
Meeting	Budget and Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date	19 June 2012
Subject	Quarter 4 Corporate Finance and Performance 2011/12
Report of	Cabinet Member for Resources and Performance
Summary	This report presents information for finance and Corporate Plan performance for quarter four 2011/12.
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Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards Affected	All
Key Decision	No
Reason for urgency / exemption from call-in	Not applicable
Function of	Budget and Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Enclosures	Annex A: Final Outturn CRC report Annex B: Quarter 4 Performance results by service area
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1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the Committee consider the 2011/12 Final Outturn CRC report and the quarter four performance report.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 This report presents the latest available information for all finance, performance targets and Corporate Plan Improvement Initiatives in relation to the three Corporate Priorities in the Corporate Plan 2011-13 which are:

- Better services with less money
- Sharing opportunities, sharing responsibilities
- A successful London Suburb

- 2.2 This is the final time that the Corporate Plan 2011-12 indicators and priority improvement initiatives have been reported to this Committee. Future reports to this Committee will cover the indicators and priority improvement initiatives for 2012-13.

3. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 3.1 Annual Council meeting 19 May 2009 - agreed the new scrutiny arrangements, which includes the reporting of Corporate Plan performance measures to this Committee.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 4.1 Review of finance and performance issues by this Committee should contribute to performance improvement, and therefore mitigate the risk of non-improvement and failure to meet Corporate Plan performance targets.

5. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 5.1 Financial monitoring is important in ensuring resources are used to deliver equitable services to all members of the community.

- 5.2 Performance data is used to identify where there may be different outcomes for groups covered by the Equalities Act 2010 and therefore help the council to narrow those differences.

6. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 6.1 Robust budget and performance monitoring plays an essential part in enabling an organisation to deliver its objectives efficiently and effectively.

- 6.2 Use of Resources implications are covered within Section 9 of the CRC report at Annex A.

- 6.3 The final outturn of £283.689m has resulted in no change to the General Fund balances of £15.780m. The General Fund balance therefore remains above the recommended target level of £15m.

7. LEGAL ISSUES

- 7.1 Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that “every local authority shall make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs and shall secure that one of their officers has responsibility for the administration of those affairs”.
- 7.2 Section 28 of the Local Government Act 2003 imposes a statutory duty on the Council to monitor during the financial year its income and expenditure against the budget calculations. If the monitoring establishes that the budgetary situation has deteriorated, the Council must take such action as it considers necessary to deal with the situation.
- 7.3 Under the Equality Act 2010, the council and all other organisations exercising public functions on its behalf must have due regard to the need to:
- a) eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act;
 - b) advance equality of opportunity between those with a protected characteristic and those without;
 - c) promote good relations between those with a protected characteristic and those without.

The ‘protected characteristics’ referred to are: age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex and sexual orientation. With respect to a) the ‘protected characteristics’ also include marriage and civil partnership.

8. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS (Relevant section from the Constitution, Key/Non-Key Decision)

- 8.1 The scope of Overview and Scrutiny Committees are contained within Part 2, Article 6 of the Constitution;
- 8.2 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Part 4 of the Constitution). The Budget and Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee has, amongst other duties, responsibility for scrutinising the overall performance, effectiveness and value for money of Council services, including the planning, implementation and outcomes of all corporate improvement strategies

9. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 9.1 Annex A contains the 2011/12 Final Outturn report that will be going to Cabinet Resources Committee on 20 June 2012.
- 9.2 Barnet’s Corporate Plan 2011-13 sets out performance targets and improvement initiatives for the Council by corporate priority. Detailed progress against these targets and Improvement Initiatives for quarter 4, are contained in appendix B of this report.

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