



Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee Thursday, 5 July 2018

REPORT TITLE:	2017/18 Quarter 4 and Year End Wirral Plan Performance
REPORT OF:	Strategic Commissioner for Environment

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides the 2017/18 Quarter 4 (January - March 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 a description of the progress in Quarter 4 as well as providing available data in relation to a range of outcome indicators and supporting measures.

The Year End closedown report is included as Appendix 2 and provides a summary analysis of improvement of performance against measures and Wirral Plan delivery of Pledge strategy actions at year end.

Quarter Four Wirral Plan Performance Summary

- 46 events were held in Wirral's parks, beaches and open spaces in Q4 bringing the total for year to 363. This is an improvement with 31 more events held than last year and 63 more than the 300 events per year at the start of the plan.
- Latest figures indicate that the Percentage of physically active adults in Wirral has increased on the previous year with 67.5% compared to 62.9%.
- Smoking prevalence in Wirral has reduced from 18.9% to 15.7% which is more than double the improvement of the National average. This is better than the North West Average (16.8%) although slightly below the National average for Smoking Prevalence (15.5%) but closing the gap at a fast rate. The proportion of women smoking at time of delivery has also reduced from 13.9% at the start of the plan to 12.0% and is also improving at a much faster rate than the national average.
- This year we've helped 418 more people to lose weight than last year, 1971 compared to 1553 last year. In quarter 4 we've been working in partnership delivering healthy eating/lifestyles displays within children's centres and healthy child clinics and using the Better Food Wirral brand to engage followers across social media on topics such as food, fitness and wellbeing.

- The target for improving private sector homes has been exceeded in all the areas that contribute towards this target including enforcement and informal action to improve the private rented sector, cosy homes heating, empty property grants, renovation loans, home repairs assistance and adaptations.
- Bringing empty homes back into use since the start of the Wirral 2020 Plan has exceeded our expectations and means we have been able to start to remove the blight in some areas and hopefully this will support the reduction of anti-social behaviour associated with longer term empty properties.
- For new homes built the current estimated figure is less than the target and as such once the final figure is confirmed, targets for the following years may have to be increased in order to meet the 2020 3,500 target.
- 359 affordable homes were completed in 2017-18 with a further 121 homes started on site but not due to complete until 2018-19. Activity will accelerate mid-Programme, with 465 homes due to commence construction in 2018-19 which is higher than anticipated due to greater investment confidence from the Registered Providers of social housing.
- For Community Safety although significant success has been achieved at Quarter 3 with an 13% reduction of anti-social incidents compared to the same time last year there has been an increase by 17% of the number of crimes reported to the Police. Despite this, Wirral has maintained the lowest crime rate in Merseyside.
- The number of crimes of violence causing injury has increased by 9% compared to the same period last year. However Wirral remains the 3rd lowest rate of violence with injury per population within the Home Office benchmarking group of 15 Community Safety Partnerships and the second lowest rate per population in Merseyside
- The rate of first-time entrants to the youth justice system for the rolling year October 2016-September 2017 has fallen by 15% to 157, compared to the 184 rate for October 2015-September 2016.
- For recycling of domestic waste performance has been lower than expected. Both the quantity of garden waste and the quantity of dry recycling collected is less than the same period last year. Garden waste tonnages have likely been affected by a wetter summer and also a reduction in the number of subscribers compared to last year. The tonnage of dry recycling continues to fall, whereas the tonnage of general waste is still increasing. This trend is the same for the majority of North West authorities for which there is data

Year End Closedown Summary

The closedown report provides the committee with an overview of progress in 2017-18 to assist with scrutiny of the effectiveness of Wirral Plan delivery. It provides analysis in relation to progress measured through the suite of performance indicators related to the Environment Pledges compared to the start of the Wirral

Plan, with focus on the areas that did not improve in 2017-18. It also provides a summary of progress against delivery for each of the activities identified in the Pledge strategy action plans. For the Environment pledges a programme of actions were identified to deliver the Pledge outcomes and a summary of progress for each of these is shown.

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 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:

- Leisure and culture opportunities for all – Mark Smith
- 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 Smith
- Attractive Local Environment for Wirral residents – 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 Environment Committee 2017-18 Quarter 4 Pledge Reports

Appendix 2: Wirral Plan Environment 2017-18 Year End Closedown Report

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee	21 September 2016
Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee	30 November 2016
Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee	28 March 2017
Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee	4 July 2017
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