**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
PERFORMANCE REPORT 3RD QUARTER 2008/09**

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, Partnerships, Planning & Resources and School Improvement, and;

    (b) scrutinise those elements of the Sustainable Community Strategy, One Darlington : Perfectly Placed and Local Area Agreement for which the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee have responsibility for.

Summary

2. This report is the first in a refreshed approach to reporting performance to Scrutiny. This includes dedicated monitoring of those indicators contained within the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement that are relevant to this Committee.

3. The overall aggregated target for the four service plans is being achieved; however for just over a third of indicators (36%) no data is available for reporting. This is due to many indicators only reporting annually.

4. There are 29 indicators showing below target performance: seven in Children & Families, five in Partnerships, two in Planning & Resources and 15 in School Improvement. The 29 indictors includes six measuring Key Stage 3 performance that have been deleted by Government but which are included in this report because data is available for Darlington. In Children & Families some of the indicators have a low number of cases so that just one or two cases can mean that the target is missed. The below target indicators relate to youth justice and care assessments. For Partnerships, the indicators relate to adult learners in targeted wards, schools reaching nationally health schools status, extended schools and 16 to 18 years not in employment, education and training (NEET). In terms of the Planning and Resources service plan the indicators concern schools' satisfaction with home to school transport and schools with excess places. For School Improvement the indicators measure excluded pupils receiving alternative provision, permanent exclusions, attainment and progression and the achievement gap between those pupils with disadvantaged circumstances and their peers. More detail of specific indicators and the reasons for these areas of underperformance and how the impact on the service plan performance status is detailed in the main report.

5. Data is also presented for this committee's scrutiny responsibilities as regard the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) and Local Area Agreement (LAA). For the SCS,

data is available for two of four indicators. One target is not being achieved, that for the achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at Key Stage 4. As regards the LAA there are 22 applicable indicators (including those Key Stage 3 deleted from the NIS but included here) of which data is available for 18 with seven showing under target performance, primarily to do with education achievement and progression.

6. Finally, those national indicators aligned to the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee are presented, with any areas of underperformance highlighted.

Recommendations

7. 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 and Local Area Agreement for those indicators which the Committee is responsible for scrutinising and note the overall performance, with reasons for under performance detailed in **Appendix 1,** and ;
   (d) note the performance of all national indicators linked to all scrutiny committees where data is available, as outlined in **Appendix 2.**

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Background Papers

Service Plans and Service Plan Posters
PerformancePlus system

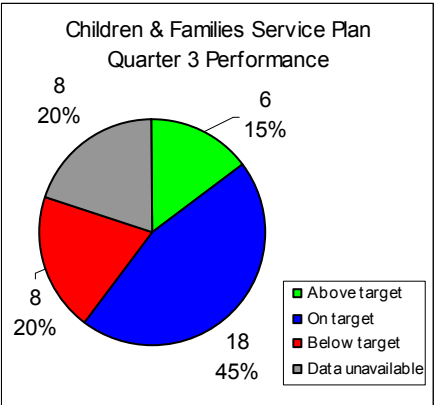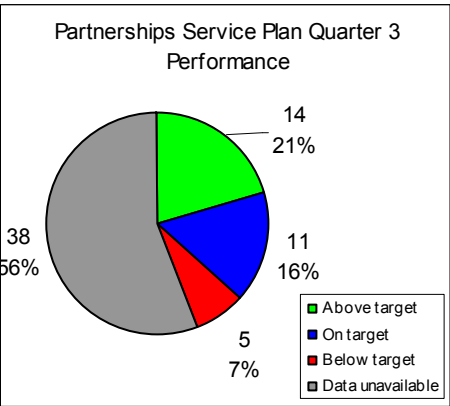David Goodchild: Extension 2015

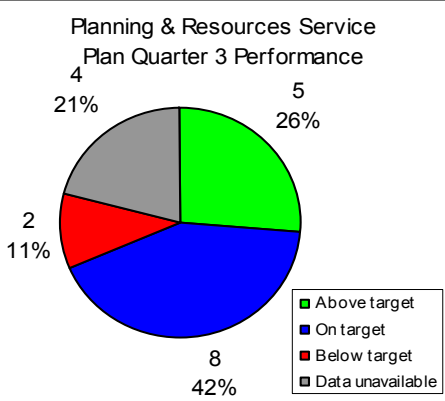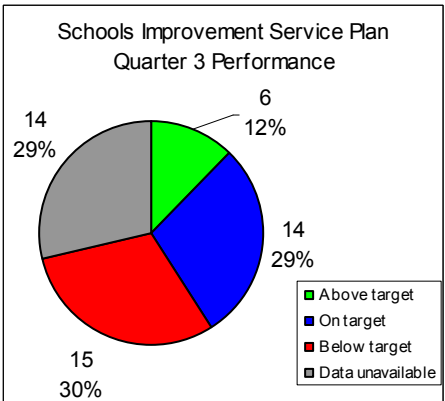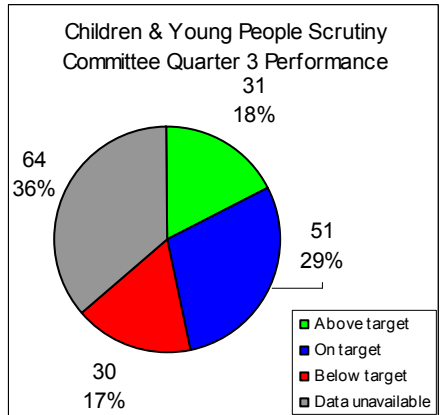| S17 Crime and Disorder | Relevant service plan(s) contribute to reducing crime and disorder |
Health and Well Being	Relevant service plan(s) contribute to health and well-being impact
Sustainability	Relevant service plans contribute to sustainability
Diversity	There is no specific diversity impact.
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

8. For 2008/09 the service plans that this committee have responsibility for monitoring are Children & Families, Partnerships, Planning & Resources and School Improvement.

9. Overall, aggregated performance of the four service plans is on target as are the individual service plans.

Service Plan	Status	Chart
Children & Families	🔵	Children & Families Service Plan Quarter 3 Performance 8 20% 6 15% 8 20% 18 45% ■ Above target ■ On target ■ Below target ■ Data unavailable
Partnerships	🔵	Partnerships Service Plan Quarter 3 Performance 14 21% 38 56% 11 16% 5 7% ■ Above target ■ On target ■ Below target ■ Data unavailable

Planning & Resources		Planning & Resources Service Plan Quarter 3 Performance

School Improvement		Schools Improvement Service Plan Quarter 3 Performance

Children & Young People (Overall service view)		Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee Quarter 3 Performance

10. A number of NIs relating to assessment at Key Stage 3 have been deleted by Government and these are still included in this report. It should be noted that at this stage of reporting at quarter three, there is no available data for 36% of indicators, due to annual collection.

Trend information

11. 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 and should be treated with caution as this is the first year of the NIS and not all indicators have trend data.

	Quarter 1 2008/09		Quarter 2 2008/09		Quarter 3 2008/09	
Service Plan	Alert	Trend	Alert	Trend	Alert	Trend
Children & Families	▲	↓	🔵	↓	🔵	↓

Partnerships	🔵	⬇	🔵	⬇	🔵	⬇
Planning & Resources	🔵	⬇	🔵	⬇	🔵	⬇
School Improvement	🔵	⬆	🔵	⬇	🔵	⬇

Children & Young People	🔵	⬇	🔵	⬇	🔵	⬇

Areas of underperformance

12.   There are a total of 29 indicators currently below target, reasons for which are detailed in **Appendix 2**.

Sustainable Community Strategy – One Darlington : Perfectly Placed

13.   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.

14.   Of the four indicators, two are currently reporting performance, with part of NI 102ii (achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at Key Stage 4) below target as noted earlier in the report.

(i)	**One Darlington : Perfectly Placed – Sustainable Community Strategy (overall across all Scrutiny Committees)**	🔺
	- Sustainable Community Strategy – Children & Young People contribution	🔵
	- NI 075 Achievement of 5 or more GCSE including English and Maths	🔵
	- NI 082 Inequality gap in the achievement of a Level 2 qualification by age 19	No data
	- NI 102i Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at Key Stage 2	⭐
	- NI 102ii Achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at Key Stage 4	🔺
	- NI 112 Under 18 conception rate	No data

Local Area Agreement

15.   The Local Area Agreement is made up of 35 negotiated indicators and ten statutory early years and children and young people's indicators, of which 16 (although indicators for key stage 3 have been deleted by Government) are linked to Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. Twelve indicators are reporting performance, with one showing under target performance. Reasons are outlined in **Appendix 1**.
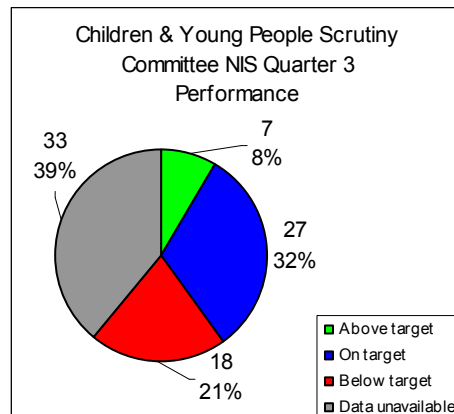
(ii)	**One Darlington : Perfectly Placed – Local Area Agreement**		●
	- Local Area Agreement – Children and Young People		●

LAA indicator	Target	Actual	Status
- NI 050 Emotional health of children	60.8	60.8	●
- NI 057 Children and young people's participation in high quality PE and sport	No data	No data	No data
- NI 063 Stability of placements of children looked after (length of placement)	55.0	62.7	★
- NI 072 Achievement of 78+ points across EYFS with 6+ in each scale of PSED and CLL	62.5	48.1	▲
- NI 073 Achievement at level 4+ in both English and Maths at KS2	76.0	72.2	●
- NI 074 Achievement at level 5+ in both English and maths at KS3	78	63	▲
- NI 075 Achievement of 5+ A*-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths	50.2	47.7	●
- NI 077 Achievement at level 5 or above in both English and maths at KS3 (Floor)	0	2	▲
- NI 080 Achievement of a Level 3 qualification by the age of 19	No data	No data	No data
- NI 083 **Achievement at level 5+ in Science at KS3**	78.0	70.8	●
- NI 087 Secondary school persistent absence rate	7.5	4.7	★
- NI 091 Participation of 17 year-olds in education or training	No data	No data	No data
- NI 092 Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the EYFSP and the rest	39.0	37.3	●
- NI 093 Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	90	82	●
- NI 094 Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	80.0	76.2	●
- NI 095 Proportion of pupils making 2 levels	39.0	20.6	▲

progress in English key stages 2 to 3			
- NI 096 Proportion of pupils making 2 levels progress in maths key stages 2 to 3	70.0	53.9	▲
- NI 097 Proportion of pupils making 2 levels progress in English key stages 3 to 4	69.0	56.6	▲
- NI 098 Proportion of pupils making 2 levels progress in maths key stages 3 to 4	34.0	18.8	▲
- NI 099 Looked after children reaching level 4 in English at KS2	33	40	★
- NI 100 Looked after children reaching level 4 in maths at KS2	33	20	▲
- NI 101 Looked after children achieving 5 A*-C at KS4 (including English and maths)	0	0	●
- NI112 Under 18 conception rate	No data	No data	No data

National Indicator Set

16. There are currently 188 national indicators of which 74 are linked to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. It should be noted that a number of indicators have more than one part so the actual number is greater than 188. Overall across the entire basket of national indicators, performance is above target for those indicators reporting data. Of the 74 Children & Young People related National Indicators, analysis shows that 12 are below target, seven are above target and 27 are on target. There are 33 indicators that show no data currently, i.e.:

Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee NIS Quarter 3 Performance

- Above target
- On target
- Below target
- Data unavailable

17. The 18 indicators 'below target', are detailed as follows:

Indicator	Target	Actual
NI 043 - Young people within the YJS receiving a conviction in court who are sentenced to custody	5.0	7.2
NI 060 - Percentage of core assessments for children's social	86.0	71.8

care carried out <35 working days		
NI 068 - Percentage of referrals to children's social care going on to initial assessment	35	20
NI 069 - Children who have experienced bullying	32.0	52.2
NI 072 - Achievement of 78+ points across EYFS with 6+ in each scale of PSED and CLL	62.5	48.1
NI077 - Schools where under 50% of pupils achieving level 5+ in both English and Maths at KS3	0	2
NI078 - Schools where under 30% of pupils achieving 5+ A*-C grades including GCSEs in English & Maths	0	2
NI 086 - Secondary schools judged as having good or outstanding standards of behaviour	83.0	66.7
NI 088 - Percentage of schools providing access to extended services	80.0	67.5
NI 100 - Looked after children reaching level 4 in maths at KS2	33	20
NI 102ii - Achievement gap between disadvantaged and peers at Key Stage 4	33.0	40.5
NI 114 - Rate of permanent exclusions from school	0.12	0.15
NI 117 – 16 to 18 year olds who are NEET	6.4	8.3

18. A full list of national indicators linked to this Scrutiny Committee is appended in **Appendix 2.**

Conclusions

19. Overall performance is on target for the four service plans although there is no data reported for 36% of the indicators.

LIST OF INDICATORS WHERE TARGETS NOT BEING ACHIEVED AND LIST OF NATIONAL 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