

North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet Date: 13 August 2012

ITEM 5(c)
Title: North Tyneside
Strategic Partnership –
Exception Report Q1
(April – June 2012)

Portfolio(s): Elected Mayor

Cabinet Member(s): Mrs Linda Arkley

Report from Directorate: Chief Executive's Office

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Wards affected: All

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 1 (April – June 2012) 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:

The report is listed on the Forward Plan for the period 1 August – 30 November 2012.

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 approximately three quarters of the measures were still being collected in some form, we have continued to use these measures to assess the progress made towards achieving the SCS priorities.

The Sustainable Community Strategy 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 forms 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

A total of 84 high level measures were initially identified to monitor progress against the priorities and aims within the SCS 2010-13. These included a mix of national and local measures, as well as the measures which were contained within the LAA 2008-11.

After the Government announced the abolishment of the National Indicator Set at the beginning of October 2010, a review of the original 84 measures was carried out to ascertain which ones were still available for reporting. Of the original set of measures 63 are still being collected however of these 16 have either had a change of definition or a change in the methodology.

Of the performance measures above there are 7 which can be reported at the end of quarter one.

Below is the list of the measures reporting in quarter one:

NI016: Serious acquisitive crime

New: Violence with injury (replaces NI020)

NI032: Repeat incidents of domestic violence

NI065: Percentage of children becoming the subject of Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time

NI135: Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service, or advice and information

ASC 14: The proportion of service users who are supported to live independently and at home

NI142: Percentage of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living

NI146: Proportion of adults with learning disabilities in paid employment

At the end of quarter one, two performance measures did not achieve their quarter one target.

1.5.2 Comment on performance for measures not on track

NI016: Serious acquisitive crime rate (%)

Q1 Target	Q1 Actual
1.09	1.23

Comment on performance:

Although the theft of motor vehicles and the previously problematic domestic burglary have decreased compared to Q1 2011/12, there were increases in robbery (up by eight offences, from five to 13) and theft from vehicles (up by 23 offences, from 101 to 124).

A spate of thefts, especially in Whitley Bay and North Shields, have adversely impacted on figures for the early part of this year.

Targeted vehicles were often left unsecured overnight. An awareness-raising campaign has been launched.

NI065: Children becoming the subject of a child protection order for a second or subsequent time (%)

Q1 Target	Q1 Actual
10.0	23.6

Comment on performance:

The proportion of children becoming the subject to a second or subsequent child protection plan has declined in performance. Fifty-five plans became operational during Q1. Thirteen were re-plans; 3 sibling groups of 3 children made up 9 children in this cohort. In total therefore 7 families had children subject to a 2nd protection plan. All cases of re-planning are subject to challenge by management to ensure the support needs of the families concerned were met during the time no protection plan was in place. Any lessons learnt are taken back into practice.

The Munro review proposed indicator looks at those re-plans within 2 years.

Performance in quarter 1 is not predictive of the actual annual out-turn and management are confident that the out-turn will in this area return to the expected level.

1.6 Decision options:

Cabinet is asked to note progress at the end of quarter one 2012/13 on delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities, aims and targets and authorise officers to continue working with partners on joint delivery areas.

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 1 (April-June 2012)

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 2012/13 Quarter One Exception Report.
- North Tyneside Strategic Partnership Executive will receive the report as part of the papers for their meeting on 5 September 2012.

2.4 Human rights

There are no implications arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no implications 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 measures under the Quality of Life priority.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

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

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

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- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)
- Chief Finance Officer
- Monitoring Officer
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