

North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet Date: 13 February 2012

ITEM 6 (f)
Title: North Tyneside
Strategic Partnership -
Exception Report -
Quarter 3 (October –
December 2011)

Portfolio(s): Elected Mayor

Cabinet Member(s): Mrs Linda Arkley

Report from Directorate: Strategic Services

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All

Wards affected:

PART 1

1.1 Purpose:

The purpose of this exception report is to identify and inform Cabinet of any performance issues in relation to the delivery of the objectives outlined in the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) 2010-13.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- (1) Note the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership – Exception Report – Quarter 3 (October – December 2011) at Annex 1
- (2) Approve the proposed actions to bring back on track those targets which are the Council's direct responsibility and authorise officers to work with partners to jointly deliver partnership targets.

1.3 Forward plan:

This report does not appear on the current Forward Plan. However to ensure that performance data is reported to members in a timely manner it needs to be considered at this Cabinet meeting.

1.4 Council plan and policy framework

At the beginning of October 2010, the government announced that the National Indicator Set and the requirement to produce and report on Local Area Agreements (LAA) would be abolished. At the end of 2010/11 a review of the national indicators and LAA measures which were being used to monitor the SCS was carried out. The review showed that the majority of measures were still being collected in some form, therefore there has been little change to the performance measures used to monitor the SCS for 2011/12.

The requirement to produce a Sustainable Community Strategy continues and is a useful way of demonstrating how partners work together to achieve the best outcome for North Tyneside.

The North Tyneside Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-13 sets out a range of measures which we are using to monitor delivery. The SCS covers the full range of themes in the Council Plan. The Strategy is part of the Council's Policy Framework.

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 Background:

The refreshed North Tyneside Sustainable Community Strategy, which was agreed by Cabinet on 14 June 2010, sets out a long-term vision for the borough to 2030 and in particular the period 2010-13. Four priorities, all with equal weighting, have been identified as the focus of this Sustainable Community Strategy and will move us closer to achieving this vision. These were formulated following widespread consultation and analysis and are:

- Regeneration
- Quality of life
- Best start in life
- Sense of place

For the year 2011/12 there are a total of 79 performance measures being used to assess the progress of the SCS. The majority of these were previously prescribed national indicators and are reported annually.

Of the total performance measures above, 22 can be reported at the end of Quarter 3, and this number comprises:

- 12 quarterly reported performance measures. Of these, 11 are on track to achieve the 2011/12 target. One is not on track.
- 10 are annual performance measures reporting final outturn data at the end of Quarter 3. Of these 8 achieved the 2011/12 target and 2 did not.

1.5.2 Comment on performance for measures not on track

For the three performance measures which are not on track at the end of Quarter 3 or did not achieve their end of year 2011/12 target, comments and proposed action are below:

NI135: Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service, or advice and information (bigger is better):

Quarter 3: Target – 22.5%
Actual – 20.7%

Comment and proposed action:

Although slightly behind Q3 target, this issue is related to activity recording, rather than a decrease in real performance. There are a number of customer records which are currently being reviewed and updated. Following completion of this work, we are confident that performance should return in line with target.

NI092: Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 30% in Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest (smaller is better):

2011/12: Target – 28%
Actual – 29.5%

Comment and proposed action:

The target of 28% was set to improve on the performance in 2010 assessments. The target set has been missed by 1.5%. The attainment continues to represent performance above the national average. Schools and settings continue to receive tailored support to ensure that the gap is narrowed.

NI101: Children in care achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and Maths) (bigger is better):

2011/12: Target – 19%
Actual – 8%

Comment and proposed action:

When the target for this indicator was set there were 16 children in this cohort. Based on previous progress, 3 of this cohort were expected to achieve 5+A*-C including English and Maths. At the time the exams were sat the cohort had changed. The total in the cohort was 13 and 1 achieved 5+A*-C including English and Maths.

The full list of performance measures are contained within Annex 1.

Also workbooks containing performance data for the performance measures reported at the end of Quarter 3, can be found in the North Tyneside Council Datastore. **Please note that some data is provisional and subject to change following external verification.**

1.6 Decision options:

Cabinet is asked to note progress as at the end of Quarter 3 2011/12 on delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-13.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

As the Accountable Body for the Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-13 the Council has a responsibility to ensure adequate governance arrangements are in place to manage performance and resources to deliver the agreed targets. Cabinet must therefore receive monitoring information on a regular basis and be assured that progress is being made to achieve the required outturn within available resources.

1.8 Appendices:

Annex 1: North Tyneside Strategic Partnership – Exception Report – Quarter 3 (October – December 2011)

1.9 Contact officers:

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1.10 Background information:

The following background document has been used in the compilation of this report:

North Tyneside Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-13

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

Activity on those targets for which the Council is designated as lead partner is expected to be delivered within existing budgets.

2.2 Legal

The Council has a duty to secure continuous improvement. Cabinet therefore needs to ensure it is well informed about progress in securing improvement.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

- Senior Leadership Team received a copy of the Quarter 3 2011/12 exception report.
- North Tyneside Strategic Partnership Executive will receive the report as part of the papers for their meeting on 7 March 2012.

2.4 Human rights

There are no implications directly arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no implications directly arising from this report.

2.6 Risk management

The report is to enable Cabinet to monitor progress towards achieving the priorities within the Sustainable Community Strategy 2010-13 to ensure that where necessary actions are in place to bring targets back on track.

Risks are logged on the appropriate directorate risk register for targets where the Council is the lead organisation.

2.7 Crime and disorder

The SCS 2010-13 includes 10 crime and disorder related indicators under the Quality of Life priority.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

The SCS 2010-13 includes 10 environment and sustainability related indicators under three priorities, Regeneration, Quality of Life and Sense of Place.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Strategic Director(s)
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)
- Chief Finance Officer
- Monitoring Officer
- Strategic Director with responsibility for Community Engagement

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