



## **Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

### **Thursday, 29 November 2018**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>2018/19 QUARTER 2 WIRRAL PLAN PERFORMANCE</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENT</b>

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

This report provides the 2018/19 Quarter 2 (July - September 2018) performance report for the Wirral Plan pledges under the remit of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The report, which is included as Appendix 1, provides an overview of the progress in Quarter 2 as well as available data in relation to a range of outcome indicators and supporting measures.

### **Quarter One Wirral Plan Performance Summary**

- Events held in Wirral's parks and open spaces was 169 in Quarter 2; this is an 8% decrease on the same period last year (184 events) however as a running year total we have had 297 events this year, up 3.5% on last year's running total of 287.
- Wirral has now received 31 national quality awards, 2 more than the start of the year and 9 more than the start of the plan. These include 27 Green Flag Awards, Country Park Accreditation for Wirral Country Park, 2 Charters for the Bereaved – Silver Award for Burials, Gold Award for Cremations at Landican and the Association of Public Sector Excellence Best Service Team for Cemeteries and Crematorium.
- Over 200,000 people have now engaged with the Imagine Wirral programme through our various events and exhibitions, which in Quarter 2 have included New Brighton Revisited and Lost Castles, with The Giant in October. Media coverage has reached a global audience, with highlights including BBC's The One Show, NBC News, Vogue Italia, The Times, The Guardian, Observer and BBC Breakfast.
- After a period with a substantial reduction of people smoking across Wirral, smoking prevalence has increased slightly from 15.7% to 15.9% in the latest survey. We still have areas of the borough with smoking rates above 30%, it is these areas that activity is focused on. The Smoke Free Wirral Strategy is being delivered to tackle smoking prevalence and the local provider for stop smoking services has been working with GPs and practice nurses to improve referral pathways for their services.
- Overall latest nationally produced figures for excess weight in adults has worsened from 59.6% in 2015-16 to 63.3% in 2016-17. Wirral is in line with the rest of the North West and slightly above the National average. However,

it is positive that local figures show that 988 people were helped to lose weight in Quarter 2 this year compared to the 869 helped in the same period last year. An increase in the number of people eating healthily in Wirral should reduce the prevalence of excess weight and obesity which is a key contributor to premature mortality and avoidable ill health.

- Over the Summer 27 Community Clean Up days have taken place with local people and partner organisations working together. Birkenhead was key area, where it is estimated that 17 tonnes of waste has been removed.
- The summer months also saw the continuation Feeding Birkenhead by providing meals for children during the school holidays. Over 5,000 volunteer hours were registered from two projects alone, equating to tens of thousands of pounds' worth of support from the community.
- In the first six months of this year £100,800 of external funding has been brought into the borough to support third sector organisations and community groups to thrive.
- To date this year 1,012 empty properties have been brought back into use which is performing on target and we envisaged that the pledge target of 1,250 empty properties brought back into use by 2020 will be met.
- A cumulative total of 189 homes were completed by the end of quarter two. It is expected that activity will accelerate mid-programme, with 465 homes due to commence construction in 2018-19. This is a lot higher than was anticipated due to greater investment confidence from Registered Providers.
- Anti-Social Behaviour fluctuates in a similar pattern each year, affected by the seasons, school holidays and events such as fireworks and Halloween. The annual peak in ASB is most commonly in August. Comparing the first two quarters of 2018/19 with the same months the previous year, there was a marked drop of 31.2% from 5,273 to 3,628. During this quarter there have been a number of successful targeted initiatives and campaigns working with residents and finding informal and formal resolution with all powers available.
- First time entrants into the youth justice system latest figure of a rate of 152 is lower compared to the same period in the previous year (174). It is also significantly lower when compared to the Merseyside Youth Offending Teams rate of 324.
- Youth re-offending latest figures are 39.6%, a slight reduction of 0.1% when compared to previous figures and is lower than England (41.6%) and Merseyside's (46.2%) rates for the same period.
- Quarter 2 figures continue to show that Local Environmental Quality in key gateway and shopping areas continues to exceed the target score of 93.3%, with an increase in performance on the previous quarter.
- There has been a decrease in the number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for both litter and dog fouling offences compared to previous reporting periods.

Continuing work is underway with the contractor to look to optimise the work underway to support a clean borough.

- For recycling, there has been an increase in both the number of garden waste subscriptions and the kerbside (green and grey bin) recycling rate for the ten lowest performing rounds.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee note the content of the report and highlight any areas requiring further clarification or action.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 To ensure Members of the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee have the opportunity to scrutinise the performance of the Council and partners in relation to delivering the Wirral Plan.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 This report has been developed in line with the approved performance management framework for the Wirral Plan. As such, no other options were considered.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The Wirral Plan is an outcome-focussed, partnership plan which has 18 supporting strategies that set out how each of the 20 pledges will be delivered. For each pledge, a partnership group has been established to drive forward delivery of the action plans set out in each of the supporting strategies.
- 3.2 A Wirral Plan Performance Management Framework has been developed to ensure robust monitoring arrangements are in place. The Wirral Partnership has a robust approach to performance management to ensure all activity is regularly monitored and reviewed.
- 3.3 Data for the identified indicators is released at different times during the year. As a result of this, not all Pledges will have results each quarterly reporting period. Some indicators can be reported quarterly and some only on an annual basis. Annual figures are reported in the quarter they become available against the 2018/19 year end column.
- 3.4 For each of the indicators, a trend is shown (better, same or worse). In most cases, this is determined by comparing the latest data with the previous reporting period i.e. 2017/18 year end. In some cases, i.e. where data accumulates during the year or is subject to seasonal fluctuations, the trend is shown against the same time the previous year. This is indicated in the key at the end of the report.
- 3.5 For some indicators, targets have been set. Where this is the case, a RAGB (red, amber, green, blue) rating is provided against the target and tolerance levels set at the start of the reporting period, with blue indicating performance targets being exceeded.
- 3.6 All Wirral Plan performance reports are published on the performance page of the Council's website. This includes the high-level Wirral Plan overview report and the detailed pledge reports which include updates on progress on all activities set out in the supporting strategy action plans. The link to this web page is: <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/about-council/council-performance>

3.7 Each of the Wirral Plan Pledges has a Lead Commissioner responsible for overseeing effective delivery. The Lead Commissioners for the Pledges in the report at Appendix 1 are as follows:

- Leisure and culture opportunities for all – Lucy Barrow
- Wirral residents live healthier lives – Julie Webster
- Community services are joined up and accessible – Julie Webster
- Good quality housing that meets the needs of residents – Graham Hodgkinson
- Wirral's neighbourhoods are safe – Mark Camborne
- Attractive Local Environment for Wirral residents – Mike Cockburn

#### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

#### **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS**

6.1 There are none arising from this report.

#### **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

7.1 The performance management framework is aligned to the Council's risk management strategy and both are regularly reviewed as part of corporate management processes.

#### **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

8.1 The priorities in the Wirral Plan pledges were informed by a range of consultations carried out in 2015 and 2016 including the Wirral resident survey.

#### **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 The Wirral Plan equality impact assessment can be found at:  
<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments/equality-impact-assessments-2014-15/chief>

**REPORT AUTHOR:** *Nancy Clarkson*  
*Head of Intelligence*  
telephone: (0151) 691 8258  
email: [nancyclarkson@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:nancyclarkson@wirral.gov.uk)

#### **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1: Wirral Plan Environment Committee 2018-19 Quarter 2 Pledge Reports

## REFERENCE MATERIAL

### SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>21 September 2016</b>
<b>Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>30 November 2016</b>
<b>Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>28 March 2017</b>
<b>Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>4 July 2017</b>
<b>Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>21 September 2017</b>
<b>Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>30 November 2017</b>
<b>Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>28 March 2018</b>
<b>Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>5 July 2018</b>
<b>Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>20 September 2018</b>