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AGENDA PAPERS FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 16 March 2016

Time: 6.30 p.m.

Place: Committee Rooms 2 & 3, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford, M32 0TH

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1.	ATTENDANCES		
	To note attendances, including Officers, a	nd any apologies for absence.	
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3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST		
	Members to give notice of any interest and to any item on the agenda in accordance with the second s		
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7. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2015/16 - THIRD QUARTER PERFORMANCE **REPORT**

To receive a report of the Executive Member for Transformation and Resources considered by the Executive on 22 February 2016.

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CLOSING THE GAP TASK AND FINISH GROUP - REPORT TO THE 8. **EXECUTIVE**

To consider a report of the Closing the Gap Task and Finish Group.

To Follow

9. **SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16 - UPDATE**

To receive a report of the Democratic and Performance Services Manager. 67 - 68

10. **URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)**

Any other item or items (not likely to disclose "exempt information") which, by reason of special circumstances (to be specified), the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered at this meeting as a matter of urgency.

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Chief Executive

Membership of the Committee

Councillors J. Coupe (Chairman), M. Cordingley (Vice-Chairman), S.K. Anstee, R. Bowker, C. Boyes, C. Candish, K. Carter, L. Dagnall, Mrs P. Dixon, D. Hopps, D. Western and J. Lloyd (ex-Officio).

Co-opted Members for Education Matters Only: Sister P. Goodstadt, J. Hanley, S. Khan and T. Rushby.

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Agenda Item 2

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

27 JANUARY 2016

PRESENT

Councillor J. Coupe (in the Chair).

Councillors M. Cordingley (Vice-Chairman), S.K. Anstee, R. Bowker, C. Boyes, C. Candish, K. Carter, Mrs. P. Dixon, D. Hopps, D. Western, J. Lloyd (ex-Officio).

Also Present

Cllr P. Myers - Executive Member for Finance

Cllr M. Young - Executive Member for Economic Growth & Planning Mrs Judith Hanley - Co-Opted Member for Education Matters Only

Ms Tora Rushby - Co-Opted Member for Education Matters Only

In attendance

Helen Jones - Deputy Chief Executive

Richard Roe - Director of Growth and Regulatory Services

Chris Hindle - Contracts Director

Louise Shaw - Head of Exchequer Services

Mark Pickering - Principal Operations Manager | Local Government (Amey)

Peter Forrester - Democratic and Performance Services Manager

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L. Dagnall and Ms Saadia Khan.

26. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2015 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interests were made by Members.

28. EXECUTIVE RESPONSE TO HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT REVIEW

The Committee received the Executive Member for Children's Services' formal response to the Scrutiny Committee's Home to School Transport Review, with all recommendations agreed. The Vice-Chairman highlighted that there was no definitive guidance on DBS checks, but was content that the current procedures in place satisfied the Department for Education.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and the agreement of the recommendations welcomed.

29. ONE TRAFFORD PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The Committee received a presentation of the Contracts Director, providing Members with an update on the progress of the One Trafford Partnership. Mark

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Pickering, the Principal Operations Manager for Local Government at Amey was in attendance to answer Members' questions. The presentation provided an overview of the Partnership's achievements so far, as well as detailing current performance against the set KPIs. Members were advised of the governance structure along with the Partnership's intended next steps.

Members asked for further information on the status of the 350 staff transferred to Amey at the commencement of the Partnership. The Contracts Director confirmed that the vast majority were still in post, but the future was dependant on the budget. Responses to the recently completed staff survey would be shared with Members. Other discussions centred around leaf clearance within the Borough, as well as some recent communication issues experienced by Members. The Chairman advised that his personal experiences in dealing with Amey had been very positive, and thanked them for their excellent work dealing with flooding in the Davyhulme area.

The Principal Operations Manager and the Contracts Director advised written responses would be provided for the questions which required further investigation.

The Committee thanked the Contracts Director for the presentation and requested a further update be provided to the Committee in six months, focusing on Lot 3: Technical Services.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the presentation be noted.
- (ii) That a further update be provided at the September 2016 meeting of the Scrutiny Committee, focusing on Lot 3: Technical Services.

30. UNIVERSAL CREDIT ROLL OUT - UPDATE

The Committee received a report of the Executive Member for Finance and Director of Finance providing an update on the implementation of the Universal Credit Delivery Partnership Agreement.

Members noted the good progress that had been made thus far, and discussions were had regarding the take up for the scheme and how claimants accessed the service.

The Head of Exchequer Services confirmed that another agreement would be set for 2016/17 continuing as a trial approach.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

31. CYCLING REVIEW - PROGRESS UPDATE

The Committee received a report of the Executive Member for Environment, Transport and Operations providing an update on the use of funds to improve commuter cycling within the Borough. The report also highlighted the actions

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taken in response to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Topic Group Review in 2014.

The Committee discussed how funding to support cyclist was spent, noting Trafford's positive record for supporting its cyclists. Members suggested that improvements to cycling conditions could be made at Trafford Park and the Bridgewater area, with the latter requiring changes to ensure the safety of noncyclists.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

32. BUDGET SCRUTINY REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

The Scrutiny Committee's Review of the Executive's Draft Budget Proposals for 2016-17 was brought to the meeting for information. The report was considered at the Executive meeting on 25 January 2016.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

33. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16 - UPDATE

The Committee received a report of the Democratic and Performance Services Manager setting out the updated work programme for the 2015/16 municipal year.

The Task and Finish Group work on 'Closing the Gap – Reducing Educational Inequalities within the Borough' was nearing completion, with the aim of presenting the final report to the Committee at the 16 March meeting.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 8.05 pm



Agenda Item 4

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Executive

Date: 17 February 2016

Report for: Decision

Report of: Executive Member for Finance and the Director of Finance

Report Title

Executive's Response to Scrutiny Committee's Recommendations to the Budget Proposals for 2016/17

Summary

At the last meeting of the Executive a report from the Scrutiny Committee, setting out their findings from the review of the Executive's draft budget proposals for 2016/17, was presented.

The Executive values the contribution that the Scrutiny Committee makes to the budget process and is in large agreement with their findings.

The Executive is committed to working with Scrutiny during the forthcoming year in their planned work programme.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the response to Scrutiny be approved and that the Executive welcomes the opportunity to work with Scrutiny during the course of the coming year on their follow up work.

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Ian Duncan

Extension: 1555

Background Papers: None

Implications:

Relationship to Policy Framework/Corporate Priorities	The Scrutiny review of the budget is a requirement of the budget policy framework. It is relevant to all corporate priorities.
Financial	There are none arising from this report.
Legal Implications:	The Scrutiny review of the budget is a requirement of the Council's constitution.
Equality/Diversity Implications	None arising from this report
Sustainability Implications	None arising from this report
Resource Implications e.g. Staffing / ICT / Assets	None arising from this report
Risk Management Implications	None arising from this report
Health & Wellbeing Implications	None arising from this report
Health and Safety Implications	None arising from this report

Background

- The Executive published its draft budget proposals for 2016/17 on 16th November 2015. In accordance with the Council's constitution the Scrutiny Committee reviewed the proposals in December and produced a report on its findings in January 2016. This was formally reported to the Executive on 25 January and can be found on the Council's website: <u>Agenda for Executive on Monday, 25th January,</u> 2016, 6.30 pm
- 2. The Executive recognises many of the issues identified in the Scrutiny report and welcomes the opportunity of working with the Committee on its planned work programme during the coming financial year.
- 3. Initial comments and observations of the Executive in response to some of the matters raised by Scrutiny are included in the attached annex but a fuller response will be more appropriate and meaningful at the time Scrutiny meets during the year to receive updates and discuss the various matters it has identified.

Other Options

Not applicable

Consultation

The report is in response to the consultation carried out by the Scrutiny Committee.

Reasons for Recommendation

The report is in response to the consultation carried out by the Scrutiny Committee.

Key Decision: No

[CORPORATE] DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE Appended in hard copy

To confirm that the Financial and Legal Implications have been considered and the Executive Member has cleared the report.

BUDGET SCRUTINY ACTION PLAN

Issue	Scrutiny Recommendation	Executive Response
Information Provision - Some information was not available at the meeting.	Scrutiny and Executive to review approach to the process for budget scrutiny next year to ensure that all information is available.	Agreed
Public Consultation - Low turnout for the public consultations and the costs of the exercise.	Executive review its arrangements for public consultation in 2016 so that it represents better value for money.	Agreed, although significant opportunities were provided for consultation purposes, a review will be undertaken to see what lessons can be learnt and consideration given to more use of online and social media.
Savings Projections and Assumptions – Some proposals are based on estimates of income generation and future work programmes. Whilst it is recognised that these are based on a solid evidence base and are made conservatively there are still a number of assumptions which savings and income generation targets rely upon to be delivered within the year.	Scrutiny Members ask that if assumptions prove to be incorrect or change in year that they are shared with Scrutiny at an early stage. This should include an analysis of the impact in comparison to the projections made within the budget and the action to be taken.	The Executive will keep all budget projections, and their impact, under review and can share these with Scrutiny.
Risk Management – The budget proposals contain a number of workstreams to deliver savings. There are recognised and well managed risk identification procedures with risk logs maintained by each team and equality impact assessments conducted for each project.	Scrutiny would like these logs and assessments to be made available to the relevant Scrutiny Committees along with details of plans to mitigate the risks identified throughout the year	Progress reports to Scrutiny during the course of the year will include risk mitigation plans.
Equality Impact Assessments – Concerns were raised as to the impact of the budget proposals on the most vulnerable residents of Trafford and at this stage, there are no equality impact	Scrutiny would like assurance that these are produced and fully understood by the Executive in making their final decisions and that appropriate action is taken to mitigate the effect of any	These are prepared and Executive will take into account all the information from EIA's as part of the decision making process. The purpose of an EIA is to identify impact and mitigation and they will

statements in place.	changes on vulnerable residents.	document how any negative impact on vulnerable people will be managed. EIA's will be made available at the point at which recommendations for decision are submitted. In line with our Public Sector Equality Duty EIA's will be published on the Council Website.
Income Projections - As mentioned above, questions were raised about the robustness of income projections and the potential impact if they proved to be inaccurate.	Scrutiny Committee to look at this as part of their programme for 2016/17.	The Executive will keep all budget projections, and their impact, under review and can share these with Scrutiny.
Car Parking Fees - The Committee raised questions about the levels at which car parking fees were set. Officers explained the importance of getting the correct balance to ensure prices do not reduce footfall in Town Centres and ensuring they are affordable for staff working in these areas. Members asked that information about parking fee income projections and any impact on footfall is included in the Town Centre updates that are periodically brought to the Scrutiny Committee.	Information about parking fee income projections and any impact on footfall be included in the Town Centre updates that are periodically brought to the Scrutiny Committee.	The pattern of customer parking is monitored throughout the year. A periodic report can be brought to Scrutiny to provide an update on parking numbers and income along with footfall figures that are available.
Collaboration - Proposals to collaborate with other Councils to process telephone calls and share HR and ICT services were discussed.	Scrutiny Committee would like updates on progress with these initiatives and progress in achieving savings identified in the budget.	Proposals to collaborate relate specifically to HR services at this stage and progress will be reported. Possible collaboration in relation to ICT is still under exploration and progress will be reviewed and Scrutiny Committee updated.

All Age Front Door Transformation Project - The Executive were not yet able to predict with accuracy the levels of savings that the All Age Front Door Transformation Project would be able to deliver through the reduction of duplication of work.	Health Scrutiny Committee would like an update on this to come to a future meeting.	Executive proposes that a report is prepared updating scrutiny on progress against this proposal on a 6 monthly basis.
Recommissioning of	,	Executive proposes that a
contracts - Scrutiny members heard that there are a number of savings to be attributed to the recommissioning of contracts that are due to end in 2015/16.	would like further updates on the level of savings that are achieved and how they compare to the budget projections.	report is prepared updating scrutiny on progress against this proposal on a 6 monthly basis.
Joint Venture Contract - Members identified concerns including whether Amey would be reinvesting savings back into services, and what will happen in future when new efficiencies are more difficult to achieve	Amey Officers will be present at the next Scrutiny Committee meeting in January 2016.	The One Trafford Partnership presentation took place at January Scrutiny and it was agreed that there will be a further presentation in September with a focus on Lot 3. Initial savings are a contractual obligation and future savings opportunities along with income generation opportunities will be drawn up as part of the service planning process. These savings will be required to ensure the sustainability of good quality services across the scope of the One Trafford Partnership.
Care Packages - Concerns were raised about what the impact on those users whose packages of care are reduced and the ability of providers to track this. It was recognised that this situation will improve with the implementation of the TCCC and members welcome the additional information that this system will be able to provide.	Update to a future meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee.	Executive proposes that a report is prepared updating scrutiny on progress against this proposal on a 6 monthly basis.

Joining Up and Working Together - Scrutiny Members were informed of the various projects that are currently underway which will further integrate Health and Social care services.

This is already an area being monitored by the Health Scrutiny Committee and the Committee will continue to do so. The Committee would welcome more information on savings achieved and any impact on users.

Executive proposes that a report is prepared updating scrutiny on progress against this proposal on a 6 monthly basis.

Promoting Independence

- It is apparent throughout the budget proposals and subsequent questions posed by Scrutiny, that a large amount of the work planned in 2016/17 is reliant upon the improved communications and patient tracking that will be brought about through the Trafford Care Coordination Centre.

Health Scrutiny Committee would like to be kept abreast of the impact it has in two ways. Firstly scrutiny would like to be informed of the progress of the TCCCs implementation informed of the knock on effect of any delays that occur. Secondly, Members of Scrutiny would like an explanation of the new information that the TCCC makes possible so that they have a clear idea as to how this new resource can help shape Health, Social Care and Scrutiny going forward.

Executive proposes that a report is prepared updating scrutiny on progress against this proposal on a 6 monthly basis.

Ascot House - Scrutiny members were disappointed that a review and redesign of the reablement service had conducted without been input from scrutiny. They were also concerned by the information that the Ascot House reablement service had not been meeting its outcomes targeted for users. Members asked questions as to what the new reablement offer was and were told that this will be developed further in the coming months.

The findings of the recent reablement review be brought to Health Scrutiny Committee as soon as possible and that the details of the new services be made available to scrutiny once in place.

The Reablement review is not part of this budget process so the relevance of this scrutiny request is not clear.

The revised proposals in relation to the development of intermediate care at Ascot House can be shared with Health Scrutiny as they are finalised.

Agenda Item 5

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 16th March 2016

Report of: Paul Helsby, Programme Assurance Lead

Report Title:

Provision of Leisure within Trafford

Summary

This report sets out the Council's approach to managing and developing the provision of leisure services in the borough following the creation of the Council's Community Interest Company which commenced trading on 1st October 2015.

Recommendation(s)

To note progress to date in setting up Trafford Leisure Community Interest Company Ltd and the context and next steps relating to the company including the development of a Leisure Strategy for the borough.

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Paul Helsby

Extension: 07739 856664

Background Papers:

 Report of the Executive Member for Communities and Partnerships - Trafford Leisure Services.

Background

Trafford Leisure Trust, a separate legal entity, operated leisure services in the borough under contract to the Council for approximately 12 years. This contract ended on 30th September 2015 and the Council were given notice by the Trust that they intended to cease trading beyond this date.

The Council took the decision to create a wholly owned company to provide leisure services. Trafford Leisure Community Interest Company (CIC) Ltd was formed in September 2015 and commenced trading on 1st October 2015. The staff transferred from the outgoing Leisure Trust and a new Board of Directors was appointed by the

Council to provide governance and leadership to the company on behalf of the Council.

The CIC model ensured that the new company retained many of the benefits enjoyed by the outgoing Trust; particularly the VAT and business rate relief status remained unchanged thus keeping the cost of accessing services as low as possible for residents of Trafford. By wholly owning the company, it also provided the Council with the opportunity to take time to fully assess all the options for investment into the facilities and the future management arrangements. This approach avoided the need to rush into a procurement process and make hasty decisions about facilities, services and the workforce that could be more fully considered over time.

Community Interest Companies are Limited Companies, designed primarily for social enterprises that want to use their profits and assets to benefit a defined community. Upon formation, the Company Articles of Association had to satisfy the "community interest test" and must continue to do so during the lifetime of the company. Compliance with the test is overseen by the Regulator of Community Interest Companies.

The Council is the sole shareholder and discharges its responsibilities through the Board of Directors it has appointed. Along with complying with specific CIC regulations, the Directors are responsible for general compliance with company law.

The Council previously took a decision to remove the annual management fee amounting to £452k. Part of this was paid to the outgoing Trust for the period to 30th September 2015 with the last part year portion paid to the new CIC when it commenced trading. The Council will no longer provide this fee to the CIC, which means that they must meet all operating costs from the revenue that it generates from service users beyond 31st March 2016.

The CIC has now been trading for almost six months and is operating to the interim business plan established when the company was formed. It is now putting in place measures to deliver a combination of savings and revenue generation to address the financial shortfall related to the removal of the Management Fee. The Council has undertaken to support the company, in the short-term, to cover any cash flow implications given that the new company has limited working capital, which will need to be built up over time. This support would only be provided on the basis of an interest bearing loan.

Leisure Strategy

Now the company has been set up and stabilised, Council officers have commenced work on the preparation of a Leisure Strategy for the borough which will form the basis of future provision across the range of sporting clubs and associations whilst also taking into account the future provision of leisure centres and thus the facilities that are operated by the CIC.

As part of this work, a full supply and demand analysis is being undertaken to ensure that there is a robust understanding of any gaps in provision to meet the typical demand of the Trafford population as set out in Sport England's criteria and methodology.

The Leisure Strategy will also set out the long term requirements from its built leisure facilities which the CIC currently operate. In conjunction with this a commercial

prospectus will be developed that establishes the level of investment required and the revenue stream enhancements that could fund the investment sustainably. This process will also establish whether or not the CIC has long-term viability.

The Council is also required to produce a Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) in consultation with the various sports governing bodies and Sport England. Many of the clubs and associations that operate from Council owned premises do so under short term hire agreements or longer term leasehold arrangements that may be due to expire. It is important for these clubs and for the Council to develop a coherent strategy that pulls together the various current arrangements and funding streams. This will enable the Council to set out a context for the future provision of sport and leisure facilities so that, wherever possible, the Council can provide security of tenure in full sight of all the options, financial implications and demand for facilities, that then allows these associations and clubs to develop sustainable plans together with any investment proposals they may seek from the relevant governing bodies and Sport England.

Timescales

The Leisure Strategy is likely to be completed by April 2016 and will then be subject to consultation more broadly where there are specific opportunities or implications.

The Commercial Prospectus will be completed within the same timeframe as the Leisure Strategy providing the Council with an understanding of the potential investment required for each of its leisure centres and the operating revenues that may be generated to support the investment. Alternative opportunities for generating an investment fund will also be explored.

The Playing Pitch Strategy is subject to consultation with Sport England and the Governing Bodies for each of the major sports. Officers are currently assessing the status of the work produced to date in preparation for the commencement of the consultation process. The approach to this is set nationally by Sport England and requires close adherence to their methodology. Whilst work is underway the timescales for completion of this are currently being assessed.

Financial Impact:	The development of the leisure Strategy will set out the investment requirements for the leisure infrastructure and the revenue/capital implications that may flow from implementation.
Legal Impact:	Under Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council has the power: "to do anything (whether or not involving the expenditure, borrowing or lending of money or the acquisition or disposal of any property or rights) which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions." This power permits authorities to participate in and even establish separate entities, provided the particular action is not prohibited in any other enactment, and the authority is of the opinion that doing so will improve the discharge of the particular function. Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 contains a

general power of competence and provides that "A local authority has power to do anything that individuals generally may do".

Section 95 of the Local Government Act 2003 permits local authorities to do, for a commercial purpose, anything that they are empowered to do by statute, as long as they do so through a company. The section contains an implied power to establish and participate in a company. The 2009 Trading Order England requires the

The 2009 Trading Order England requires the Council to prepare a business case supporting the exercise of its power under Section 95 before trading starts.

The CIC is subject to rules on controlled, influenced, regulated and minority interest companies in Part V of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Authorities (Companies) Order

The main consequences of the CIC being controlled or influenced are contained in the 1995 Order:-

- (a) All relevant documents must state that the CIC is controlled or influenced by the Council and the Council must be named.
- (b) There are limits on the allowances payable to directors of the CIC.
- (c) Regulated companies are bound by the restrictions on publication of information imposed by Section 2 of the Local Government Act 1986. This means that they are prohibited from publishing party political material.
- (d) Directors of regulated companies must be removed if they become disqualified from membership of a local authority.
- (e) Requirements would be imposed relating to the provision of information to the Council's auditor and members and of financial information to the Council.
- (f) Controlled companies that are not arms' length companies must allow for public inspection of the minutes of any general meeting for four years after the meeting, unless disclosure would be in breach of any statutory requirement or obligation owed to any individual.
- (g) Any financial commitments entered into by the CIC, will have to be included in any assessment of the Council's finances under the prudential framework for capital investment by local government.

The directors are subject to the directors' duties as set out in the Companies Act 2006:

- (a) Act within powers
- (b) Promote the success of the company
- (c) Exercise independent judgement

	(d) Exercise reasonable skill, care and diligence (e) Avoid conflicts of interest (f) Not accept benefits from third parties (g) Declare interest in any proposed transaction or arrangement with the company. The Council is also required to have in place a Playing Pitch Strategy which can act as an enabler to clubs and associations that wish to attract investment funding from their governing bodies or Sport England. It is therefore essential that the PPS is endorsed by Sport England and the sports bodies as it is usually a condition of the funding.
Human Resources Impact:	The Council has formally appointed Company Directors to oversee the business. The employees of the Trust transferred to the CIC on 1st October maintaining their existing terms and conditions.
Asset Management Impact:	The Council has responsibility for the maintenance and repair of the leisure centres and many of the playing pitches in the borough. Opportunities to mitigate the exposure to maintenance costs will be explored through the process of developing the Leisure Strategy and the Playing Pitch Strategy.
E-Government Impact:	N/A
Risk Management Impact:	The CIC has developed an interim business plan that provides the assurance to the Council that the business will be viable in the short term. The Commercial Prospectus will provide insight in to the longer term viability of the CIC and the ability to generate investment into the physical infrastructure of the leisure centres.
	Assets have remained in the ownership of the Council but passed to the CIC for the purpose of delivering The Contract. They are passed in their existing condition (see Health and Safety implications). The future investment options will determine whether or not this is the best long-term option for the Council.
Health and Safety Impact:	The Council has copies of Health and Safety compliance information for all premises from the Leisure Trust at the point of transfer. An audit of that information was undertaken and an asset management plan is being put in place to ensure that the facilities meet health and safety requirements.

	The Council may also have residual health and safety implication for many of the playing pitches and this will be managed and wherever possible mitigated through any future asset transfer process.
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Consultation

Each Local Authority is required to have a published Playing Pitch Strategy. It is a technical requirement that the main sports governing bodies and Sport England must be consulted during its production. Each governing body act in the interests of the clubs affiliated to them and specifically consults them as required during the process of providing feedback to the Council.

Consultation on the Leisure Strategy will be undertaken as appropriate based on the recommended outcomes contained with the draft document.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

This report is for information only.

Agenda Item 6

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Scrutiny Committee
Date: 16 March 2016

Report of: Corporate Director Economic Growth, Environment &

Infrastructure

Report Title

School Crossing Patrol Service

Summary

Since the implementation of the budget recommendations there have been no complaints received in relation to the crossing points no longer funded. A number of crossing points have not been staffed (over various periods) due to the lack of staff. Significant efforts have been made to recruit new staff and it is anticipated the service will be fully staffed within April 2016. To ensure consistency of the service during staff sickness an application to retain 2 mobile patrol staff will be made once the service is fully recruited to the static patrol posts.

Recommendation(s)

To note the update.

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name:P. Valentine Extension: 4301

Background Papers: 15-16 Budget report

1) Background

The provision of school crossing staff is not a statutory duty for councils, although we recognise that they can make a valuable contribution towards pupils' safe and sustainable travel to schools.

The implementation of the School Crossing Patrol (SCP) 15-16 budget proposal was to concentrate our reducing resources at sites where the maximum benefit would be achieved via implementation of the National Guidance published by Road Safety Great Britain (RSGB). Transport for Greater Manchester was commissioned to reassess the status of our SCP Sites in line with the National Guidelines ensuring all decisions where evidenced based.

Also it has proved difficult over the years to recruit to school crossing posts. In addition to Trafford's on-line recruitment, adverts for School Crossing Patrol staff have been displayed in Trafford libraries, Community Centres and Schools, this resulted in a number of category B & C crossing not being staffed for over 10 months.

There are four categories of SCP Site as defined by the guidance:

- Category P: A SCP is justified at the site, though it is recommended that a signal controlled crossing is installed instead.
- Category A: A SCP is justified at the site.
- Category B: A SCP site is not initially justified but further factors (such as
 proximity to junctions and the age of the children using the crossing) may be
 considered and may potentially move the point into category A
- Category C: No justification for a SCP site unless exceptional circumstances exist

The guidance also states that where there is a fully automatic traffic signal (ATS) crossing, there is no need to have a staffed crossing point, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Trafford's 97 sites consisted of:

RSGB Category	Definition	No. in Trafford
A	A School Crossing Patrol (SCP) is justified at this site.	66
B & C	A SCP site is not initially justified and consideration of further factors (such as proximity to junctions and the age of the children using the crossing) do not move the crossing point into Category A.	14
Р	Sites where there is already a fully automatic signal crossing.	17

2) Implementation of budget Proposal

Following the Public Consultation and further detailed analysis by Trafford's road safety unit and TfGM the number of crossings categorised for retention increased from 66 to 71 (see appendix 1). Therefore the number of crossings that would no longer be

funded reduced from 31 to 26. In summary 4 staffed ATS crossings on the A56 were retained:

- Point 112 Chester Rd/Taylors Rd, Gorse Hill, Stretford
- Point 113 Chester Rd/Davyhulme Rd East, Stretford
- Point 217 Washway Road/Eastway, Sale
- Point 149 Chester Rd/Barton Rd, Old Cock Pub Stretford

Also one non ATS crossing point 103 (Seymour Park School) at Northumberland Rd / Lillian Street, Old Trafford was retained.

No responses from the public consultation were received regarding 10 of the crossing points, responses were received relating to 21 of the crossing points. Of these 11 crossing points they received 3 or fewer responses. 64% of the site specific responses and 100% of the petitions relate to four of these crossing points now retained.

Table: Final categorisation and SCP identified for retention

RSGB Category	Definition	No. in Trafford
Α	A School Crossing Patrol (SCP) is justified at this site.	66
В	A SCP site is not initially justified and consideration of further factors (such as proximity to junctions and the age of the children using the crossing) do not move the crossing point into Category A.	1
Р	Sites where there is already a fully automatic signal crossing.	4

The final staffing impact therefore reduced from 29 at risk to 24, with 23 vacant posts. However, due to the localisation of staff and the dispersal of the crossing points it was deemed unacceptable to transfer 6 of the displaced staff to alternative post (due to individual transport restrictions). Therefore 6 members of staff left the service. The vacant posts were therefore operated through a combination of casual and mobile staff.

3) Current Situation:

Since the implementation of the budget recommendations there have been no complaints received in relation to the points no longer funded, see appendix 2. All schools impacted by these points were consulted and offered the opportunity to fund them. No schools expressed an interest.

The difficulty of recruiting staff (especially in the South of the Borough) has remained extremely difficult, this has been compounded by 5 retirements. This has left the service continuing to utilise mobile staff to cover some of these crossings. Mobiles attract mileage payments to travel to and from the crossing point and were to be allocated permanent crossings to remove the mileage payments. However, 7 have been retained to cover crossing points in the South of the Borough rather than leaving them un-staffed. This additional cost has been contained within the budget envelope.

We have continued to work with schools and keep them informed of the staffing situation and in return Schools now advertise our job vacancies in their School Newsletters. Training has also been offered to any parent or PTA member who would be willing to provide temporary cover for the crossing point servicing their specific school.

We have also attempted to highlight and attract people to a School Crossing Patrols position by involving the local media, who have published an article in the local paper, not only raising awareness of the importance of the role of a School Crossing Patrol officer but also how rewarding it can be.

Following this media drive we have held further recruitment open days which have proved successful and we will continue to undertake these going forward (these days also recruit staff for catering and cleaning posts).

The result of this joint campaign is that we have attracted a number of applicants, and we anticipate we will be fully recruited (subject to DBS checks and further retirements) by April 2016.

However, a consequence of the reduction in overall staffing numbers and the removal of Cat B & C has resulted in the lack of opportunity to transfer staff from less critical crossing points to cover staff sickness on critical crossings points.

To ensure a consistency of service an application to retain 2 mobiles once the service is fully recruited to the static crossings is to submitted, this will be contained within the budget envelope.

APPENDIX 1

School Crossing Points retained (April 2015)

Point N°	Location of Crossing Point	Category
102	Stretford Rd/Clifton St.Old Trafford	A
102	Northumberland Rd/Lilian St. Old	, ,
103	Trafford	В
	Ayres Rd/Northumberland Rd Old	
104	Trafford	Α
	Seymour Gr/Darley Rd/Rye Bank Rd	
106	Stretford	Α
107	Kings Rd/Woodstock Rd Stretford	Α
108	Kings Rd/Warwick Rd Stretford	Α
109	Kings Rd/Warley Rd Stretford	Α
110	Greatstone Rd at Quadrant Roundabout	Α
	Chester Rd/Taylors Rd Gorse Hill	
112	Stretford	ATS
113	Chester Rd/Davyhulme Rd East Stretford	ATS
	Davyhulme Rd East/Delamere Ave	
114	Stretford	Α
115	Derbyshire Lane/Delamere Ave Stretford	Α
117	Edge Lane/Kings Rd Stretford	part ATS
	Winchester Road/Wallingford Road	_
123	Stretford	Α
124	Moss Vale Rd/Bradfield Rd Urmston	Α
125	Stretford Rd/Scholfield Ave Urmston	Α
127	Lostock Rd/Rochester Rd Davyhulme	Α
128	Canterbury Rd/Rochester Rd Davyhulme	Α
129	Moorside Rd/Roseneath Rd Davyhulme	Α
130	Davyhulme Rd/Cornhill Rd Davyhulme	Α
131	Woodsend Crescent Rd/Irlam Rd Flixton	Α
132	Flixton Rd/Wycliffe Rd Urmston	Α
133	Flixton Rd/Chassen Rd Flixton	Α
135	Moorside Rd/Mardale Ave Flixton	Α
	Flixton Rd/Church Rd/Carrington Rd	
136	Flixton	Α
137	Irlam Rd/Woodsend Rd Flixton	Α
	Carrington Lane/Ollerton Ave Ashton-on-	_
138	Mers	Α
139	Harboro Rd/Firs Rd Ashton-on-Mersey	Α
	Harboro Rd/Harboro Wy/Delauneys Rd	
141	Sale	Α
140	Crofts Bank Rd/Canterbury Rd	_
142	Davyhulme Harboro Rd/Moss Lane Ashton-on-	Α
145	Marboro Rd/Moss Lane Ashton-on- Mersey	Α
146	 	A
140	Broadway/Laburnum Rd Davyhulme Winchester Rd/Pathway Davyhulme	A
147	Jnr/Inf.	Α
149	Chester Rd/Barton Rd, Ole Page 21	ATS

	Stretford	
	Winchester Road/Foxdenton Drive	
150	Stretford	Α
151	Church Rd/Nr.Church Inn. Flixton	Α
152	Davyhulme Road/Hayswater Road	Α
201	Glebelands Rd/Park Rd AoM	Α
202	Dane Rd/Temple Rd Sale	Α
203	Broad Rd/Temple Rd Sale	Α
204	Marsland Rd/Alexandra Rd Sale	Α
205	Northenden Rd/Worthington Rd Sale Moor	A
206	Old Hall Rd/Outside Holy Family RC School	А
207	Northenden Rd/Cranston Drive Sale Moor	А
208	Marsland Rd/Conway Rd Sale Moor	Α
210	Hope Rd/Outside Jacks DIY Sale	Α
213	Marsland Rd/Beaufort Rd Sale	Α
217	Washway Rd/Eastway Sale	ATS
218	Firs Rd/Outside Firs Primary School Sale	Α
219	Manor Ave/Firs Way Sale	Α
224	Park Rd/Outside St.Hugh's RC Timperley	Α
225	Norris Rd/Baguley Lane Sale Moor	Α
	Shaftsbury Ave/Pathway to Cloverlea	
226	Prim Alt	Α
227	The Avenue/Meadway Sale	Α
228	Wood Lane/Green Lane Timperley	Α
230	Hawarden Rd/Gladstone Rd Broadheath Alt	А
231	Stamford Park Rd/Queens Rd Altrincham	A
232	Church St/Woodlands Rd/Chester Rd Altrinch	A
234	Oakfield Street/Oakfield Rd Altrincham	Α
237	Delahays Rd/Green Lane Altrincham	Α
238	Broomfield Lane/Ollerbarrow Road (Cenataph) Hale	A
239	Hale Rd/The Mount Hale Barns	A
239	Thorley Lane/Ridgeway Rd Altrincham	A
	Sinderland Rd/Outside Broadheath	
241	Primary	A
242	Framingham Rd/Woodbourne Rd Sale	A
244	Moss Lane/Mossgrove Rd Timperley	Α
245	Ashton Lane/Queens Rd Ashton-on Mersey	Α
Z 1 3	Norris Rd/between Croft Rd/Conway Rd	
246	Sale	Α
	Ashton Lane/Church Lane Ashton-on-	, ,
249	Mersey	Α
	Wicker Lane/Outside St.Ambrose Prep.	
250	Hale	Α
251	South Downs Road/York Drive Bowdon Page 22	Α

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APPENDIX 2
School Crossing Points no longer funded (April 2015)

Point		
Nº	Location of Crossing Point	Category
	Rye Bank Rd/Warwick Road South	
101	Stretford	С
	Seymour Grove/Ayres Rd Old	
105	Trafford	ATS
111	Talbot Rd/Milton Rd Stretford	ATS
116	Chester Rd/Sydney St. Stretford	ATS
	Chester Rd/Opposite Stretford	_
118	Precinct	ATS
119	Barton Rd/Sandy Lane Stretford	С
120	Moss Park Rd/Manor Rd Stretford	С
121	Barton Rd/Curzon Rd Stretford	ATS
122	Barton Rd/Moss Vale Cres Stretford	ATS
	Lostock Rd/Kingsway Park,	
126	Davyhulme	ATS
	Flixton Rd/Brook Rd/Bowfell Rd	
134	Flixton	ATS
	Derbyshire Lane West/Addison Rd	_
140	Stretford	В
4.40	Bradfield Rd/Outside Park Gate	
143	Stretford Mana Dd/Cranga Dd/Dadatack Dd	С
144	Moss Rd/Grange Rd/Radstock Rd Stretford	С
144	Chester Road/ Green Street,	C
148	Stretford	ATS
140	Northenden Rd/Hampson St. Sale	AIO
209	Moor	В
214	Brooklands Rd/Woodbourne Rd Sale	ATS
216	Woodhouse Lane East, Timperley	C
210	Moss Lane/Hardwick Rd, Footway	
220	Partington	С
	Warburton Lane/Central Rd	
221	Partington	ATS
	Warburton Lane/Outside Broadoak	
222	High Pa	ATS
223	Park Road/Frieston Road Timperley	ATS
	Navigation Rd/Hawarden Rd	
229	Broadheath Alt	В
	Bancroft Rd/Moss Lane/Grove Lane	
236	Hale	С
	Buckfast Rd/Buck Lane/Green Lane	
243	A-on-M	С
247	Cherry Lane/Ryefield Rd Sale	В



TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Executive

Date: 22nd February 2016

Report for: Information

Report of: Executive Member for Transformation and Resources

Report Title

Annual Delivery Plan 2015/16 (Third Quarter) Performance Report

Summary

The attached draft report provides a summary of performance against the Council's Annual Delivery Plan, 2015/16. The report covers the period 1 April 2015 to 31 December 2015.

Recommendations

That Executive notes the contents of the draft Annual Delivery Plan Third Quarter Performance Report.

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Peter Forrester

Extension: 1815

Background Papers: None

Relationship to Policy	The Annual Delivery Plan 2015/16 Quarter 3
Framework/Corporate Priorities	Performance report summarises the Council's
	performance in relation to the Council's Corporate
	Priorities.
Financial	Not Applicable
Legal Implications:	Any legal implications are as set out in the report.
Equality/Diversity Implications	None
Sustainability Implications	None
Staffing/E-Government/Asset	None
Management Implications	
Risk Management Implications	None
Health and Safety Implications	Not applicable

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The report provides a summary of performance against the Council's Annual Delivery Plan 2015/16 and supporting management information, for the period 1st October to 31st December 2015.
- 1.2 This covers the Council's six Corporate Priorities:
 - Low Council Tax and Value For Money
 - Economic Growth and Development
 - Safe Place to Live Fighting Crime
 - Services Focused on the Most Vulnerable People
 - Excellence in Education
 - Reshaping Trafford Council

2.0 Performance Update

- 2.1 The ADP has 41 indicators. To date, 35 of these have been reported in the Third quarter and a further 6 are annual indicators that will have no result until later in the year.
- 2.2 To date, there are 21 green indicators (on target), 8 amber indicators and 6 red (below target).
- 2.3 The following indicators are rated as green (on target):
 - Percentage of Council Tax collected.
 - Delivery of efficiency and other savings and maximise income opportunities.
 - Procurement savings target
 - Improve take up of online claims for Housing Benefit and Council Tax benefit.
 - Percentage of ground floor vacant units in town centres.
 - Percentage of major planning applications processed within timescales.
 - The number of housing units for full planning consents granted.
 - Percentage of Trafford Residents in Employment.
 - Deliver the published 2015/16 Highway Maintenance Capital Programme.
 - The percentage of relevant land and highways assessed as Grade B or above (predominantly free of litter and detritus).
 - Percentage of Highway safety inspections carried out in full compliance with the agreed programme.
 - Average achievement of Customer Care Pls (Amey).
 - Maintain the position of Trafford compared to other GM areas in terms of Total Crime Rate.
 - Increase community confidence in partnership working within our town centres by 5% from the 2014/15 outturn – Urmston and Altrincham (two indicators).
 - To work collaboratively to reduce the number of incidents by 10% and public service resources committed to missing from home (MFH) and missing from care (MFC) for vulnerable young people (two indicators).
 - Percentage of Trafford pupils educated in a Good or Outstanding school.
 - Number of third sector organisations receiving intensive support.
 - Maintain the low level of 16-18 year olds who are not in education training or employment (NEET) in Trafford.

- Increase the percentage of eligible population aged 40-74 offered an NHS Health Check who received an NHS Health Check in the financial year.
- 2.4 The following are within 10% below target (amber) and exception reports have been produced or will be produced:
 - Reduce the level of sickness absence (Council-wide, excluding schools) (days).
 - Percentage of Business Rates collected.
 - Increase in retained Business Rate income to support 2015/16 budget.
 - Increase community confidence in partnership working within our town centres by 5% from the 2014/15 outturn – Stretford.
 - Percentage of pupils achieving 5 A*-C GSCE including English and Maths.
 - Percentage of pupils achieving Level 4 in Reading, Writing and Mathematics at Key Stage 2.
 - Children in Care Long Term Placement Stability.
 - Improve the % of household waste arisings which have been sent by the Council for recycling/composting.
- 2.5 The following are below target (red) and exception reports have been produced:
 - The number of housing units started on site.
 - The number of housing completions per year.
 - Increase community confidence in partnership working within our town centres by 5% from the 2014/15 outturn – Sale.
 - Permanent admissions of older people to Residential/ Nursing care.
 - Delayed transfers of care from hospital which are attributable to adult social care per 100,000 population
 - Percentage of dis-advantage pupils achieving 5 A*- C GSCE including English and Maths.

3.0

Finance Officer Clearance ID HAK **Legal Officer Clearance**

CORPORATE] DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE (electronic) form that the Financial and the Financi To confirm that the Financial and Legal Implications have been considered and the Executive Member has cleared the report.





ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2015/16 Quarter 3 Performance Report

1. Purpose and scope of the report

The report provides a summary of performance against the Council's Annual Delivery Plan (ADP) 2015/16 and supporting management information for the period 1st October to 31st December 2015 (Quarter 3).

This covers the Council's six Corporate Priorities

- Low Council Tax and Value For Money
- > Economic Growth and Infrastructure
- Safe Place to Live Fighting Crime
- Health and Wellbeing
- Supporting Young People
- Reshaping Trafford Council

Quarterly data and direction of travel is provided, where data is available.

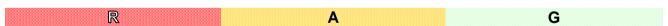
All measures have a Red/Amber/Green assessment of current performance. This is based on actual data or a management assessment of expected Quarter 3 performance (Section 4). The dashboard dials provides a clear picture of where current performance is relative to the RAG rating and more information is provided on subsequent pages.

For Corporate Priority indicators, where actual or expected performance is red or Amber an Exception Report is included in the commentary (Section 5).

2. Performance Key

G Performance meets or exceeds the target	•	Performance has improved compared with the previous period
A Performance is within the agreed % of the target		Performance is the same compared with the previous period
R Performance is more than the agreed % of the target	•	Performance has worsened compared with the previous period

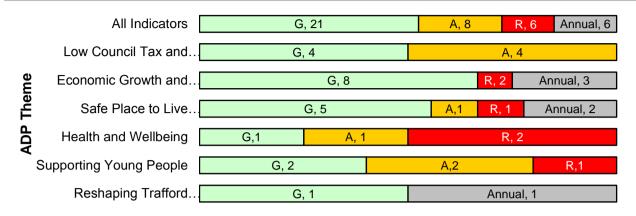
Where data is shaded, this indicates an estimated result and an assessment of performance by the Strategic Lead.



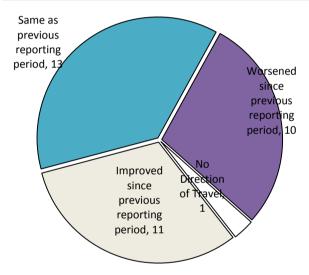
3. Performance Results

3.1 Performance Summary

Performance Indicator RAG Status by Corporate Priority



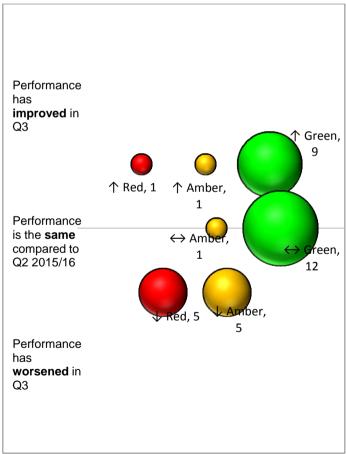
Direction of Travel of all Performance Indicators



The ADP has 41 indicators. To date, 35 of these indicators have been reported in the third quarter and a further 6 are annual targets which will have no results until later in the year.

There are 21 Green indicators (on target), 8 Amber and 6 Red. 11 have improved since last period, 13 have stayed the same and 10 have worsened since last period.

Direction of Travel and RAG status (Position in relation to central line indicates direction of travel in Q3; size of bubble represents the number of indicators)



3.2 Performance Exceptions

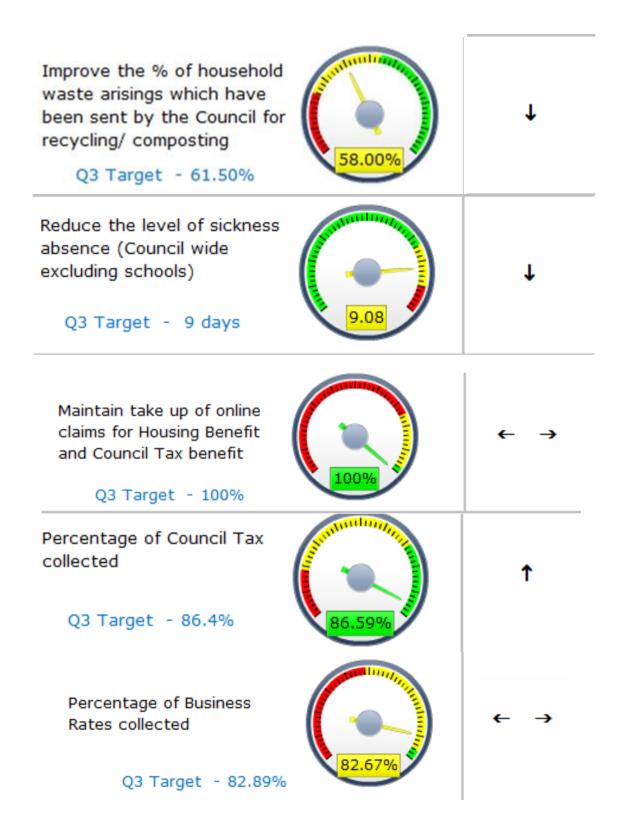
The following indicators have a RED performance status at the end of second quarter.			Report	
Corporate Priority	REF	DEFINITION	DOT Q3	Attached Y/N?
LOW COUNCIL TAX AND VALUE FOR MONEY		Increase in retained Business Rate income to support 2015/16 budget		Y
ECONOMIC GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE		The number of housing units started on site		Y
ECONOMIC GROWTH & INFRASTRUCTURE		The number of housing completions per year		Y
SAFE PLACE TO LIVE		Increase community confidence in partnership working within our town centres by 5% - Altrincham		Y
HEALTH & WELLBEING	New	Permanent admissions of older people to Residential / Nursing care		Y
HEALTH & WELLBEING		Delayed Transfers of Care attributable to Adult Social Care per 100,000 pop 18+		Y
SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE	CGV2c	% of disadvantaged pupils achieving 5 A*-C GSCE including English and Maths		Υ

The following indicators have an AMBER performance status at the end of second quarter.			Report Attached	
Corporate Priority	REF	DEFINITION	DOT Q3	Y/N?
LOW COUNCIL TAX AND VALUE FOR MONEY	BV 12i	Reduce the level of sickness absence		Y
LOW COUNCIL TAX AND VALUE FOR MONEY	BV10	Percentage of Business Rates collected.		Υ
SAFE PLACE TO LIVE		Increase community confidence in partnership working within our town centres by 5% - Stretford		Υ
HEALTH AND WELLBEING		Children in Care - Long term placement stability		Υ
SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE	New	% of pupils achieving 5 A*-C GSCE including English and Maths		Υ
SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE	New	% of pupils achieving Level 4 in Reading Writing and Mathematics at Key Stage 2		Υ
LOW COUNCIL TAX AND VALUE FOR MONEY	New (prev.CA08)	Improve the % of household waste arisings which have been sent by the Council for recycling/composting		Υ

^{*}Exception reports start on page 23

ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2015/16 Quarter 3 Performance Report

LOW COUNCIL TAX AND VALUE FOR MONEY



Metric type	D.O.T
Delivery of efficiency and other savings and maximise income opportunities	← →
Q3 Target - £20,500,000	por
Increase in retained Business Rate income to support 2015/16 Budget	1
Q3 Target - £1,881,000	<u>o</u> r
Procurement savings Target	← →
Q3 Target - £6,000,000	

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Metric type	D.O.T
Percentage of ground floor vacant units in town centres Q3 Target - 15%	1
Percentage of major planning applications processed within timescales Q3 Target - 70%	1
The number of housing units for full planning consents granted Q3 Target - 150	1
The number of housing units started on site Q3 Target - 100	1
Average achievement of Customer Care PIs (Amey)	← →
Q3 Target - 90%	

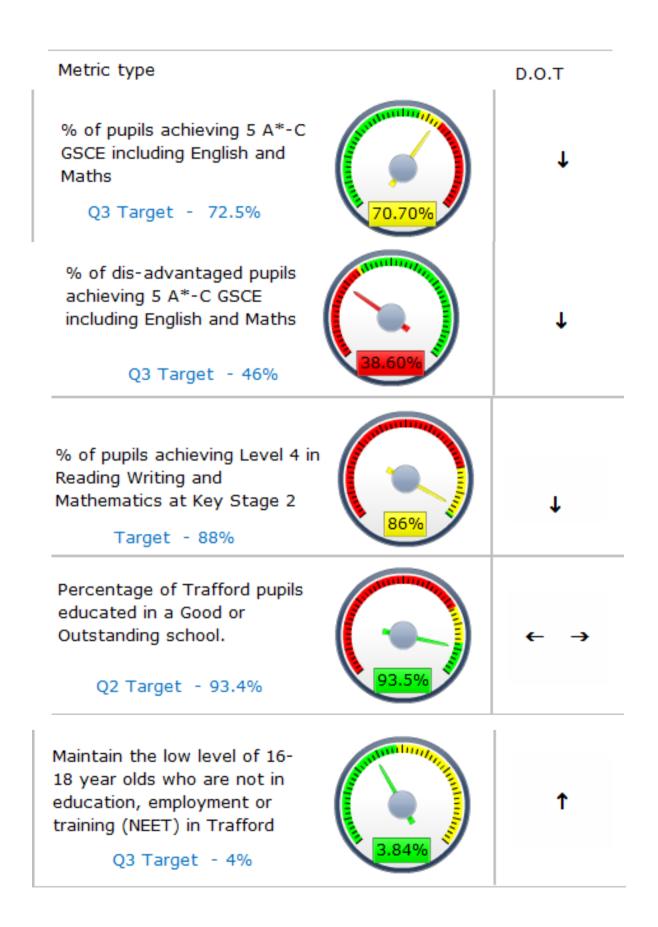
The number of housing completions per year Q3 Target - 90 units Percentage of Trafford Residents in Employment Q3 Target - 75% The percentage of relevant land and highways assessed as Grade B or above (predominantly free of litter and detritus). Q3 Target - 80% Percentage of Highway safety inspections carried out in full compliance with the agreed programme Q3 Target - 100%

SAFE PLACE TO LIVE - FIGHTING CRIME

Metric type	D.O.T
Maintain the position of Trafford compared to other GM areas in terms of Total Crime Rate.	← →
To work collaboratively to reduce the number of incidents and public service resources committed to missing from home (MFH) for vulnerable young people. Q3 Target - < 175 missing episodes	← →
To work collaboratively to reduce the number of incidents and public service resources committed to missing from care (MFC) for vulnerable young people. Q3 Target - < 170 missing episodes	← →

Metric type		D.O.T
Increase community confidence in partnership working within our town centres by 5% Q2 Target - 77%	Stretford 75%	↑
Increase community confidence in partnership working within our town centres by 5% Q2 Target - 81%	Urmston 91%	↑
Increase community confidence in partnership working within our town centres by 5% Q2 Target - 89%	Sale 77%	1
Increase community confidence in partnership working within our town centres by 5% Q2 Target - 60%	Altrincham 94%	1

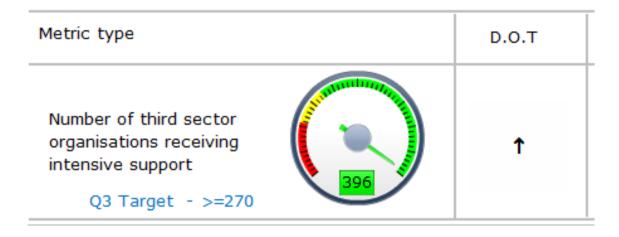
SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE



HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Metric type	D.O.T
Permanent admissions of older people to Residential / Nursing care (ASCOF 2Aii) Q3 Target - 186	1
Children in Care Long Term Placement Stability Q3 Target - 80%	1
Metric type	D.O.T
Increase the percentage of eligible population aged 40-74 offered an NHS Health Check who received an NHS Health Check Q3 Target - 50%	1
Delayed Transfers of Care attributable to Adult Social Care per 100,000 pop 18+ Q3 Target - <7.9 per 100,00	†

RESHAPING TRAFFORD COUNCIL



LOW COUNCIL TAX AND VALUE FOR MONEY

Ensure that the Council can demonstrate that it provides efficient, effective and economical, value for money services to the people of Trafford.

For 2015/16 we will:

Make effective use of resources:

- Ensure the delivery of 2015/16 budget savings of £21M
- Update the Council's financial forecasts in line with the forthcoming spending review and identify savings to meet the 2016/17 to 2018/19 budget gap
- Deliver a balanced budget in line with statutory responsibilities and Council priorities
- Continue to collaborate on efficiency projects with other local authorities and other partners
- Continue to work effectively with partners to improve service quality and value for money
- Ensure greater commercialisation of traded services to maximise best use of resources, improve customer service and to provide value for money.
- Implement the new CRM system and the remaining elements of the customer strategy
- Actively investigate allegations of benefit fraud and ensure that this includes a focus on targeting more serious abuses
- Minimise increases in the Waste Disposal Levy through increased waste recycling and reuse of materials.

Key Policy or Delivery Programmes 2015/16

- Medium term Financial Plan
- GM Municipal Waste Management Strategy

Ref.	Definition	Freq	14/15	15/16		2015/10	6 Q3	
Kei.	Deminion	rieq	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	DOT	Status
CAG	Improve the % of household waste arisings which have been sent by the Council for recycling/ composting	М	61.9% G	62%	58%	61.5%	•	А

Ref.	Definition	Freq	14/15	15/16		2015/16 Q3			
Kei.	Deminion	rieq	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	DOT	Status	
See ex	ception report below								
	Improve take up of online claims for Housing Benefit and Council Tax benefit	Q	100% G	98.5%	100%	100%	**	G	
	,					<u>, </u>			
NI 179	Delivery of efficiency and other savings and maximise income opportunities	Q	£13.8m G	£21.5m	£20.7m	£20.5m	++	G	
BV 12i	Reduce the level of sickness absence (Council wide excluding schools)	М	10.77 Days R	9 days	9.08	9	•	А	
See ex	ception report below								
BV9	Percentage of Council Tax collected	М	97.8% G	98%	86.59%	86.4%	++	G	
New	Increase in retained Business Rate income to support 2015/16 Budget.		£1.710M	£1.811M	£1.686M	£1.811M	•	А	
See ex	ception report below								
New	Procurement savings target		New	£6.141M	£6.00M	£6.00M	+ +	G	
BV10	Percentage of Business Rates collected		97.4%	97.5%	82.67%	82.89%	+	А	
See ex	ception report below								

ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

To promote economic growth and increase levels of investment, housing and jobs in Trafford; to improve the local environment and infrastructure thereby enhancing the attractiveness of the borough as a place to live, work and invest in.

For 2015/16 we will

- Deliver strategic development projects as identified in the Local Plan and maximise investment in the Borough.
- Support our Town Centres to be vibrant and dynamic places to benefit residents, businesses and visitors.
- Deliver and enable investment and growth through effective planning processes and frameworks.
- Invest in the highway infrastructure, support the Metrolink expansion and improve sustainable travel choices to access jobs, services and facilities within and between communities.
- Support business growth and attract inward investment into the borough.
- Maximise the potential of the Borough's assets, including international sporting facilities and visitor attractions, to lever in further investment.
- Encourage and support businesses, communities and individuals to take more ownership and responsibility for their environment in line with the Be Responsible campaign.
- Maximise the use of the Council's portfolio of assets to help support the delivery of council

- objectives.
- Develop housing, growth and maximise investment in Trafford through the Greater Manchester Housing Investment Fund.
- Maintain and improve the environment around our public spaces, highways and neighbourhoods.

Key Policy or Delivery Programmes 2015/16

- Master Plans for: Old Trafford, Trafford Park, Stretford (and Altrincham Strategy)
- Trafford Local Plan
- Community Infrastructure Levy
- Flood Risk Management Strategy (in partnership with Manchester and Salford)
- Economic and Housing Growth and Prevention of Homelessness strategies
- Land Sales Programme
- Transport Asset Management Plan
- · GM Housing Investment Fund
- GM Minerals Plan

			14/15	15/16		2015/16 Q3		
Ref.	Definition	Freq	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	DOT	Statu s
EG2	Percentage of ground floor vacant units in town centres	Q	15.9%	15%	14.8%	15%	•	G
New	Percentage of major planning applications processed within timescales	Q	81.8%	70%	96%	70%	•	G
New	The number of housing units for full planning consents granted	Q	New	500	230	150	•	G
New	The number of housing units started on site	Q	New	350	15	100	•	R
See ex	ception report below							
NI 154	The number of housing completions per year	Q	245	300	72	90	•	R
See ex	cception report below	l .						
New (EG8)	Total Gross Value Added (The total value of goods + services produced in the area)	А	£6.04 billion	£6.2 billion	Annual Indicator			
New	Value of major developments obtaining planning consent		New	£800k		Annual Inc	dicator	

			14/15	15/16		2015/16 Q3		
Ref.	Definition	Freq	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	DOT	Statu s
	(based on Council tax and rateable value)							
	Value of major developments completed (based on Council tax and rateable value)		New	£700k	Annual Indicator			
New (EG4. 1)	Percentage of Trafford Residents in Employment	Q	73.9%	75%	76%	75%	++	G
BRP0 2	Deliver the published 2015/16 Highway Maintenance Capital Programme	М	100% G	100%	100%	100%	•	G
New	The percentage of relevant land and highways assessed as Grade B or above (predominantly free of litter and detritus).	Q	78.8% A	80%	80%	82.8%	++	G
New	Percentage of Highway safety inspections carried out in full compliance with the agreed programme	Q	95%	100%	100%	100%	+ +	G
	,							
New	Average achievement of Customer Care Pls (AMEY)	Q	New	90%	96.3	90	•	G
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SAFE PLACE TO LIVE - FIGHTING CRIME

Aim to be the safest place in Greater Manchester, and to have the highest level of public confidence and satisfaction in the action we take to tackle Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

For 2015/16 we will

- Address the underlying causes of crime and anti-social behaviour by taking early action, working
 with local communities to prevent crime and improve public perception and confidence, and by
 working with partners to support and intervene at individual, family and community level, targeting
 resources where they are most needed.
- Improve public access to services offered by the Integrated Safer Communities team and through strong case management implement a collaborative and risk led approach to tackling Anti-Social Behaviour.
- Continue to develop and deliver innovative and effective interventions to address the behaviour
 of those involved in crime.
- Deliver responsive and visible justice by undertaking robust enforcement action and turning the tables on offenders to make sure they are held accountable for their actions, and that criminal assets are recovered.
- Continue to work effectively with partners and our communities to implement the national Prevent Strategy and to raise awareness and reduce the risks of radicalisation.
- We will, with our partners such as the police, identify the best methods for people to keep their property secure and launch a Trafford wide campaign to provide advice and highlighting best practice.
- We will work with Greater Manchester Police to ensure that we recruit more Trafford citizens to the role of Special Constable to be active within Trafford

Key Policy or Delivery Programmes 2015/16 63%

Crime Strategy 2015-2018 (currently being refreshed)

Ref.	Definition		Freq	14/15	15/16		2015/1	6 Q3	
Kei.	Definition		rieq	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	DOT	Status
STP1	Maintain the position of Trafford compared to oth GM areas in terms of To Crime Rate.		Q	1 st G	1 ST	1 ST	1 ST	*	G
	Reduce the number of revictims by 20% within the super-victim cohort (43 identified super victims)	•	Q	NEW	20%		Annual Indicator – due er March '16		
	Increase community confidence in		Stretf	ord 73%	Stretford 78%	75%	77%	•	А
	partnership working within our town centres	Q	Urms	ton 77%	Urmston 82%	91%	81%	1	G
	by 5% from the 14/15	Q	Sal	e 85%	Sale 90%	77%	89%	1	R
	outturn.		Altrincham 56%		Altrincham 61%	94%	60%	•	G
See ex	ception reports below for	Stretfo	rd and	d S ale	4 =	•	•		

See exception reports below for Stretford and Sale 13 age 45

Ref.	Definition	Freq 14/	14/15	15/16		2015/10	6 Q3	
Rei.	Definition	rreq	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	DOT	Status
	To work collaboratively to reduce the number of incidents by 10% and public service resources committed to missing from home (MFH) and missing from care (MFC) for vulnerable young people.	Q	MFH: 247	MFH: 222	168	175	**	G
		Q	MFC: 206	MFC: 230	169	167	**	G
abuse	rease the number of perpetrators we work with and who successf ogramme by 20% in order to red	mplete						
the programme by 20% in order to reduce the risk of re-offending Q Worked/Completed 65/50			78/60		Annu	ıal		

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

To commission and deliver quality services that encourage people to lead healthy and independent lives, enhancing wellbeing across Trafford with a particular focus on our vulnerable groups

For 2015/16 we will

CFW Transformation Programme

• Transform the CFW delivery model with innovative approaches focused on the most vulnerable people in Trafford in line with Reshaping Trafford.

Health and Wellbeing

- Work with the CCG and local health providers to support delivery integrated commissioning and delivery of health and social care for Trafford
- Implementation of the GM Health and Social Care devolution in line with the Memorandum of Understanding
- Reduce health inequalities for our vulnerable groups and localities through the Health and Wellbeing Action plan
- Reduce alcohol and substance misuse and alcohol related harm
- Support people with long term health, mental health and disability needs to live healthier lives
- lives
- Promote healthy lifestyles and access to sport and leisure opportunities

Promoting resilience and independence

- Enable people to have more choice, control and flexibility to meet their needs
- Ensure that people in Trafford are able to live as independently as possible, for as long as possible
- Implement the Care Act
- Support communities to promote their health and wellbeing by fostering enhanced social networks and by supporting an asset based approach to delivery community based solutions to improve health and wellbeing

Safeguarding vulnerable adults and children and young people

- Ensure that vulnerable children, young people and adults at risk of abuse are safeguarded through robust delivery and monitoring of commissioned and internally delivered services
- Continue to focus on improving the quality of early help and social work practice, taking into account new legislation and government guidance
- Be an active partner in the leadership and development of both the TSCB and Adult Safeguarding Board and ensure coordinated working across both Boards.
- Ensure clear visibility and appropriate responses to the risks of Child Sexual Exploitation and radicalisation to protect children and young people

Close the gap for vulnerable children, families and communities

- Embed early help and prevention across all aspects of work using learning from evidenced based models
- Continue to improve outcomes for children in care
- Improve support for families facing difficult times through locality working
- In partnership with public services, the Voluntary and Community sector and young people, develop a Youth Trust model for the delivery of first class youth provision in Trafford

Market management and quality assurance

- Ensure that services are available within Trafford to meet the needs of the population by helping to develop market capacity.
- Monitor service providers so any safeguarding issues or potential provider failure is identified at the earliest stage.

Key Policy or Delivery Programmes 2015/16

- CFW Transformation Programme
- GM Health and Social Care Devolution
- Better Care Fund programme
- Care Act Implementation
- Health and Wellbeing Strategy
- Stronger Families programme
- Welfare Reform delivery
- Crime Strategy 2015-18
- Youth Trust model

Ref.	Definition	Freq	14/15	15/16		2015/16	Q3		
Kei.	Deminion	rieq	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	DOT	Status	
New	Delayed Transfers of Care attributable to Adult Social Care per 100,000 pop 18+ (ASCOF 2Cii)	Ø	7.9	7.9	10.6	7.9	•	R	
See ex	See exception report below								
	Permanent admissions of older people to Residential / Nursing care (ASCOF 2Aii)	Q	250	250	226	186	•	R	
See ex	ception report below								
	Increase the percentage of eligible population aged 40-74 offered an NHS Health Check who received an NHS Health	Q	47.8%	50%	59.4%	50%	•	G	

Dof	Ref. Definition		14/15	15/16	2015/16 Q3			
Rei.	Demitton	Freq	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	DOT	Status
	Check in the financial year							
	Children in Care Long Term Placement Stability	Q	78% A	80%	76.0%	80%	•	А
See ex	ception report below			•				

SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE

Ensure that young people are well prepared to achieve in adulthood by creating an environment in which they can thrive.

For 2015/16 we will

Improve the life chances of all children and young people

- Work with schools to maintain the 'Trafford family of schools' to support educational excellence
- Broker school to school support and quality assure interventions in line with national policy
- Provide effective system leadership across the Trafford Education system to support ongoing delivery of high quality education.
- Increase the number, range and take up of apprenticeships
- Provide monitoring, challenge and intervention for schools to ensure sustained high standards

Close the gap in educational outcomes across our vulnerable groups

- Implement the outcomes of review of provision and support for children with special educational needs
- Implement the SEND reforms set out in the 2014 Children and Families Act
- Establish a 'Closing the Gap' Strategy for Education Standards
- Increase the percentage of care leavers in Education, Employment and Training
- Sustain the very high levels of two year olds in receipt of targeted nursery education

Establish a Youth Trust

- Work with partners to co-ordinate youth activity and establish new investment and income streams to create sustainable youth provision
- Create a 'Youth Trust' with clear governance arrangements that can set strategic directions and lead commissioning of youth provision in Trafford
- Provide opportunities for young people across Trafford to access high quality youth provision that is fit for purpose in the 21st century
- Transition current provision to the new model supporting community groups and new providers to establish sustainable provision
- Establish a framework agreement that provides a structure for future commissioning once the Shadow Board of the Youth Trust is in place

Key Policy or Delivery Programmes 2015 – 16

- CYP Strategy 2014-17
- Trafford Schools Causing Concern Protocol
- Trafford SEND Policy
- Trafford Closing the Gap Strategy (to be developed)

Ref.	Definition	Eroa	14/15	15/16	15/16		2015/16 Q3		
Kei.	Deminion	Freq	Actual	Target	Q2	Actual	Target	DOT	Status
New	% of pupils achieving 5 A*-C GSCE including English and	А	72.2% G	72.5%	N/A	70.7%	72.5	•	А

Ref.	ef. Definition Freq 14/15 15/16		15/16 2015/16 Q3			6 Q3			
Kei.	Definition	rieq	Actual	Target	Q2	Actual	Target	DOT	Status
	Maths								
See 6	exception report below								
CGV 2c	% of disadvantaged pupils achieving 5 A*-C GSCE including English and Maths	Α	47% A	48%	N/A	38.6%	46%	•	R
See 6	exception report below								
	% of pupils achieving Level 4 in Reading Writing and Mathematics at Key Stage 2	Α	87% G	88%	N/A	86%	88%	•	А
See e	exception report below								
LCA 2	Maintain the low level of 16-18 year olds who are not in education training or employment (NEET) in Trafford	М	3.97% G	4%	4.13%	3.84%	4%	•	G
New	Percentage of Trafford pupils educated in a Good or Outstanding school.	Α	93.4% G	93.4%	93.5%	94.0%	93.4%	++	G
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RESHAPING TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Continue to develop relationships with residents, local businesses and partners to ensure that we all work together for the benefit of the Borough. Internally, to reshape the organisation to ensure the Council embrace is a fit for purpose and resilient organisation.

For 2015/16 we will

- Continue to develop the organisational model to ensure sustainability of Council services with the Core Council comprising of strategy, commissioning, quality assurance and place shaping.
- Review services and identify alternative delivery models that can sit alongside the Core to enable
 the Council to manage the financial challenges and support the change required to deliver the
 Reshaping Trafford agenda
- Develop arrangements to share services across agencies in Greater Manchester, to secure greater efficiencies including shared use of buildings
- Develop manager and staff skills to support the alternative delivery models.
- Ensure there are robust business continuity plans as we manage the transition programme
- Prepare staff, residents and local businesses for the transition to the new organisation model taking into account our responsibilities under the Public Sector Equality Act.
- Ensure that residents are consulted on and well informed about how the Council spends its budget and the standards of service that they can expect from us
- Build up the InfoTrafford platform, and continue to develop the partnership intelligence hub to support service re-design.
- Adopt Public Service Reform principles across the Trafford Partnership through the identification of cross cutting challenges and development of alternative delivery models
- Embed a new approach to locality working through locality planning, supporting Locality Working

to facilitate community engagement and consultation and to lead the development and implementation of Locality Plans, so as to create stronger and empowered communities that are safer, cleaner, healthier and better informed.

- Provide dedicated support to the Voluntary and Community Sector
- Integrate working with our Partners to pursue joined up services in local communities to provide better services for the future
- Review the Customer Pledge to focus on key standards, which customers will be able to expect, to ensure customers are at the centre of what we do.

Greater Manchester Strategy

- Engage fully in the devolution of Health and Social Care
- Continue to support Public Service Reform through key workstreams i.e. Stronger Families and Employment and Skills

Transform Children, Families and Wellbeing to;

- Establish an all-age integrated structure for health, social care and education
- Clarify the social care offer
- Develop a new Early Help approach

Key Policy or Delivery Programmes 2015 – 16

- Customer Services Strategy
- Transformation Programme
- · Reshaping Trafford Blueprint
- Collaboration Programmes (e.g. GMP, Strategic Procurement Unit)
- Third Sector Strategy; Volunteering Strategic framework; Locality Working Programme
- Digital Strategy

Ref.	Definition	Eroa	14/15	15/16	15/16		2015/1	6 Q3	
Rei.	Delinition	Freq	Actual	Target	Q2	Actual	Target	DOT	Status
	Number of third sector organisations receiving intensive support	Q	300 G	350	144	396	270	+	G
	Identify savings to meet the 2016/17 gap	М	£17.45m G	£21.1m		Annual Indicator			

5. Exception Reports

5.1 Low Council Tax and Value for Money

Theme / Priority:	Low Council Tax and Value for Money			
	Environmental Services			
Indicator / Measure detail:	Improve the percentage of household waste arisings that have been sent by the Council for recycling or composting			
Baseline:				
Target and timescale:	Annual target of 63% Q3 Target of 61.5%			

Why is performance at the current level?

- Is any variance within expected limits?
- Why has the variance occurred?
- Is further information available to give a more complete picture of performance?
- What performance is predicted for future periods?

This indicator is particularly affected by weather patterns, due to Trafford residents being able to present a high volume of garden waste for composting, compared to other Local Authorities (weekly free collection in a 240 litre bin). A colder start to the year meant that green waste tonnages fell considerably (11% less in June, for example). In addition there is a continuing national trend of less paper production, meaning the available weight of pulpable materials collected (blue bin) is also declining. Residual waste is seeing a slight increase. This may be due to waste growth linked to an improving economy but there is no national data available to support this assumption.

Amey are reporting to be collecting more leaf fall in Q3 than has been collected in other years. As leaves on the streets cannot be recycled, this increases the residual tonnage and can impact on recycling performance. This adverse impact in quarter three is anticipated to even out in Q4.

What difference does this make – the implications of not meeting target?

- Impact on service users/public.
- Impact on corporate priorities and plans.
- Impact on service/partner priorities.
- Impact on equalities, sustainability or efficiency

Can we move resources to support this or other priorities?

Despite emerging evidence that residents have responded favourably to a "call to action" leaflet delivered by the One Trafford Partnership in December, it is highly unlikely that enough waste will be diverted in time for the 63% target to be met this financial year. Current projections suggest that the position at year end may be close to 60%. The position across other GM districts is being investigated as it is expected that the pattern of recycling is likely to be similar. Whilst this doesn't address the actual against target, it is relevant for the amount of waste levy paid.

An Improvement Plan is in place to divert more recyclable waste. In December, the One Trafford Partnership carried out an extra green waste collection and collected Christmas trees and additional cardboard packaging for the first time ever from the kerbside. This has increased the tonnages collected in December. One Trafford Partnership officers are monitoring tonnages carefully to see if the upwards trend continues into the 4th quarter, however, any significant variance in the heaviest waste stream (green waste) will be most reliant on favourable temperatures and weather conditions in the final quarter.

How can we make sure things get better?

- What activities have been or will be put in place to address underperformance? Make specific reference to action plans.
- When performance will be brought back on track?
- Assess the need for additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Identify the source of additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Consult with other services, staff, managers, relevant Members and partners.

The February Strategic Partnering Board meeting will scrutinise the One Trafford Partnership's Service Plan for delivery of all services in 16/17. This will include how they propose to increase recycling and decrease residual waste.

Amey are in the final stages of recruiting the Community Engagement Manager. This post and the junior posts that report to them are critical to the timely delivery of behavioural change initiatives necessary to divert waste streams from landfill. All vacancies will be in place by the end of March 2016.

In 2016, Amey intend to carry out a waste composition analysis of the grey bin contents, in order to identify and quantify the best waste streams to focus campaign resources. This information will ensure that targeted and purposeful campaigns can be developed.

In-Cab Technology will be up and running in all waste collection vehicles by the end of January 2016, providing regular and robust data around participation and contamination, helping the Partnership to target its engagement resources effectively.

Theme / Priority:	LOW COUNCIL TAX AND VALUE FOR MONEY				
Indicator / Measure detail:	Percentage of Business Rates collected				
Baseline:					
Target and timescale:	82.89%	Actual and timescale:	82.67%		

Why is performance at the current level?

- Is any variance within expected limits?
- Why has the variance occurred?
- Is further information available to give a more complete picture of performance?
- What performance is predicted for future periods?

The main factor contributing to the short fall is that there is a large amount of unpaid debt currently being challenged through the courts. It is known that the final court hearings will not take place in this financial year and therefore it is predicted that the performance will remain below the target

What difference does this make - the implications of not meeting target?

- Impact on service users/public.
- Impact on corporate priorities and plans.
- Impact on service/partner priorities.
- Impact on equalities, sustainability or efficiency

Can we move resources to support this or other priorities?

Cash Flow

How can we make sure things get better?

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- When performance will be brought back on track?
- Assess the need for additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Identify the source of additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Consult with other services, staff, managers, relevant Members and partners.

The outcome of the Court hearing will determine payment of the outstanding debt. These are complex cases and the timetable for the future hearings are set by the courts.

Theme / Priority:	LOW COUNCIL TAX AND VALUE FOR MONEY				
Indicator / Measure	!!				
detail:	Budget				
Baseline:					
Target and	£1.811m	Actual	£1.686m		
timescale:		and			
		timescale:			

Why is performance at the current level?

- Is any variance within expected limits?
- Why has the variance occurred?
- Is further information available to give a more complete picture of performance?
- What performance is predicted for future periods?

The current position reflects a reduction in forecasted outturn for 2015-16 arising from recent Valuation Office action in which it has either deleted / reduced rateable values, some of which are backdated to 1 April 2010.

What difference does this make - the implications of not meeting target?

- Impact on service users/public.
- Impact on corporate priorities and plans.
- Impact on service/partner priorities.
- Impact on equalities, sustainability or efficiency

Can we move resources to support this or other priorities?

It is expected that by the end of the financial year there will be an increase in rateable value associated with new properties e.g. Asda at Broadheath which will generated additional business rates in 2015/16 to meet the current shortfall.

How can we make sure things get better?

- What activities have been or will be put in place to address underperformance? Make specific reference to action plans.
- When performance will be brought back on track?
- Assess the need for additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Identify the source of additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Consult with other services, staff, managers, relevant Members and partners.

The performance of this measure is subject to the processing procedures and timetables of the Valuation Office and is out of the control of the Council.

Theme / Priority:	Low council tax and value for money
Indicator /	BV 12i
Measure:	
Indicator / Measure	Reduce the level of sickness absence (Council wide excluding schools)

detail:			
Baseline:			
Target and	9 days per annum	Actual	9.08 days (Q3 15/16)
timescale:		and	
		timescale:	

Why is performance at the current level?

- Is any variance within expected limits?
- Why has the variance occurred?
- Is further information available to give a more complete picture of performance?
- What performance is predicted for future periods?

At the end of Q1, 15/16, absence levels were at an average of 9.17 days lost per employee, which fell to 8.98 days per employee at the end of Q2 and has risen slightly to 9.08 at the end of Q3.

The overall target for 2015/16 is 9 days per employee and it is encouraging that to date, the level of absence has been stable around this level and the view is that we are on schedule to meet the target at year end. This is in comparison with previous years where absence levels have been significantly higher at this point in the year. For example, as at Q3 2013/14, absence levels were 9.7 days and as at Q3 2014/15, absence levels were 10.3 days.

During 2015/16, we have also seen an overall reduction in the number of long term sick cases which have reduced from 58 as at the end of Q1, to 51 as at Q2 and 41 as at the end of Q3. Targeted work has been undertaken to support managers to reduce levels of long term sickness; in addition, the reduction may also be linked to the Council's revised Sick Pay Scheme, which has reduced sickness benefits down from 6 months' full pay/6 months' half pay to a maximum of 3 months' full pay/3 months' half pay.

What difference does this make - the implications of not meeting target?

- Impact on service users/public.
- Impact on corporate priorities and plans.
- Impact on service/partner priorities.
- Impact on equalities, sustainability or efficiency

Can we move resources to support this or other priorities?

If sickness absence levels are high, then this has a significant impact on service delivery and costs at a time when the Council has to manage with limited resources. High absence levels also carry the indirect cost of increased workload pressure on colleagues of absent staff.

How can we make sure things get better?

- What activities have been or will be put in place to address underperformance? Make specific reference to action plans.
- When performance will be brought back on track?
- Assess the need for additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Identify the source of additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Consult with other services, staff, managers, relevant Members and partners.

During 2014/15, the HR Service delivered a significant number of management briefings to support managers to improve the attendance of their staff and these continue to be delivered on a targeted basis, as required. HR Business Partners also continue to work with managers to identify strategies for hot spot areas. It is considered that this intensive support is now helping to embed a culture of high performance and positive attendance

across the organisation. This work will continue.

In addition, an HR dashboard of key HR information is now shared with senior management on a quarterly basis. This dashboard provides details such as the top reasons for absence across the organisation and will further assist managers to develop high level strategies for addressing the types of absence that are prevalent in some service areas.

There is also challenge at a Member level, with Member Challenge meetings taking place across directorates on a quarterly basis.

Finally, as the Council continues to transform, a Change Management Strategy is in place to provide a wide range of support for staff, this includes regular communications, training and development, access to Health Management and the BDMA Counselling Service as well as access to regular health and wellbeing events and employment support through the Council's links with Job Centre Plus and Penna..

5.2 Economic Growth and Infrastructure

Theme / Priority:	Increase the Level of New Residential Development			
Indicator / Measure detail:	The Number of housing Units Started on Site			
Baseline:	New 2015/16 Indicator			
Target and timescale:	Q3 100 units	Actual and timescale:	Q3 15	

Why is performance at the current level?

- Is any variance within expected limits?
- Why has the variance occurred?
- Is further information available to give a more complete picture of performance?
- What performance is predicted for future periods?

This is a new indicator for 2015/16, it details that the Council has recorded 15 units starting on site during Qtr 3, with a total of 107 units after 9 months.

This activity suggests that development activity has dropped across the borough over the third quarter. It suggests performance in relation to this indicator in Quarter 4 will not be sufficient to meet the overall annual target.

What difference does this make – the implications of not meeting target?

- Impact on service users/public.
- Impact on corporate priorities and plans.
- Impact on service/partner priorities.
- Impact on equalities, sustainability or efficiency

Can we move resources to support this or other priorities?

The main implication of not meeting this target is that it is the impact on our ability to meet relevant corporate priorities and plans, especially in relation to creating housing stock required to meet local housing needs. It also impacts on the Council's regeneration aspiration, continuing inequality in access to new housing and providing new growth in sustainable locations.

Low delivery of housing also impacts on the receipt of New Homes Bonus and new Council Tax and drawing down the GM Housing Investment

How can we make sure things get better 3ge 55

- What activities have been or will be put in place to address underperformance? Make specific reference to action plans.
- When performance will be brought back on track?
- Assess the need for additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Identify the source of additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Consult with other services, staff, managers, relevant Members and partners.

Improvements in data collection methods and the introduction of new indicators have been made and are contributing to the availability of more up-to-date information being available to monitor housing development in the borough.

A process of more regular site surveys has also been introduced to ensure the Council has a comprehensive understanding of the current housing situation in terms of what is in the pipeline (with planning permission) and what developments have been completed.

As reported elsewhere in the monitoring report, the Council granted planning permission for 249 units in Q1, 328 in Q2 and 324 in Q3 monitoring periods. Together this equates to 901 units with planning permission in the first 9 months of the year. When compared against the annualised housing land target of 578 units per annum (set in the adopted Trafford Core Strategy), suggests that the number of sites with extant planning permissions cannot be viewed as an impediment to the delivery of new residential development

The Council continues to work with GM Place and GM Housing Fund to identify opportunities for funding of schemes, with approval already in place for two Trafford sites (both of which have planning permission). One of these developments is scheduled to start on site by March 2016. The Council also continues to work in partnership with Himor and Peel to bring forward the development of, respectively, the Carrington and Trafford Waters strategic development sites. The Strategic Growth Team will be reviewing extant planning permissions to identify impediments to delivery and to support developers to bring sites forward.

Theme / Priority:	Increase the Level of New Residential Development			
Indicator / Measure detail:	The number of housing completions			
Baseline:	New 2015/16 Indicator			
Target and timescale:	Q3 90 units	Actual and timescale:	Q3 72	

Why is performance at the current level?

- Is any variance within expected limits?
- Why has the variance occurred?
- Is further information available to give a more complete picture of performance?
- What performance is predicted for future periods?

This is a new indicator for 2015/16, it details that the Council has recorded 72 residential units completed during Qtr 3, with a total of 207 completions after 9 months.

This activity, together with the reduction in starts on sites (see separate indicator) suggests that development activity has across the borough has concentrated on completions over the third quarter.

What difference does this make – the implications of not meeting target?

- Impact on service users/public.
- Impact on corporate priorities and plans.
- Impact on service/partner priorities.
- Impact on equalities, sustainability or efficiency

Can we move resources to support this or other priorities?

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How can we make sure things get better?

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The Strategic Growth Services is to carry out work over the coming months, as a priority, to identify impediments to the delivery of extant planning permissions. This work to bring forward more sites in Trafford over the coming months will include the identification of opportunities for the funding of new housing schemes through the GM Place and GM Housing Investment Fund initiatives.

5.3 Safe Place to Live - Fighting Crime

Theme / Priority:	SAFE PLACE TO LIVE - FIG	HTING CRIME		
Indicator / Measure detail:	Increase community confidence in partnership working within our town centres by 5%			
Baseline:				
Target and timescale:	Sale- annual and Q3 = 90%	Actual and timescale:	Sale 77% Q3	

Why is performance at the current level?

- Is any variance within expected limits?
- Why has the variance occurred?
- Is further information available to give a more complete picture of performance?
- What performance is predicted for future periods?

Progress is back on track and moving in the right direction towards the annual target of 90%, following a dip in performance in Q2 (from 83% to 75%). General confidence levels in Sale Town centre are high particularly in relation to residents being willing to report crimes and incidents (almost 100%). However there is currently an issue with the low % of residents surveyed stating they would be willing to work with police and other agencies to resolve issues which might have some bearing on overall confidence levels in the town centre.

What difference does this make – the implications of not meeting target?

• Impact on service users/public.

- Impact on corporate priorities and plans.
- Impact on service/partner priorities.
- Impact on equalities, sustainability or efficiency

Can we move resources to support this or other priorities?

The overall target in the Crime strategy is a mean average across all town centres which we are confident will be reached. However each town centre is also monitored individually through the perception survey commissioned by GMP.

How can we make sure things get better?

- What activities have been or will be put in place to address underperformance? Make specific reference to action plans.
- When performance will be brought back on track?
- Assess the need for additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Identify the source of additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Consult with other services, staff, managers, relevant Members and partners.

This target for all town centres forms part of the action plan for the new Safer Trafford Managing Crime and Community Confidence sub-group and where there are issues partnership action is taken to address them. Sale Town Centre will be discussed at the meeting in early February and will be raised through the Town Centre Partnership. In addition Safer Trafford is about to launch a Safer grants initiative to seed fund ideas residents might have to improve community safety and public confidence in the town centres and in neighbourhoods. We hope to attract ideas which will improve public perception of how the police and council are dealing with crime and ASB in town centres.

Theme / Priority:	SAFE PLACE TO LIVE – FIGHTING CRIME				
Indicator / Measure detail:	Increase community confidence in partnership working within our town centres by 5%				
Baseline:					
Target and	Stretford– annual and Q3	Actual	Stretford 75% Q3		
timescale:	= 78%	and			
		timescale:			

Why is performance at the current level?

- Is any variance within expected limits?
- Why has the variance occurred?
- Is further information available to give a more complete picture of performance?
- What performance is predicted for future periods?

Progress is back on track and moving in the right direction towards the annual target of 78%, following a dip in performance in Q2 (63%). General confidence levels are high, particularly in relation to residents being willing to report incidents and being prepared to work with police and council to help resolved them (over 90% consistently for Stretford Town centre)

What difference does this make – the implications of not meeting target?

- Impact on service users/public.
- Impact on corporate priorities and plans.
- Impact on service/partner priorities.
- Impact on equalities, sustainability or efficiency

Can we move resources to support this or other priorities?

At this stage we remain confident the target will be reached

How can we make sure things get better?

- What activities have been or will be put in place to address underperformance? Make specific reference to action plans.
- When performance will be brought back on track?
- Assess the need for additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Identify the source of additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Consult with other services, staff, managers, relevant Members and partners.

This target for all town centres forms part of the action plan for the new Safer Trafford Managing Crime and Community Confidence sub-group and where there are issues partnership action is taken to address them.

5.4 Health and Wellbeing

Theme / Priority:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING		
Indicator / Measure	Delayed Transfers of Care attributable to Adult Social Care per		
detail:	100,000 pop 18+ (ASCOF 2Cii)		
Baseline:			
Target and	<7.9	Actual and	10.57
timescale:		timescale:	

Why is performance at the current level?

- Is any variance within expected limits?
- Why has the variance occurred?
- Is further information available to give a more complete picture of performance?
- What performance is predicted for future periods?

There is a historical pattern of high delayed discharges from University Hospital South Manchester (UHSM) that is due to a range of complex factors. Data is currently outside of expected tolerance limits but it is not unusual and or specific to Trafford as South Manchester are also experiencing increased discharges with patients from other areas, including Manchester. There are seasonal variations which also need to be accounted for.

. An upward trend in delayed discharges is being experienced nationally and Greater Manchester has also seen significant activity increases across acute hospitals this quarter which adds to the pressure.

The 'over' performance is attributed to a number of factors as listed below:

- Some homecare providers have insufficient provision for business continuity to cover peak periods due to recruitment difficulties. This leaves them with poor staffing levels and a limited ability to take new packages, putting further stress on an already limited workforce. We are working with providers to resolve this and have been commissioning new providers since August 2015..
- The Stabilise and Make Safe (SAMS) provision has been operational from early December 2015. While it is too early to be able to gauge its direct impact on DToC, early indications have been positive. We expect this new service to a have a positive impact over the remainder of the year and more capacity will be created in SAMS to take more patients out of hospital quickly.
- A review has shown that the flow of Trafford patients from acute settings, and expectations of future service established by clinicians in hospitals are not always appropriate or sustainable. An action plan is in place with UHSM to try and resolve this issue.
- There is an ongoing lack of intermediate care beds in Trafford which is putting additional pressure on other types of care packages thus increasing delayed discharge volumes. This is recognised by Trafford CCG and we are working with them on a pilot to increase capacity in 2016 (increased capacity by 15 beds).
- There have been substantial challenges with recording in line with national definitions i.e. consistency of approach/interpretation being an issue across the hospitals.

Overall, the factors that result in a delayed discharge are complex and start almost at the point of admission. There is no one set of data that definitively indicates how/where the problem can be solved. Therefore there is no one definitive solution.

Significant work is underway between ourselves, UHSM and Trafford CCG to review the processes in place from admission onwards, including requiring the acute providers to look at their own processes as well as medical bed capacity. A full action plan is in place with UHSM and Trafford CCG, and its impact will be monitored over the coming months.

What difference does this make - the implications of not meeting target?

- Impact on service users/public.
- Impact on corporate priorities and plans.

- Impact on service/partner priorities.
- Impact on equalities, sustainability or efficiency

Can we move resources to support this or other priorities?

- Patients remain in hospital longer than necessary which may impact on their independence and recovery.
- The council will incur a financial cost for Social Services attributable delays.
- The reputation of the organisation is affected negatively
- The delays contribute to pressures on bed availability during this period although it should be noted that the hospital have also reduced the bed availability over the last 12 months.
- The acute providers ability to maintain NHS targets is compromised

Intervention measures have been put in place in the short term to improve flow and new Homecare providers were awarded contracts to reduce the continuous demand.

Pennine Care continues to support and facilitate discharge for some patients via their Health Care support workers to expedite discharge, where possible.

How can we make sure things get better?

- What activities have been or will be put in place to address underperformance? Make specific reference to action plans.
- When performance will be brought back on track?
- Assess the need for additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Identify the source of additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Consult with other services, staff, managers, relevant Members and partners.
 - Additional capacity has been brought to the Homecare market with 5 new providers being added to the framework from December 2015. This has resulted in a significant improvement in access in recent months. It is anticipated that the situation will continue to improve and will reduce the number of delayed transfers towards the target.
 - Further procurement is being considered for additional capacity
 - A full agreed action plan is in place as described to address findings from an earlier review re. delays in the system. This is monitored regularly.
 - A Contact Officer has commenced work at the hospital on 5th October 2015 to help reduce the number
 of inappropriate referrals into the social work team within hospitals. An interim evaluation of the impact
 of this role on delayed discharge will commence this week.
 - There are 2 additional re-ablement staff based within the team at UHSM to improve and co-ordinate the appropriate flow of service users into the Stabilise and Make Safe service to reduce the burden on homecare.
 - A dedicated SEA has been appointed to carry out the 6-week out of hospital review.
 - The GM Social Care Work stream pilot involving Manchester and Stockport Social Care colleagues is working to develop an integrated cross-border model and greater peer review. The next meeting of this group is scheduled for 4th March 2016.
 - A Head of Independence is supporting the implementation of transformation projects within operational services. One of the priorities will be to understand, review and re-design the Social care processes within the hospital SW team.
 - A review of intermediate care capacity has highlighted a capacity shortage. We are working closely with the CCG on a pilot to address this.
 - Education and awareness raising sessions for clinicians and other hospital staff has commenced to ensure that an informed referral process to Social Care

Theme / Priority:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING	
Indicator / Measure detail:	Permanent admissions of older people to Residential / Nursing care.	
Baseline:	Over target at Quarter 3 (226 actual v. 186 target) and as lower is better, RAG rated as RED	
Target and	Page 60 Actual	
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timescale:	186	and	226
		timescale:	

Why is performance at the current level?

- Is any variance within expected limits?
- Why has the variance occurred?
- Is further information available to give a more complete picture of performance?
- What performance is predicted for future periods?

The reason for the Quarter 3 'over' performance (lower is better) is partly due to a change of definition within the ASCOF framework for measuring this indicator between 2014-15 and 2015-16. This has led to higher actual relative to target that originally anticipated when setting the target for 2015/16.

Operationally, the service is looking at the value for money aspect of placements, with some people's needs being better meet in a setting with access to a higher level of support to ensure safety. This can be best meet in residential or nursing care.

The other factor re. the higher volume increase between Quarter 2 actual (103) and quarter 3 actual (186) is seasonal as we have seen an increase in residential and nursing admissions over the last 3 months. This often occurs as winter pressure and activity increases at this time of year. It is likely to settle down as we come out of the winter months.

Finally, every case is scrutinised at panel and the criteria for admissions are tight. However, we have noted more cases being presented in 2015/16 that are meeting the criteria for funding with less self-funding cases.

What difference does this make - the implications of not meeting target?

- Impact on service users/public.
- Impact on corporate priorities and plans.
- Impact on service/partner priorities.
- Impact on equalities, sustainability or efficiency

Can we move resources to support this or other priorities?

There is likely to be a financial impact of this performance 'over' target but this is mitigated by the fact that after the application of robust admission criteria at panel, there is an obligation to meet the admission needs of individuals accessing this service.

How can we make sure things get better?

- What activities have been or will be put in place to address underperformance? Make specific reference to action plans.
- When performance will be brought back on track?
- Assess the need for additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Identify the source of additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Consult with other services, staff, managers, relevant Members and partners.

Continue applying robust criteria for admission at panel and allow for the seasonal effect to work its way through the system.

5.5 Supporting Young People

Theme / Priority:	Supporting Young People		
Indicator /	Percentage of pupils act	nieving Level 4+	in Reading, Writing and
Measure:	Maths at Key Stage 2		
Indicator / Measure			
detail:			
Baseline:	87%, Summer 2014		
Target and timescale:	88%, Summer 2015	Actual and	86%, Summer 2015
	Pac	timescale:	

Why is performance at the current level?

- Is any variance within expected limits?
- Why has the variance occurred?
- Is further information available to give a more complete picture of performance?
- What performance is predicted for future periods?

Variance is within expected limits

The decline from 87% to 86% is not statistically significant

At 86%, performance was still the 6th highest in the country (out of 150 Local Authorities)

Performance in 2016 predicted to be broadly similar

What difference does this make - the implications of not meeting target?

- Impact on service users/public.
- Impact on corporate priorities and plans.
- Impact on service/partner priorities.
- Impact on equalities, sustainability or efficiency

Can we move resources to support this or other priorities?

No impact on any of the above No need to re-allocate resources

How can we make sure things get better?

- What activities have been or will be put in place to address underperformance? Make specific reference to action plans.
- When performance will be brought back on track?
- Assess the need for additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Identify the source of additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Consult with other services, staff, managers, relevant Members and partners.

N/A

Theme / Priority:	Supporting Young People	2	
Indicator /	Percentage of pupils achiev	/ina 5A*-C ara	ades at GCSE, including
Measure:	English and Maths		
Indicator / Measure			
detail:			
Baseline:	72%, Summer 2014		
Target and	72.5%, Summer 2015	Actual	70.7 %, Summer 2015
timescale:		and	
		timescale:	

Why is performance at the current level?

- Is any variance within expected limits?
- Why has the variance occurred?

- Is further information available to give a more complete picture of performance?
- What performance is predicted for future periods?

Variance is within expected limits

The decline from 72% to 70.7% is not statistically significant

At 70.7% performance was still very significantly above national average (56%) and the highest in the North West

Performance in 2016 is predicted to be broadly similar.

What difference does this make - the implications of not meeting target?

- Impact on service users/public.
- Impact on corporate priorities and plans.
- Impact on service/partner priorities.
- Impact on equalities, sustainability or efficiency

Can we move resources to support this or other priorities?

No impact on any of the above No need to re-allocate resources

How can we make sure things get better?

- What activities have been or will be put in place to address underperformance? Make specific reference to action plans.
- When performance will be brought back on track?
- Assess the need for additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Identify the source of additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Consult with other services, staff, managers, relevant Members and partners.

N/A

Theme / Priority:	Supporting Young People	<u>e</u>	
Indicator /	Percentage of pupils achie	ving 5A*-C gra	ades at GCSE, including
Measure:	English and Maths, who are last 6 years (Ever 6)	e eligible for F	SM or have been within the
Indicator / Measure detail:			
Baseline:	44%, Summer 2014		
Target and timescale:	46%, Summer 2015	Actual and timescale:	37.6%, Summer 2015

Why is performance at the current level?

- Is any variance within expected limits?
- Why has the variance occurred?

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- Is further information available to give a more complete picture of performance?
- What performance is predicted for future periods?

The variance is not within expected limits. However, the attainment of disadvantaged pupils in Trafford remains 3 percentage points above the attainment of disadvantaged pupils nationally.

The decline in performance was due, primarily, to a decline in the overall attainment of disadvantaged pupils in non-selective schools. 86% of such pupils attend non-selective schools.

The majority of the 18 mainstream secondary schools, including mainstream non selective schools, are academies and therefore outside the jurisdiction of the Local Authority. In some cases this limits our ability to influence these schools to promote the attainment of disadvantaged pupils.

Promoting the attainment of disadvantaged pupils has been a high priority within the Education Standards Service since September 2013 at all stages of education – early years, primary and secondary. However, the attainment of pupils at GCSE is a result of their progress over their entire school career. At early years and primary levels we have seen very significant rises in the attainment of disadvantaged pupils to a level significantly above national averages. We believe that over the next few years, as these pupils move through secondary education, we will see a significant rise in their attainment at GCSE level.

What difference does this make - the implications of not meeting target?

- Impact on service users/public.
- Impact on corporate priorities and plans.
- Impact on service/partner priorities.
- Impact on equalities, sustainability or efficiency

Can we move resources to support this or other priorities?

Although the decline in performance is disappointing, disadvantaged pupil attainment in Trafford remains three percentage points above the attainment of disadvantaged pupils nationally

Raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils is already one of the highest priorities within the Education Standards Service

How can we make sure things get better?

- What activities have been or will be put in place to address underperformance? Make specific reference to action plans.
- When performance will be brought back on track?
- Assess the need for additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Identify the source of additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Consult with other services, staff, managers, relevant Members and partners.

An action plan to address this issue was compiled in September and is being implemented.

The Head of Service has personally met with the Headteachers of all schools where the attainment of disadvantaged pupils is a cause for concern, including academies. School Action Plans have been requested and received from most schools.

Senior leaders from all these schools have met together to agree strategies with input from external "experts" on raising the attainment of disadvantaged pupils.

A bid for funding to help address the issue has been submitted to the Education Endowment Fund.

The issue is now a standing agenda item at the Secondary Heads meetings, Secondary Deputies meetings and at the Secondary Assistant Heads Teaching and Learning Network.

Senior leaders from targeted schools are booked to attend training commissioned by the Greater Manchester Learning Partnership.

Support for targeted schools is being enlisted from several of the Teaching Schools in Trafford, including a bid to the NCTL for additional funding.

Theme / Priority:	Supporting Young People		
Indicator / Measure	Children in Care Long Term Placement Stability		
detail:			
Baseline:	77.9% at March 2015		
Target and	80% at March 2016	Actual	76.0% at Q3 2015/16
timescale:		and	(December)
		timescale:	

Why is performance at the current level?

- Is any variance within expected limits?
- Why has the variance occurred?
- Is further information available to give a more complete picture of performance?
- What performance is predicted for future periods?

Performance in this area continues to be very positive and is above the last published national average which is 67% and that that of our statistical neighbours at 63%

The variance relates to a small number of children who have changed placement. These placement changes have for a percentage of children been appropriate and in keeping with the individual care plans of the child. There is an on-going challenge relating to both a national shortage of placements in secure children's homes and placements for children with complex and challenging behaviour and this has ,at times, made finding suitable and stable placements for a small cohort of complex children difficult

It is predicted that performance is likely to remain around the mid-70's for future periods. In the long-term the figure is likely to continue to be negatively affected by the continuing predicted increase in the overall LAC population and more particularly by the increase in the numbers that make up this cohort.

What difference does this make – the implications of not meeting target?

- Impact on service users/public.
- Impact on corporate priorities and plans.
- Impact on service/partner priorities.
- Impact on equalities, sustainability or efficiency

Can we move resources to support this or other priorities?

The outturn for this indicator continues to be very positive when compared to statistical neighbours. The provision of stable long-term placements is central to the individual success of children in care and is a key priority of Trafford's Placement strategy.

Progress against this indicator is monitored at both the Corporate Parenting Board and at the Monthly Directors Safeguarding meeting. The provision of long term stable placements to children in care is a priority which is shared by the whole Council.

How can we make sure things get better?

- What activities have been or will be put in place to address underperformance? Make specific reference to action plans.
- When performance will be brought back on track?
- Assess the need for additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Identify the source of additional resources/funding/training/investment.
- Consult with other services, staff, managers, relevant Members and partners.

Trafford's placement strategy is continuing to be implemented.

The issue of placements for children with complex and challenging behaviour will be taken up at

the CFW Business Delivery Group.

The national shortage of secure placement is being taken up by the Association of Directors of Children's Services (ADCS).

The ADCS group have been progressing an approach which would involve a greater degree of coordination between relevant government departments in the commissioning of welfare secure beds and in Trafford we are currently participating in an exercise to model and capture national demand for such placements

A key area of placement development activity is the recruitment of more foster carers for both older children and sibling groups. A targeted foster care recruitment campaign was launched in May and it is hoped that this will enhance Trafford's capacity to provide long term stable foster placements to this cohort of children.

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Scrutiny Committee

Date: 16 March 2016 Report for: Information

Report of: Democratic and Performance Services Manager

Report Title

Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2015/16 – Updated.

Purpose

This report sets out the updated work programme for the 2015/16 municipal year.

Recommendations

That the work programme be noted.

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Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – 2015/16 - Updated

Date of Meeting	Topic		
17 June, 2015.	 2015/16 Scrutiny Committee Work Programme JVC Update Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs) 		
1 October, 2015.	 Education (Children) Home to School Transport Budget Scrutiny - Process for 2015/16 ADP Report (Quarter 1) 		
18 November, 2015.	 Budget Presentation by the Leader ADP Report (Quarter 2) Ombudsman Report Management of Impact of Reductions in Financial and ICT Support Services Town Centres – Update Community Asset Framework Update on Community Safety Initiatives - (including Doorstep Crime, Domestic Abuse, Safer Trafford Partnership) 		
27 January, 2016.	 One Trafford Partnership (JVC) Update Universal Credit Update Cycling Review – Progress Executive Response to Home to School Transport Report Budget Scrutiny Report to Executive 		
16 March, 2016.	 Executive's Feedback on Budget Scrutiny Report Provision of Leisure within Trafford School Crossing Patrols ADP Report (Quarter 3) Closing the Gap Task and Finish Group – Report 		

Possible additions to the programme:

• Library Closures.