

North Tyneside Council Report to Cabinet Date: 11 February 2013

ITEM 6(c)
Title: North Tyneside
Strategic Partnership –
Exception Report Q3
(October-December 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 3 (October-December 2012) at Appendix 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 16 January – 30 April 2013.

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 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 3.

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 (rate per 100,000)
NI065:	Percentage of children becoming the subject of a Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time.
ASC028 (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.
Best start in life:	
NI053:	Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks
NI072:	Percentage of children achieving at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage

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.

NI073:	Achievement at level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2
NI075:	Achievement of 5 or more A*- C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths
NI081:	Inequality gap in the achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19
NI087:	Secondary school persistent absence rate
NI092:	Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest
NI093:	Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
NI094:	Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2
NI099:	Children in care reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2
NI100:	Children in care reaching level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2
NI101:	Children in care achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and Maths)
NI102a:	Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at Key Stage 2
Quality of life / Sense of place:	
NI195 (a-d)	Improved street and environmental cleanliness - the percentage of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having deposits of litter, detritus, graffiti and fly-tipping.

At the end of Quarter 3, three 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 (%)

Q3 Target	Q3 Actual
3.27	3.51

(smaller is better)

Comment on performance:

Domestic burglary and theft of vehicles has decreased since Q2, but the increase in theft from motor vehicles remains the greatest risk to the achievement of this target. Overall, the gap between the actual and the target has narrowed from 14% in Q2 to 7% in Q3.

It is also worth noting that the theft from vehicle problem is a regional issue and North Tyneside has the lowest rate for this offence type in Northumbria when looking at the 12 months to November.

To address this, Neighbourhood Officers, 24/7 Officers and Police Community Support Officers are conducting high visibility patrols to prevent further offences and provide reassurance to the public. Officers in plain clothes are also carrying out foot patrols and additional bicycle patrols are being carried out. Extra operational support resources are also being used to assist in these patrols.

Letters alerting local residents to issues are being distributed and residents are asked to be vigilant in securing their vehicles and to report any suspicious behaviour.

Stop and search powers are being robustly used across all patrols to deal with anyone suspected of committing an offence.

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

Q3 Target	Q3 Actual
10.0	13.1

(smaller is better)

Comment on performance:

Children subject to a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time stands at 13.1%. The indicator is proceeding, as expected, in the 'right direction' i.e. downwards as the year moves forward. In total 153 Child Protection plans were started in the three quarters of the year, 20 of these were second or subsequent plans and 12 of these cover 4 sibling groups. All cases of a second or subsequent plan are subject to challenge by Safeguarding 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. A more in depth analysis of the underlying data is being taken forward through the Local Safeguarding Children's Board and any lessons learned will be fed back into practice.

NI092: Narrowing the gap between the lowest 20% in Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest (%)

Q3 Target	Q3 Actual
27.5	31.4

(smaller is better)

Comment on performance:

Despite consistent performance overall in the Early Years Foundation Stage profile we have seen the gap between the 20% lowest achieving and the rest widen this year. Schools are identifying a greater proportion of children who need support at this early stage and the main focus of the Early Years Foundation Stage team is around early intervention, raising awareness of vulnerability and supporting practitioners with issues of special educational needs. This will enable each child to receive the appropriate support at the earliest possible stage to help them achieve their potential. Our moderation of Early Years Profile judgements were more robust and rigorous this year and have been quality assured by a Department for Education external visitor who considered them to be 'strong' in our feedback letter.

1.6 Decision options:

Cabinet is asked to:

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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:

Appendix 1: North Tyneside Strategic Partnership – Exception Report - Quarter 3 (October-December 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 3 Exception Report.
The North Tyneside Strategic Partnership Executive will receive the report at its meeting on 13 March 2013.

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.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

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