
OVERVIEW OF PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1. Since the last meeting of the Council, the following are the main areas of work the Place Scrutiny Committee has undertaken.

Performance Indicators Quarter 1

2. We received Quarter 1 performance data against key performance indicators for 2018/19.
3. As Place Scrutiny has a wide remit we heard the performance updates and background information on indicators from the Assistant Directors covering Cultural Services, Economic Initiatives, Environmental Services, Regulatory Services and Highways Management.
4. Members were advised that the performance indicators were aligned with key priorities and the majority were used to monitor the Corporate Plan 2017/21. Of the 39 indicators for Place Scrutiny Committee 17 were reported annually and one was reported six monthly at Quarters 2 and 4.
5. Details were provided for indicators which had previous data for comparison and we noted that seven indicators had achieved or exceeded year-end targets, seven had not achieved year end targets and six did not have a year-end target.

Broadband Infrastructure Delivery in Darlington 2012-20

6. We welcomed the PowerPoint Presentation from Keith Wilson, Economic Strategy and Intelligence Manager of Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) on Broadband Infrastructure Delivery in Darlington 2012-20 which included Broadband and Policies; Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK); Darlington Rollout, including Public, Rural and Commercial; and Future Investments.
7. Members were informed that TVCA and BDUK had committed funding for two phases of public sector funded Broadband infrastructure rollout programmes for the Borough with Digital Durham managing delivery of two Phases of the BDUK programme.
8. Phase 1 had been delivered in the Town Centre and Central Park Enterprise Zone plus four rural cabinets resulting in a 93.5 per cent Borough coverage.
9. Phase 2, the Superfast Extension Programme (SEP) has a target coverage of 95 per cent of UK premises by 2019/20. In late 2016 TVCA decided it wanted an enhanced Phase 2 in the Tees Valley enabling 98.1 per cent coverage with an

ambition of 100 per cent at the end of Phase 3

10. It was also reported that TVCA aimed to apply for Government programmes such as the Local Full Fibre Network (LFFN) (based on full fibre solutions) which would offer new infrastructure provision for speeds up to 1 gigabit per sec level which would enable 5G solutions.

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