



ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 11 March 2025

REPORT TITLE:	COUNCIL PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 3 2024-25 THEME: PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides a quarterly performance report in relation to the Council Plan: Wirral Working Together 2023-27 for the Theme promoting independence and healthier lives. The report provides an update on measures that have changed in the Quarter 3 period, October to December 2024.

Following the approval of the Council Plan a performance management framework was developed and a reporting approach was approved providing quarterly reporting on the measures identified in the framework. Each Policy Committee will receive a report related to their key theme, for Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee this is the 'Protect our environment' theme. The reporting provides the most recent performance for the measures and includes performance context and mitigations in place where underperformance is identified.

Monitoring the performance of Council Plan delivery supports the implementation of all themes of the Council Plan: Wirral Working Together 2023-27.

This matter affects all Wards within the Borough.

This is not a key decision.

RECOMMENDATION

The Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee is recommended to: consider the content of the report and highlight any areas requiring further clarification or action and refer up to Policy & Resources Committee.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To ensure Members of the Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee have the opportunity to monitor the performance of the Council Plan.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 The performance management framework has been developed in line with Member requirements.
- 2.2 In addition to the Committee reports an online reporting tool has been developed for the Council Plan published on the Council website. This provides a visual, interactive dashboard of the performance of the plan measures with a set of information available for each measure including benchmarking. This tool is utilised to generate the performance report in Appendix 1. The online reporting can be accessed [here](#).

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Council Plan was developed between late summer and autumn 2023 with full engagement of political group leaders as well as committee and group briefings. The Plan is a four-year plan which aligns with the whole council election cycle.
- 3.2 The Council Plan performance framework is in place to monitor performance over time for the life of the plan with an aim of improved outcomes for residents. The measures within the framework include both annual and quarterly measures and data sets are updated throughout the year at different points. Quarterly performance reports will focus on measures where new figures are available.
- 3.3 The Council Plan Quarter 1 report was presented at the Environment, Climate Emergency and Transport Committee meeting on 21 October 2024. At that meeting the Committee did not agree to the recommendation in the report as in their view their feedback regarding Council Plan measures was not included. A workshop was held with the Councillors in December 2024 and new information and measures have been identified for inclusion in reporting moving forward. Data is being sourced and reporting developed.
- 3.4 One request from the committee was for a summary report of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) to be provided with the next performance report, this is added as Appendix 2. A further request was to add the hyperlink to the full annual air quality report to performance reporting which can be found here: [Wirral Air Status Report \(ASR\) - 2024](#)
- 3.5 Regular monitoring of performance will ensure public oversight and enable elected Members to make informed decisions in a timely manner.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Council Plan theme 'Create a more efficient, effective and accessible Council' reports on Council finance in a number of key measures. More detailed financial information is provided in the quarterly Financial Monitoring Reports reported to this Committee.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

6.1 There are none arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 Information on the key risks faced by the organisation and the associated mitigations and planned actions are included in the Corporate and Directorate Risk Registers. This report has no direct implications related to risk.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 Members from Policy and Resources and all Policy Committees were invited to engage to develop the Council Plan performance Management framework. The Council carries out a range of consultation and engagement with service users and residents to work to optimise service delivery and outcomes for residents.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision, or activity. The equality impact assessment for the Council Plan can be found on the Council website:

<https://democracy.wirral.gov.uk/documents/s50110698/EIA%20Council%20Plan.pdf>

10.0 ENVIRONMENT, BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 The Council Plan contains a range of initiatives that positively contribute to environmental issues. It includes the theme to protect the Environment which demonstrates commitment for the Council to play a role in tackling the climate emergency. The environmental and climate implications, both positive and negative, are reported for each initiative are reported separately to the relevant policy and service committee. There are no environmental, biodiversity and climate implications generated by the recommendations in this report.

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Community Wealth Building Strategy is a part of how the authority will tackle economic, social and health inequalities across the borough and make a major contribution to improving the economic, social and health outcomes on the Wirral. A range of Council Plan initiatives including regeneration projects that look to improve the economic outlook for the borough, including job creation, training facilities and enhanced transport links are included in the plan. The Community Wealth Building implications are reported separately for each initiative to the relevant policy and service committee.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1. Council Plan Performance Report Quarter 3 2024-25. Theme Protect Our Environment.

Appendix 2: Sites of Special Scientific Interest in Wirral Summary of Performance.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Wirral Council Plan. Data from a number of internal Council data systems and external sources including Office for Health Improvement and Disparities, Green Flag Awards, Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, Department for Business Energy and Industrial Strategy, Department for Transport.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

This report is being considered by the Environment, Climate Change and Transport Committee in accordance with Section 5.2 (part j) of its Terms of Reference, providing a view of performance, budget monitoring and risk management in relation to the Committee's functions.

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE	3 December 2024
ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE	21 October 2024