

Sustainable Communities

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Indicators	Linked to LAA	National PwC 09/10	Unit	Good Is	Outturn 09/10	Quarter 1 Apr - Jun	Quarter 2 Jul - Sept	Quarter 3 Oct - Dec	Quarter 4 Jan - Mar	Trend Comparison	Year to Date	Performance Judgement (Q compared with 0)	Target 10/11	Comments
NI 16 - Number of most serious acquisitive crimes (PSA 23: Priority Action 1) per 1,000 population	Yes	14.3	No.	Low	11.5	3.3	-	-	-	Qtr on Qtr	3.3	↕A	13.30	Whilst performance appears on track on a pro rata basis, seasonality inevitably has an impact.
Road safety casualties - KSI All people	No	NA	No.	Low	127	37	-	-	-	Qtr on Qtr	37	37 accidents in Q1 compares to 25 in the previous quarter.	121	During Q1 there were 4 fatalities as a result of 3 accidents. This included 2 motorcyclists and 2 drivers. The remaining 33 people were injured as a result of 28 accidents. CBC continues with its efforts to ensure that total fatalities are kept to a minimum.
Road safety casualties - KSI Children	No	NA	No.	Low	13	Data Protection	-	-	-	Qtr on Qtr	Data Protection	↕G	9	Due to the low number of accidents, under Data Protection rules, Central Bedfordshire Council, is unable to provide this figure. However, the Council continues with its efforts to ensure that total fatalities are kept to a minimum.
NI 152 - Working age people on out of work benefits	Yes	11.9%	%	Low	6.30%	8.00%	-	-	-	Qtr on Qtr	8.00%	↕A	6.60%	There are data inconsistencies in calculating data from different sources (i.e. ONS, NOMIS and Government Office), this is reflected in variations of a few percentage points between the differing data sources. In terms of performance, more widely Central Bedfordshire was relatively hard hit by the economic recession. This was presented in greater proportional increases in the rate of Claimant Count than national, regional and neighbouring authority areas. This is potentially aligned to high value sectors being affected badly by the recession and central Bedfordshire having a higher proportion of people in these sectors. This combined with wider sector impacts in manufacturing etc saw high levels of job losses in the area. Despite this, benefits claimants still remain significantly below regional and national levels, in line with Central Bedfordshire's overall prosperous economy.
NI 192 - Percentage of household waste sent for recycling	No	47.8%	%	High	50.30%	49.57%	-	-	-	Seasonal	49.57%	↕G	50%	During Q1, performance showed a slight decline when compared to the Q4 figure, 54.2%. However, overall performance is still very good.  A new method of data collection & verification has been introduced using identified best practices to improve data quality and data management. At present the recycling rate is slightly lower than anticipated taking into account seasonal variations. The first quarter of data has been trialled in the new system and provides a good reflection of the current position. It is possible that this will change slightly once identified issues have been sorted out.

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NI 193 - Percentage of municipal waste landfilled	Yes	45.8%	%	Low	44.20%	50.43%	-	-	-	Seasonal	50.43%	↕G	50%	A new method of data collection & verification has been introduced using identified best practice to improve data quality and data management. In the last financial year a large amount of waste was sent to an energy from waste facility, prior to landfill, resulting in the low return to Quarter 1 09/10. As this method of disposal is not needed this financial year, it has not been pursued. The first quarter of data has been trialled in the new system and provides a good reflection of the current position. It is possible that this will change slightly once identified issues have been sorted out.
DM 12 - Percentage of planning applicants satisfied with the service received from the planning department	No	NA	%	High	81.00%	95.45%	-	-	-	Qtr on Qtr	95.45%	↑G	82%	In this quarter we had 66 respondents to the satisfaction survey. Of the 66, 63 were satisfied over all. Comments from the 3 who were not satisfied were about response time from the Planning service and being kept up to date with progress on the service.