

North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet Date: 12 November 2012

ITEM 7(b)
Title: North Tyneside
Strategic Partnership –
Exception Report Q2
(July-September 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 2 (July-September 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 and we have continued to use these measures to assess the progress made towards achieving the SCS priorities.

The SCS covers the full range of themes in the Council Strategic Plan and it also forms part of the Council's Policy Framework.

1.5 Information:

1.5.1 Background:

The SCS, 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 the SCS to move us closer to achieving this vision. These priorities 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. 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 abolition of the National Indicator Set in 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 these performance measures the following can be reported at the end of Quarter 2.

Regeneration:	
There are no measures to report in this quarter for this priority.	
Quality of life:	
NI016:	Serious acquisitive crime
New:	Violence with injury ¹
NI032:	Repeat incidents of domestic violence
NI039: (PHOF 2.18)	Hospital admissions for alcohol related harm
NI065:	Percentage of children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time.
NI135:	Carers receiving a needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service or advice and information.
NI142:	Percentage of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living.
NI146:	Proportion of adults with learning disabilities in paid employment.
NI192:	Household waste recycled.
ASC014:	The proportion of service users who are supported to live independently and at home.

¹ The LAA measure "NI 020 Assault with less serious injury" which was previously monitored has been deleted by the Home Office. The new measure "Violence with injury" expands this to include all violence against the person offences that have resulted in physical injury.

Best start in life:	
NI053:	Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks
NI056:	Obesity in primary school age children in Year 6 (this is an annually reported measure – the latest data relating to the school year 2011/12 has recently become available).
Quality of life / Sense of place:	
NI195 (a-d)	Improved street and environmental cleanliness

At the end of Quarter 2, six of these performance measures did not achieve their target as set out below.

1.5.2 Comments on performance for measures not on track

NI016: Serious acquisitive crime rate (%)

Q2 Target	Q2 Actual
2.18	2.48

Comment on performance:

A spate of thefts from vehicles occurred during June and July, especially in Whitley Bay and North Shields. This has adversely impacted figures for the year up to Q2. Targeted vehicles were often left unsecured overnight. An awareness-raising campaign was launched by the police from late June in problematic areas. The incidence of offences during August and September was within normal bounds. Performance will be monitored on a monthly basis and reported to Safer North Tyneside's Policy and Performance Group.

NI 039 (PHOF 2.18): Hospital admissions for alcohol related harm (rate per 100,000)

Q4 2011/12 Target	Q4 2011/12 Actual
660	810

Comment on performance:

Increasing hospital admissions are being tackled in the short term (1 year) by commissioning a community based service to provide intensive support to dependent drinkers who are frequently admitted to hospital. In the longer term (2-3 years) there will be a range of alcohol intervention and treatment services commissioned for different levels of need.

NI065: Children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time (%)

Q2 Target	Q2 Actual
10.0	15.4

Comment on performance:

The percentage of children who have been subject to a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time stands at 15.4%. In total 104 Child Protection Plans were started in the first 6 months of the year 16 of these were second or subsequent plans. All

cases of a second or subsequent plan 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 and to ensure there are no alternative actions that can be taken. Ultimately, however all children who are deemed at risk of harm will be made subject to a Protection Plan where necessary. Any lessons learned are taken back into practice.

NI195a: Improved street and environmental cleanliness – the percentage of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of litter (%)

Q2 Target	Q2 Actual
3	4

Comment on performance:

This compares to 1% at this stage last year. Performance has been impacted upon by flooding and periods of high winds.

Following recent severe flooding events, the majority of our environmental teams were redirected to help with the removal of debris and damaged items from flood damaged households. Mechanical street sweeping machines were called upon to assist with the removal of surface water. Saturated ground conditions led to over 20 days of grass cutting being lost which also impacted on litter levels within the Borough. Prior to all grass being cut, litter removal is carried out. Again, those teams were involved in tackling the aftermath of the floods. There was significant damage across the Borough to floral displays and grass verges and as the drier periods occurred staff were redirected to carry out reinstatement work.

NI195c: Improved street and environmental cleanliness – the percentage of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of graffiti (%)

Q2 Target	Q2 Actual
0	1

NI195d: Improved street and environmental cleanliness – the percentage of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of fly-posting (%)

Q2 Target	Q2 Actual
0	1

Comment on performance for NI195 c and d:

Performance at the end of Q2 in 2012/13 looks marginally worse than in 2011/12. At this time last year performance stood at 0%. However, the difference is due to rounding up of the data rather than performance deteriorating.

1.6 Decision options:

Cabinet is asked to:

- (1) Note the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership – Exception Report – Quarter 2 (July-September 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.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

As the Accountable Body for the SCS 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 2 (July-September 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

- The Council's Senior Leadership Team received a copy of the 2012/13 Quarter 2 Exception Report.
- The North Tyneside Strategic Partnership Executive will receive the report at its meeting on 5 December 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 SCS 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, of which one measure is not on track (as outlined in the report).

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, of which three measures are not on track (as outlined in the report) .

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Executive/Strategic Director(s) x
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s) X
- Chief Finance Officer x
- Monitoring Officer x
- Strategic Manager,
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