public sector. Ten fairer future promises were agreed with a further set of objectives outlined in performance schedules for each cabinet member portfolio area.
5. Following engagement with local people through the council's budget process, the council plan identified a number of principles that now underpin our Fairer Future for all vision and guide the promises and objectives that we agreed through the Council Plan. The Fairer Future principles were updated to the following:
 - Treating residents as we would wish members of our own families to be treated.
 - Being open, honest and accountable.
 - Spending money as if it were coming from our own pocket.
 - Working for everyone to realise their potential.
 - Making Southwark a place to be proud of.
6. The Council Plan placed local needs and accountability as the drivers of the council's performance improvement. Over 2010/11 a number of changes were made to the performance monitoring and reporting requirements of the council by central government. These included abolition of the national indicator set and the end of the requirement for local area agreements. The council therefore had greater flexibility in developing a plan that addressed local priorities.
7. At the heart of the Council Plan are the council's ten Fairer Future promises. The focus on ten key promises is recognition that in times of reduced funding, we need to priorities our resources on areas where we can meet our vision, and achieve the maximum benefit. The present ten Fairer Future promises are:

Promise 1 - "Provide improved value for money and keep council tax increases below inflation"

Promise 2 - "Work with residents and the police to make the borough safer for all by cracking down on antisocial behaviour and implementing our new violent crime strategy"

Promise 3 - "Deliver the first three years of our five year plan to make every council home warm, dry and safe".

Promise 4 - "Improve our customer service with more online services, including delivery of a better housing repairs service, independently verified by tenants".

Promise 5 - "Introduce free healthy school meals for all primary school pupils, and champion improved educational attainment for our borough's children".

Promise 6 - "Support vulnerable people to live independent, safe and healthy lives by giving them more choice and control over their care".

Promise 7 - "Encourage healthy lifestyles by transforming Burgess Park, opening a new swimming pool at Elephant and Castle and awarding £2m to local projects to leave a lasting Olympic legacy".

Promise 8 - "Open Canada Water library in autumn 2011, open a library in Camberwell and conduct a thorough review of the library service".

Promise 9 - "Bring the full benefits and opportunities of regeneration to all Southwark's residents and build new family homes on the Aylesbury Estate and at Elephant and Castle".

Promise 10 - "Double recycling rates from 20 per cent to 40 per cent by 2014 and keep our streets clean".

8. During the year the council has monitored performance against the ten promises and objectives in the council plan, with performance data reviewed on a quarterly basis. A Fairer Future Interim Performance report was presented to cabinet on 29 January 2013 to note progress made over the first six months of 2012/13, the second year of the Council Plan.
9. This annual performance report provides a year end summary of progress over the twelve months of 2012/13 against the ten promises and cabinet member performance objectives. In line with our fairer future principle of being open, honest and accountable, it is available on the council's website.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

10. The Fairer Future Annual Performance Report in Appendix 1 outlines what we have delivered in 2012/13, in line with our Fairer Future principals, and against the promises and objectives we have set out.
11. Strong progress has been made across the fairer future promises over 2012/13. This includes protecting households by freezing council tax, putting in place measures that have helped reduce violent crime related offences, rolling out our free healthy school meals programme to years 2 to 4, delivering personal budgets to 100% of eligible users and completing our revitalisation of Burgess Park. A full update on progress against the Fairer Future promises is outlined in full in Appendix 1.
12. The Fairer Future Annual Performance Report 2012/13 also confirms our objectives and targets for 2013/14. In line with our Approach to Equality and public sector equality duties the report also outlines our commitment to equality through the confirmation of our equality objectives.

Community impact statement

13. The purpose of this report is for cabinet to note progress in 2012/13 against the promises and objectives agreed in the Council Plan and the 2011/12 Council Plan Annual Performance Report. No specific equality analysis has been undertaken on this report on performance as there are no impacts arising from the report itself. Future decisions made on the basis of the performance highlighted by this report may require equality analysis to be undertaken and

more detailed consideration of the impact on local people and communities as appropriate. The Forum for Equalities and Human Rights in Southwark's Equality and Human Rights Panel has been engaged on the council's equality objectives and its feedback and been taken into consideration in proposing the equality objectives for 2013/14.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Director of Legal Services

14. It was previously a requirement for local authorities to publish a best value performance plan. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 removed the powers of the Secretary of State to specify performance indicators and standards for local authorities, the duty on authorities to meet such standards and to publish best value performance plans. However, a local authority is still under a general duty of best value to "make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness". The Council Plan is one of the ways the council can demonstrate that it is achieving this requirement.
15. Any updates that cabinet agrees to the Council Plan targets will then need to be adopted by Council Assembly as it approved the new Council Plan in July 2011 including the original targets.
16. No specific equality analysis has been undertaken for this report as there are no impacts on the community arising from the report itself, but Cabinet is reminded of the requirement to have due regard to the public sector equality duty set out in s.149 Equality Act 2010 in its future deliberations and conclusions.

Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services

17. This report notes progress in 2012/13 against the ten fairer future promises and portfolio performance objectives in the council plan. It outlines portfolio objectives for 2013/14.
18. The strategic director of finance and corporate services notes that there are no new financial implications as a result of accepting the recommendations of this report. The costs of the objectives have been assumed in the council's 2013/14 budget and progress will be periodically reported to cabinet throughout the financial year.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Response to the Equality and Human Rights Panel. The document is available to view on this web page: http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200342/council_plan	160 Tooley Street London, SE1 2QH	Chima Amiaka – chima.amiaka@southwark.gov.uk
Fairer Future Interim performance Report 2012/13 http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/s34816/Report%20Fairer%20Future%20Interim%20Performance%20Report.pdf	160 Tooley Street London, SE1 2QH	Alex Irvine – alex.irvine@southwark.gov.uk
Council Plan Annual Performance Report 2011/12 http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200342/council_plan	160 Tooley Street London, SE1 2QH	Alex Irvine – alex.irvine@southwark.gov.uk
Council Plan 2011-14 http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200342/council_plan	160 Tooley Street London, SE1 2QH	Alex Irvine – alex.irvine@southwark.gov.uk

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Fairer Future Annual Performance Report 2012/13. (Circulated separately and available to view on the council's web site.)

AUDIT TRAIL

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