

REPORT OF THE
Cabinet / Leader
PART II

270. SHAPING HAMPSHIRE – Q2 2016/17 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

1. At its meeting on 12 December 2016, Cabinet considered and approved a report on the performance of the County Council against the Shaping Hampshire strategic plan for 2013-17.

2. Hampshire's consistently high performance was noted by Cabinet, with particular recognition for the success in the critical areas, among others, of highways, adults' and children's services. Members also welcomed the report's references to the achievements of Hampshire athletes at the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2016. Other performance highlights as well as key risks were referenced and future changes for performance management were outlined.

3. In agreeing the report, Cabinet were made aware of the work already undertaken to refresh the system of performance management and self assessment to take into account the organisational changes of recent years. Whilst recognising that some areas would not fully be in the control of the County Council, such as health related targets reliant on the NHS, it was agreed that performance was high and the direction of travel was a good one.

HAMPSHIRE SUPERFAST BROADBAND

1. At his meeting on 14 December 2016, the Executive Member for Policy and Resources considered and approved a report giving an update on the current programme and plans to extend superfast broadband (speed >24Mbps) coverage to 97.4% of premises in Hampshire by 2019.

2. As a County Council, there was no statutory obligation to increase access to superfast broadband. However, it was recognised that this infrastructure was crucial for the future prosperity of the county and would support the local economy, help pupils with education and homework, and reduce social isolation by making it easier for people to communicate online.

3. It was noted that Wave 1 of the Hampshire Superfast Broadband had already delivered superfast broadband to 59,500 premises, increasing coverage from 80% to 90% of the county. Wave 2 would deliver to a further 34,500 premises by September 2018, increasing coverage from 90% to 96% of Hampshire properties. The new £6.8m extension of Wave 2 would increase access to a further 8,500 properties by 2019, which would boost superfast coverage to 97.4% of the county.

4. In agreeing the report, the Executive Member noted that by the end of the programme in 2019, the County Council would have invested £12.9m - with £16.4m from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and £1.25m from district councils.

Further details on these items can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm by typing in the relevant reference number:

Shaping Hampshire (search item reference 7836)

Hampshire Superfast Broadband – Beyond 96% (search item reference 7926)

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