

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

REFERENCE FROM CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 26TH JULY, 2016

“ OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2013-2016: END OF YEAR REPORT FOR
2015/16 (MD) –

The Outcome Agreement was an agreement with the Welsh Government for a three year period that required the Authority to deliver on performance activity and associated targets in line with the national Programme for Government in return for an incentive grant of c£1.2m. The current Agreement covered the period from 2013 to 2016. In the summer of 2015, Welsh Government announced that this third and final year of funding would not be tied into the level of performance achieved; instead, the funding would be automatically directed into the Authority's Revenue Support Grant (RSG) for 2016/17. This meant that payment for performance against targets in 2015/16 was assured and the Outcome Agreement did not carry the same level of financial risk associated with previous years. However, the activities were still crucial to improvements set by the Council and so it was nonetheless important to monitor and report on the performance against the Agreement for its final year.

Appendix 1 to the report provided details of the progress made against the actions and performance measures, along with a summary of the Outcomes achieved.

Based on the Council's own self-assessment and the scoring range set out in the below table, it had been concluded:

Outcome Agreement theme 1 has been scored as Fully Successful – 2 points
Outcome Agreement theme 2 has been scored as Fully Successful – 2 points
Outcome Agreement theme 3 has been scored as Fully Successful – 2 points
Outcome Agreement theme 4 has been scored as Partially Successful – 1 point
Outcome Agreement theme 5 has been scored as Fully Successful – 2 points.

Table 1: Outcome Agreement Scoring	
Definition	Points award
Fully Successful	2
Partially Successful	1
Unsuccessful	0
Previously the Outcome Agreement needed to achieve at least 8 points from a possible 10 across the 5 themes to gain the full annual grant	

In calculating the scores on the Outcome Agreement as a whole, performance across all five themes indicated that the Council had been fully successful in achieving the majority of targets and actions relating to Year 3 of the Agreement and could have attained 9 points out of a possible 10, therefore securing full payment of the grant as previously achieved in the financial years 2013/14 and 2014/15. The Scrutiny Committee was made aware that this would have been subject to agreement by the Minister in previous years.

It was indicated that a small number of targets were not achieved (which were identified by a symbol ☹) and in those instances proactive action was being taken to ensure that they were achieved for 2016/17, as part of the new Performance Management Framework. Quarterly monitoring would ensure performance was achieved.

Paragraphs 10 to 26 of the report provided a summary of the Council's conclusions on the five outcome areas for the Vale of Glamorgan and related to the following outcomes which also included associated achievements:

- Outcome 1: Supporting the local economy
- Outcome 2: Increasing school achievement
- Outcome 3: Improving the lives of older people
- Outcome 4: Improving social housing
- Outcome 5: Reducing landfill.

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the Council's achievement of Year 3 Outcomes (as set out in Appendix 1 to the report) and as outlined in the Outcome Agreement 2013-16 be noted.

(2) T H A T it be recommended to Cabinet that those areas where the Council had not achieved its targets continue to be monitored by the relevant Scrutiny Committee(s) as part of the new Performance Management Framework.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) In acknowledgement of achievements in regard to the outcomes listed in the Outcome Agreement 2013-16 for the third and final year of the Agreement.

(2) To ensure that the Council achieves the agreed targets and outcomes for 2015/16 as set out in the Outcome Agreement with Welsh Government.”

Attached as Appendix – [Report to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee](#): 26th July, 2016