



## **Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee Tuesday, 26 September 2017**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>2017/18 Quarter 1 Wirral Plan Performance</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>Director for Children's Services</b>

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

This report provides the 2017/18 Quarter 1 (April – June 2017) performance report for the Wirral Plan pledges under the remit of the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The report, which is included as Appendix 1, provides a description of the progress in Quarter 1 as well as providing available data in relation to a range of outcome indicators and supporting measures.

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

- The take-up of the two year old offer by eligible families has continued to improve with 92.6% at quarter one, compared to 88.1% in 2016-17.
- Challenging targets have been set for women accessing maternity services with the target not achieved at quarter 1.
- Targets have also not been achieved for the three health check and health visitor reviews, although two of the measures linked to Health Visitor reviews show improved performance compared to the previous year. Analysis indicated that take up of reviews in the community pilot areas was lower than overall take up and additional focus is now in place in these areas.
- School Ofsted inspections have highlighted attendance in a number of schools to be in the lowest 10% nationally. Attendance needs to be a relentless focus for all schools.
- Continuous focus on vulnerable children is in place in response to the 2016 Ofsted Inspection. Both the children in need and children subject to a child protection plan rates have increased at Quarter 1. Work continues on developing joint approaches based on the needs of children such as the Strengthening Families Enhancing Futures programme.
- Work is on track towards the creation of an All Age Disability and Mental Health Service in Wirral. This project is part of the Council's Transformation Programme and will seek to develop better integration across the disability and mental health pathways. This will lead to improved quality and consistency of service provision and reduce service barriers related to age and eligibility.

- The Safer Wirral Hub has now been established and this is leading to developing improved ways of working across the partnership. This new, integrated service delivery model is creating opportunities for all agencies to work more closely and share insight to better problem solve, plan and target services more effectively.
- Reporting at quarter one 2017-18 illustrates the complex picture of Domestic Abuse in Wirral. Agencies are working to ensure victims have confidence to report crimes, and reporting has increased in number of cases per adult female and children and young people experiencing domestic abuse. However repeat incidents and high risk referrals to the Family Safety Unit have also increased. New initiatives through the Safer Wirral Hub are being put in place.
- A new Peer Mentor Coordinator has been appointed to support and develop the work of the Domestic Abuse Community Champions. This will focus on the hotspot areas of Birkenhead, Seacombe and Wallasey. A new focus for this work will be on targeting Children's Centres to identify young parents and families that may be at risk of abuse.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

That the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee note 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 Children and Families 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 2017/18 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. 2016/17 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 set out below:

<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:

- Children are Ready for School – Deborah Gornik
- Children are Ready for Work and Adulthood – Deborah Gornik
- Vulnerable Children Reach their Full Potential – Deborah Gornik
- Reducing Child and Family Poverty (Improving Life Chances) – Fiona Johnstone
- People with Disabilities live Independent Lives – Graham Hodgkinson
- Zero Tolerance to Domestic Violence – Mark Smith

#### **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 – 2017/18 Quarter 1 Pledge Reports

**REFERENCE MATERIAL**

N/A

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
People Overview and Scrutiny Committee	8 September 2016
People Overview and Scrutiny Committee	28 November 2016
People Overview and Scrutiny Committee	23 March 2017
Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee	20 June 2017