

**COUNCIL**  
**15 SEPTEMBER 2016****REPORT OF CABINET - SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN**

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**Balanced Scorecard – FutureFit Performance and Corporate Risk Update**

1. The Cabinet has considered an overview of performance for the Corporate Balanced Scorecard for Quarter Four 2015/16. Currently there are 44 indicators reported in the Scorecard. 22 of these are rated 'green' representing good performance or progress and 9 are rated as 'red'. The Cabinet has noted the latest update of the Corporate Balanced Scorecard for Quarter Four 2015/16 and considered actions being taken to improve performance for the one indicator newly rated 'red'.

2. The Cabinet has also noted the latest refresh of the Corporate Risk Register. The Register provides a mechanism for collating and reporting strategic risks that could affect the delivery of corporate objectives. The Cabinet has considered an overview of the Register for Quarter Four 2015/16 including the status of individual risks and noted the action to mitigate the risk that is rated 'red'. Proposals for a more streamlined approach to recording risks for the Council have now been worked up allowing risks to be captured at a more detailed, granular level and for these risks to be viewed more easily across the organisation as a whole.

**West Mercia Energy – Governance Issues**

3. The Council together with Herefordshire, Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Councils have been constituent members of a Joint Committee undertaking procurement activity for a number of years. This business was originally known as West Mercia Supplies but following the sale of the stationery supplies business it was renamed West Mercia Energy (WME). Each council has 2 votes on the WME Joint Committee. Following discussions between the constituent authorities regarding the future of the Joint Committee it has been proposed to update the main agreement for WME between the constituent authorities, together with the related financial regulations, contract standing orders and scheme of delegation.

4. It is proposed that Shropshire Council continues as the lead authority to employ staff and hold property on behalf of the constituent authorities and appoint the Secretary and Treasurer to the WME Joint Committee. The Cabinet has agreed that the current governance arrangements with WME be amended and that the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to finalise and execute amendments to those arrangements in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer. The County Council remains committed to its work alongside partners and WME to continue to secure the best deal for the public sector with regard to procuring its energy. The tone of the changes confirms the confidence that partners have in the WME business and each other.

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## **Background Papers**

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

Agenda and background papers for the meeting of the Cabinet held on 21 July 2016.