
PERFORMANCE REPORT 2ND QUARTER 2010/11

Purpose of Report

1. For members of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to:
 - (a) scrutinise the four service plans for which this Committee is responsible for monitoring, i.e. Children & Families, Early Intervention & Prevention, Planning & Resources and School Improvement & Development, and;
 - (b) scrutinise those elements of the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS), One Darlington : Perfectly Placed for which the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee have responsibility.

Summary

2. Since the last report (13 September 2010) there have been significant changes made to the national performance framework. In particular the national indicator set (NIS) has been abolished as has the Local Area Agreement. The Government has said that they intend to introduce a list of data that local authorities will have to return to them. The intention is that this will operate from April 2011, although the content of this data set is not yet known. This report therefore only covers the four service plans and the Sustainable Community Strategy.
3. This report includes analysis of data available at quarter 2 2010/11 and also uses the latest data available represented in the pie charts, although the overall status of the service plans will just be based on quarter 2 data as will the exception reporting.
4. The overall aggregated target for the four service plans is being achieved, with the Children & Families plan showing below target performance. Data is available for 84 out of 141 indicators at quarter 2 with 18 performing above target, 44 on target and 22 below target. Using latest data for the 141 indicators in the four service plans 28 (20%) are above target, 79 (56%) on target and 30 (21%) are showing below target performance. Data is not available for four indicators.
5. There are nine indicators performing below target in Children & Families:
 - (a) Looked after children absent from school.
 - (b) Looked after children who had been looked after continuously for at least 2.5 years who were living in the same placement for at least 2 years.
 - (c) Adoptions of looked after children.
 - (d) The percentage of initial assessments for children's social care carried out within seven days.
 - (e) Stability of placements of looked after children - number of moves.

- (f) Children looked after for 4 years or more who were in a foster care placement for 2 years or more.
 - (g) Child protection plans lasting two years or more.
 - (h) Children becoming the subject of a child protection plan for a second or subsequent time.
 - (i) Gap between special educational need pupils and their peers at Key Stage 2 English and maths threshold.
6. There are five indicators performing below target in the Early Intervention & Prevention service plan:
- (a) Percentage of half day sessions missed due to total absence in primary schools.
 - (b) Adult learners from targeted wards.
 - (c) Percentage of schools achieving National Healthy Schools Status.
 - (d) Secondary school persistent absence rate.
 - (e) 16-18 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEET).
7. In Planning and Resources service plan there is one indicator performing below target:
- (a) Percentage satisfied with the handling of their complaints.
8. There are seven indicators below target in the School Improvement & Development service plan:
- (a) The percentage of permanently excluded pupils provided with more than 21 hours of alternative tuition.
 - (b) Percentage of childminders judged as good or better by Ofsted.
 - (c) The percentage of pupils achieving at least 5 GCSE A*-C including English and maths.
 - (d) Narrowing the gap between lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage and the rest.
 - (e) Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at Key Stage 2.
 - (f) Key stage 2 attainment for BME groups - Gypsy, Roma and Travellers of Irish heritage.
 - (g) Key stage 4 attainment for BME groups – Gypsy, Roma and Travellers of Irish heritage.
9. Data is also presented for this Committee's scrutiny responsibilities with regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS).
10. Three indicators are reporting performance for the SCS at quarter 2: the percentage of pupils achieving five or more GCSE grades A*-C including English and Mathematics and the achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at Key Stage 2 are performing below target. The indicator measuring the achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at Key Stage 4 is performing above target.

Recommendations

11. Members are asked to:

- (a) consider performance against the service plans and use this to inform their scrutiny of services;
- (b) set up task and finish groups as necessary to scrutinise performance in identified services and/or for individual performance indicators as decided;
- (c) consider performance against the Sustainable Community Strategy for those indicators which the Committee is responsible for scrutinising and note the overall performance, with reasons for under performance detailed in **Appendix 1**.

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Director of People

Background Papers

Service Plans

David Goodchild: Extension 2015

S17 Crime and Disorder	Relevant service plan(s) contribute to reducing crime and disorder, for example absenteeism from school
Health and Well Being	Relevant service plan(s) contribute to health and well-being impact on young people in terms of learning and health
Sustainability	Relevant service plans contribute to sustainability
Diversity	There is no specific diversity impact.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected equally.
Groups Affected	All groups are affected equally.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not recommend a change to the Council's budget or policy framework.
Efficiency	The service plans are integral to delivering services efficiently (and effectively) although this report does not identify specific efficiency savings.
Key Decision	This is not classed as a key decision and has not been included in the forward plan.
Urgent Decision	For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	This report highlights areas of performance linked to the Sustainable Community Strategy.

MAIN REPORT

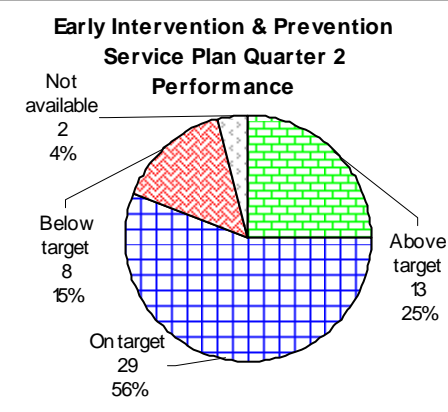
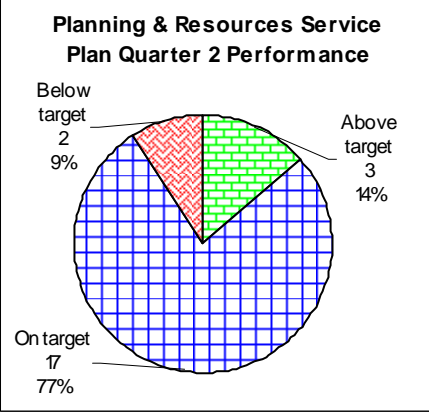
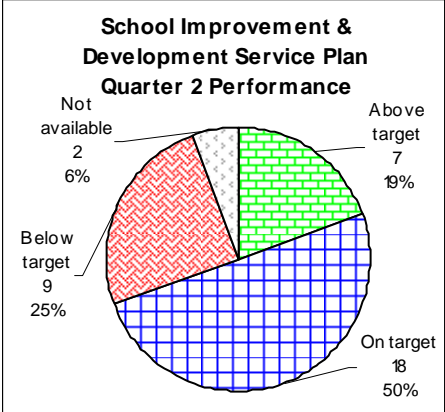
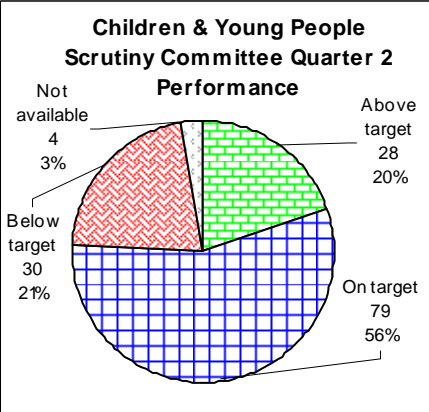
Information and Analysis

12. For 2010/11 the service plans that this Committee has responsibility for monitoring are Children & Families, Early Intervention & Prevention, Planning & Resources and School Improvement & Development.

13. Since the last report (13 September 2010) there have been significant changes made to the national performance framework. In particular the national indicator set (NIS) has been abolished as has the Local Area Agreement. The Government has said that they intend to introduce a list of data that local authorities will have to return to them. The intention is that this will operate from April 2011, although the content of this data set is not yet known. It is important to note that although the NIS has been abolished, data for many of these indicators is currently still collected until Government decides which will still be required. A number have already been discontinued including all those collected through the Place Survey. The 2010 Community Survey has also not taken place. This report therefore only covers the four service plans and the Sustainable Community Strategy. The service plans were developed when the NIS was in place and therefore still use NI references. In terms of service planning therefore 2010/11 represents a transition between regimes and the exact format of the new regime is still emerging, although it is likely to be much less prescriptive.

14. Overall, aggregated performance of the four service plans is on target as are the individual service plans apart from Children & Families which is showing below target performance. The pie charts show the latest information that may not relate to quarter 2.

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Trend information

15. Performance against target and trend is summarised in the following table. The trend column shows the trend from the same quarter in the previous year. In-year quarter trend data may be based on limited number of indicators.

Service Plan	Quarter 3 2009/10		Quarter 4 2009/10		Quarter 1 2010/11		Quarter 2 2010/11	
	Alert	Trend	Alert	Trend	Alert	Trend	Alert	Trend
Children & Families	●	↑	●	↑	●	↑	▲	↓
Early Intervention & Prevention	★	↑	★	↓	★	↑	●	↓
Planning & Resources	●	↑	●	↑	●	↑	●	↑
School Improvement & Development	●	↑	●	↑	▲	↓	●	↑
Children and Young People	●	↑	●	↑	●	↑	●	↓

Areas of underperformance

16. There are 22 indicators showing below target performance as detailed with reasons in **Appendix 1**.

Sustainable Community Strategy – One Darlington : Perfectly Placed

17. This report gives a high level overview of performance against relevant indicators contained within the Sustainable Community Strategy. Of 15 high level indicators contained within the Strategy, four (one has two parts) are linked to Children & Young People Scrutiny.
18. Data is available for three indicators at quarter 2 with two reporting below target and one on target performance.

			Qtr 2	Latest data
One Darlington : Perfectly Placed – Sustainable Community Strategy (overall across all Scrutiny Committees)			●	●
- Sustainable Community Strategy – Children & Young People contribution			●	▲
SCS indicator	Target	Actual	Qtr 2	Latest data
- NI 075 Achievement of 5 or more GCSE including English and mathematics	59.2	54.5	▲	▲

- NI 082 Inequality gap in the achievement of a Level 2 qualification by age 19	56.2	N/A	N/A	●
- NI 102i Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at Key Stage 2	20.5	25.2	▲	▲
- NI 102ii Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at Key Stage 4	31.0	23.8	★	★
- NI 112 Under 18 conception rate (percentage change over baseline)	-55	N/A	N/A	▲







19. A list of indicators in each service plan linked is in **Appendix 2**. This list contains the latest performance data if current data is not available including applicable dates. Question marks will still appear if there is no data in the system.

Conclusion

20. Overall performance is on target for the four service plans, although the Children & Families plan is reporting under target performance.

LIST OF INDICATORS WHERE TARGETS NOT BEING ACHIEVED AND LIST OF SERVICE PLAN INDICATORS FOR THIS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

EXPLANATION OF SYMBOLS

YTD	Performance Year to Date
	Above target performance
	On target performance
	Below target performance
?	No actual data
!	No target data
Trend (same period previous year)	Performance trend from the same period in the previous year
	Performance improving (represented by a tick)
	No change in performance
	Performance declining (represented by a cross)
?	No data