
Meeting: Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 24 January 2012

Subject: Quarter Two Performance Report

Report of: Cllr Ken Matthews , Executive Member for Sustainable Communities – Strategic planning and Economic Development and Cllr Brian Spurr, Executive Member for Sustainable Communities – Services

Summary: The report highlights the Quarter One performance from Sustainable Communities.

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Contact Officer: Iain Melville, Performance Improvement Manager

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS
Council Priorities:
1. The quarterly performance report underpins the delivery of the Council's priorities
Financial:
2. No Direct Implications
Legal:
3. No Direct Implications
Risk Management:
4. Areas of ongoing under performance are a risk to both service delivery and the reputation of the Council
Staffing (including Trades Unions):
5. No Direct Implications

Equalities/Human Rights:

6. This report highlights performance in respect of how the Council and its services impact across all communities within Central Bedfordshire, so the specific areas of underperformance can be highlighted for further analysis/drilling down as necessary.

Community Safety:

7. The corporate performance suite includes an indicator on Serious Acquisitive Crime.

Sustainability:

8. Included in the indicator set are a broad range of indicators relating to sustainability including those covering employment, affordable housing and waste.

Procurement:

9. No Direct Implications

RECOMMENDATION(S):**The Committee is asked to:-**

1. **Note and consider the report.**

Background

10. The Council's framework for performance management supports the delivery of the Council's priorities.
11. The Director's Summary for Quarter 2 is set out below. Appendix A provides the detailed performance data.

Director's Summary

12. Central Bedfordshire continues to perform above regional and national averages for economic growth, although this is against a backdrop of real world economic challenges that are affecting the whole country. The service continues to perform well in its response to these challenges. The first CBC Economic Development Plan was agreed by Executive in November. The Plan seeks to affirm the Council's commitment to support sustainable economic growth in Central Bedfordshire and will be presented to full Council on the 24 November as part of the Council Policy Framework.
13. Planning continues to perform well throughout all service areas and the October Executive resolved to support the preparation of the Development Strategy, Gypsy and Traveller Plan and Site Allocations Plan / Neighbourhood Plans.

14. The Council continues to deliver value for money on its highways services as recently reported to the November Executive by the Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The target for the length of road resurfaced is forecast to be achieved by the end of Quarter 3.
15. Quarter 2 has seen significant reductions in domestic burglaries and theft of motor vehicles, a slight reduction in robberies but an increase in theft from motor vehicles. The Community Safety Partnership is working closely with a number of key partners to tackle the increase in theft from motor vehicles.
16. Final confirmation has now been received that we have increased recycling to over 51% in 2010/11 through continued improvement of the service, such as offering reuse and plasterboard recycling at HWRCs and continued promotion of waste minimisation and recycling including targeted work in areas where there has historically been low levels of recycling.

Conclusion and Next Steps

17. Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes and considers this report.

Appendices:

Appendix A – (Quarter 1 Performance Indicators)

Background papers and their location: (open to public inspection)

Executive 4 October 2011