

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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| <b>COMMITTEE</b>          | Council   |
| <b>DATE</b>               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2024                        |
| <b>EXEMPT</b>             | No  |
| <b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>       | No  |
| <b>REPORT TITLE</b>       | Council Delivery Plan, Annual Review Report 2023-24 |
| <b>REPORT NUMBER</b>      | CORS/24/281   |
| <b>DIRECTOR</b>           | Andy MacDonald                                      |
| <b>CHIEF OFFICER</b>      | Martin Murchie                                      |
| <b>REPORT AUTHOR</b>      | Charlene Flynn                                      |
| <b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b> | 13  |

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present the Council with an Annual Review Report which highlights progress with respect to the 2023-24 Council Delivery Plan, that was approved by the Council on 1st March 2023.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Council note the report and provide comments and observations on the information contained in the Annual Review Report at Appendix A.

### 3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 As the Council, and our communities, have tackled cost of living pressures, provided sustained support for those adults and children displaced from Ukraine, addressed newly presenting issues around trends in relative poverty in the city, and embraced the need for climate change adaptation within its provision, the Council as an organisation, has required to maintain a responsive and flexible approach to service delivery to our citizens.
- 3.2 This is reflected in the inputs, outputs and outcomes captured within the Annual Review Report, and highlights where services have been enabled to deliver against Council Delivery Plan priorities whilst pivoting resource and effort to meet the additional legislative, demand related, and financial challenges that had arisen over the course of 2023/24.

- 3.3 It is important to note that the detail and outcomes captured in this report reflect the policies and actions aligned with the 2023/24 Council Delivery Plan, which was subsequently updated for 2024/25 at the meeting of Council on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024.
- 3.4 As such, it offers a retrospective overview of the work of the Council linking with those delivery priorities and objectives set out within the Plan, overlaid with the aims from the current Aberdeen City Council Partnership Agreement, ‘Working in Partnership for Aberdeen.’
- 3.5 Council Delivery Plan development is part of a strategic planning thread that flows from, and brings together:
- Aberdeen City’s Local Outcome Improvement Plan
  - The Council’s Policy Statements
  - National, Regional and City Strategies
  - Legislative and statutory delivery duties
- 3.6 Each of these strands establishes a range of commitments and requirements placed on the Authority, and the Council Delivery Plan identifies how the Council would meet these in the forthcoming twelve months.
- 3.7 The Annual Review Report summarises a snapshot of the deliverables for 2023-24 under these headings, along with outlining outcomes derived from the Council’s Commissioning Intentions, against which the Plan was a key element, and represents a statement on how the Council had delivered on its contribution to each.

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising out of this report.

#### 5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct legal implications arising out of this report.

#### 6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct environmental implications arising out of this report.

#### 7. RISK

The assessment of risk contained within the table below is consistent with the Council’s Risk Appetite Statement.

| Category | Risks | Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level | *Target Risk Level (L, M or H)<br><br>*Taking into account controls/control actions | *Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set? |
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| <b>Strategic</b>             | No significant strategic risks     | Annual reporting against the Council Delivery Plan serves to mitigate against Strategic Risk through enhanced scrutiny and accountability for outcomes                         | L   | Yes |
| <b>Compliance</b>            | No significant legal risks.        | Publication of Council delivery performance information in the public domain ensures that the Council is meeting its legal obligations in the context of Best Value reporting. | L   | Yes |
| <b>Operational</b>           | None                               | N/A  | N/A | NA  |
| <b>Financial</b>             | None                               | N/A  | N/A | N/A |
| <b>Reputational</b>          | No significant reputational risks. | Reporting of Council delivery to Members, and into the public domain serves to enhance the Council's reputation for transparency and accountability.                           | L   | Yes |
| <b>Environment / Climate</b> | None                               | NA   | NA  | NA  |

## 8. OUTCOMES

| <b><u>Council Delivery Plan 2024-25</u></b>                        |   |
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|  | <b>Impact of Report</b>   |
| <b>Aberdeen City Council Partnership Agreement</b>                 | The detail reflected within this report overlaps with various commitments contained within the Aberdeen City Council Partnership Agreement. |
| <b><u>Aberdeen City Local Outcomes Plan April 2024 Refresh</u></b> |   |
| <b>Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes</b>                         | The detail reflected within this report supports scrutiny of Council delivery against each of the Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes       |
| <b>Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes</b>                          | The detail reflected within this report supports scrutiny of Council delivery against each of the Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes        |

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| <b>Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes</b> | The detail reflected within this report supports scrutiny of Council delivery against each of the Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes   |
| <b>Regional and City Strategies</b>      | The report reflects outcomes closely aligned each of the regional and City strategies including National Improvement Framework for Education; Regional Economic Strategy, Local and Regional Transport Strategies and the Regional Skills Strategy, along with Local and Strategic Development Plans. |

## 9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

| <b>Assessment</b>                        | <b>Outcome</b>  |
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| <b>Integrated Impact Assessment</b>      | It was confirmed by Chief Officer, Martin Murchie, on 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024 that no Integrated Impact Assessment is required for this report |
| <b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b> | A Data Protection Impact Assessment is not required for this report.  |
| <b>Other</b>                             | No additional impact assessments have been completed for this report.   |

## 10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Council Delivery Plan 2023/2024 – COM/23/074, Council, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023  
Performance Management Framework – CORS/24/232, Council, 21st August 2024

## 11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Council Delivery Plan, Annual Review Report 2023/24

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