

**Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Tuesday, 29 November 2016**

REPORT TITLE:	2016/17 Quarter 2 Wirral Plan Performance - Business Theme
REPORT OF:	Strategic Commissioner for Growth

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides the 2016/17 Quarter 2 (July – September) performance report for Wirral Plan pledges under the Business theme. The report, which is included as Appendix 1, provides a description of the progress in Quarter 2 as well as providing available data in relation to a range of outcome indicators and supporting measures.

At quarter 1, a range of feedback was provided by each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees on the reports provided. Following this, officers have met with the Committee Chairs and Spokespersons to review report provision. This report pilots an approach agreed at that session to provide more detail in terms of performance against each of the pledges that fall within the remit of the Business Committee.

Quarter Two Performance Summary

The key performance highlights for quarter 2 include:

- The number of jobs created and safeguarded continued to exceed target and will support our ambition to increase the overall employment rate in Wirral.
- The employment rate in Wirral has been maintained for the last 3 quarters and has increased 2.3% since the last comparable period in 2015.
- The Wirral Ways to Work Programme has engaged 203 participants since commencing in July. All contracts are on target and so far 4 employment outcomes have been delivered ahead of schedule.
- Progress remains on track for the review of post-16 skills provision within the borough. The production of a final report is scheduled for November and this will inform a skills delivery plan for Wirral.
- The Wirral Waters Investment Fund is now operational and will kick start projects within the Enterprise Zone to deliver jobs and investment. It is anticipated that the Fund will receive its first application in the next quarter.
- The number of road traffic accidents has reduced from Quarter 1 and from the corresponding period last year. This has been supported through additional police enforcement activities to drive behaviour change.

- The condition of the Borough's A, B and C roads has returned to an excellent position with targets for 2016/17 being exceeded. This means that Wirral still has some of the best roads when compared to all other councils in England.
- The volume of cyclists on our roads has continued to increase according to the latest figures published for 2015/16.
- Whilst the number of travel trained young people has not met the planned target by the end of the 2015/16 school year, 15 have been successfully travel trained which helps to support increasing their life skills and independence.
- During quarter 2 the Wirral Property Board (One Public Estate Group) has been established. This draws asset intelligence from a wide range of public sector agencies and an increased focus on asset strategy within the wider Wirral partnership to enable the delivery of value for money for our residents.
- We have submitted a 'Wirral Regeneration Enabling Project' bid to the One Public Estate Board in collaboration with our Liverpool City Region partners. If successful, this will provide much needed support to deliver key asset projects across the Wirral Partnership.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the content of the report and highlights any areas requiring further clarification or action.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 To ensure Members of the Business 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 16 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 throughout the year as a result not all Pledges will have results each quarterly reporting period. Some indicators can be reported quarterly and some only on an annual basis with annual figures reported in the quarter they become available.
- 3.4 For each of the indicators 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. There is also a trend key which shows whether performance has improved, remained static or deteriorated since the start of the Wirral Plan.
- 3.5 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 with all activities set out in supporting strategy action plans.

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>

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Wirral Plan Business Theme – 2016/17 Quarter 2 Pledge Reports

REFERENCE MATERIAL

N/A

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee	13 September 2016