



**Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
**Wednesday, 29 November 2017**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>2017/18 QUARTER 2 WIRRAL PLAN PERFORMANCE</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>STRATEGIC COMMISSIONER FOR GROWTH</b>

**REPORT SUMMARY**

This report provides the 2017/18 Quarter 2 (July – September 2017) performance report for the Wirral Plan pledges under the remit of the Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee. 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.

**Quarter Two Wirral Plan Performance Summary**

- The employment rate in Wirral has improved by 0.5% this quarter, making this the highest ever rate recorded in Wirral since this has been a national measure (Jan 2004). This increase is in line with the North West and more than two times faster than the national average of only 0.2%, therefore narrowing the employment rate gap between Wirral and the rest of the UK.
- For the number of jobs created and safeguarded cumulative performance continues at a steady pace with additional figures this quarter relating to 140 jobs created (including 80 outstanding from prior reporting and now verified) and 60 jobs safeguarded.
- In Quarter two a £3.5m contribution towards a Liverpool City Region Households into Work pilot was secured through the Devolution Deal. This programme will test a new way for Department of Work and Pensions and Local Authorities to tackle generational unemployment.
- Plans for a major tourism project reported in quarter one were revealed in September - award winning national children's museum, Eureka! announced they are seeking funds to develop a new Eureka! Merseyside at Seacombe.
- The 2017 Wirral element of Mersey River Festival including Armed Forces Day visitor numbers have been confirmed at 40,000 achieving an economic impact of over £350,000.

- The number of people killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents in Quarter 2 has seen a continuing improvement when compared to the same period over the last two years (40, 2017/18, 55 - 2016/17, 71 - 2015/16). The Partnership have undertaken several events during this time with more planned aimed at generating further improvement in the number of casualties during the next quarter.
- Wirral Council's corporate emissions of carbon dioxide due to energy use showed a 7.69% reduction from the previous year. This is a total reduction of 38.2% over 7 operational years and exceeded the target by 3655 tonnes.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

That the Business 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/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 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:

- Greater job opportunities in Wirral – Alan Evans
- Workforce skills match business needs – Alan Evans
- Increase Inward Investment – Alan Evans
- Thriving small businesses – Alan Evans
- Vibrant Tourism Economy – Alan Evans
- Transport and technology infrastructure fit for the future – Mark Smith
- Assets and buildings are fit for purpose for Wirral's businesses – Alan Evans

#### **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 2 Pledge Report

### **REFERENCE MATERIAL**

N/A

### **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>13 September 2016</b>
<b>Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>29 November 2016</b>
<b>Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>29 March 2017</b>
<b>Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>4 July 2017</b>
<b>Business Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>19 September 2017</b>