

Report of Director of City Development

Report to Sustainable Economy and Culture Scrutiny Board

Date: 18th March 2014

Subject: 2013/14 Quarter 3 Performance Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Summary of main issues

1. This report provides a summary of performance against the strategic priorities for the council and city relevant to the Sustainable Economy and Culture Scrutiny Board, in line with the process agreed at the Board's meeting on 17 December 2013.

Recommendations

2. Members are recommended to
 - Note the Quarter 3 performance information and to consider if they wish to undertake further scrutiny work to support improvement over the coming year in any of these areas.
 - Indicate whether the volume of performance information appended to this report is at the right level, or whether exception reporting would be more appropriate.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report presents a summary of the quarter three performance data for 2013-14, and provides an update on progress in delivering the relevant priorities in the City Priority Plan 2011-15 and the Best Council Plan 2013 - 17.

2. Background information

- 2.1 Members will be aware that the delivery of City Priority Plan is shared with partners across the city while the Best Council Plan sets out the Council's key objectives and priorities. This report provides an overview of the performance relating to both plans enabling the Scrutiny Board to consider and challenge the council's performance as well as seeking to influence partners' contributions through existing partnership arrangements.
- 2.2 This report has 2 appendices:
- Appendix 1 – 'Big Ideas' Progress Update (relating to the City Priority Plan)
 - Appendix 2 – Performance Summary (relating to the Best Council Plan)
- 2.3 Members will also be aware that the current Best Council Plan is under review, and from Quarter 1 2014 – 15 progress updates are likely to reflect an amended set of priorities and measures.

3. Main issues

Quarter 3 Performance Summary

City Priority Plan

- 3.1 The attached progress update (Appendix 1) outlines progress against the 'Big Ideas' identified by the Sustainable Economy and Culture Board in line with the City Priority Plan. These derive from the three priorities aligned to the Board and their associated obsessions, shown in brackets:
- Drive the sustainable growth of the Leeds economy to support the creation of new jobs and skills (maximising job growth)
 - Promote low carbon businesses, buildings, energy generation and connectivity across the City (becoming a low carbon city)
 - Raise the profile of Leeds and its cultural opportunities (enjoying an active and creative city)
- 3.2 The update was discussed at the Sustainable Economy and Culture Board's meeting on 24th February. Board members requested more detailed reports on progress for the six amber-rated 'Big Ideas', and these will be agenda items for future Sustainable Economy and Culture Board meetings throughout 2014.

Best Council Plan

- 3.4 Appendix 2 shows progress against the priorities relevant to the Sustainable Economy and Culture Scrutiny Board within the Best Council Plan.
- 3.5 The Board's attention is drawn to the two amber ratings relating to:
- Leeds Let's Get Active

- Cycle City Ambition Grant

- 3.6 Leeds Let's Get Active (LLGA) has been live since 30 September 2013 and is due to run until March 2015; the scheme aims to increase the activity levels and participation in sport of those who are inactive in Leeds, especially in areas of highest health inequalities. The amber rating has been allocated because, while the sign-up of interested target members has been above expectations and the level of new activity is very positive, two strands of the scheme – the 'community offer' and the follow up of those who don't get active – have still to achieve their full potential. To improve these, the community offer has been re-designed to take weather into account and the digital follow up of those who do not get active is being rolled out. The project is well within budget and the impact on Sport income has been less than feared.
- 3.7 A full update on LLGA is included on the Agenda for the Scrutiny Board's meeting on 18 March.
- 3.8 The amber rating for Cycle City Ambition Grant (CCAG) has been allocated due to the complexity of the CCAG project, which comprises a number of strands e.g. arranging 20mph schemes, working on towpaths. The £29 million project funding was only allocated in August 2013, rather than April 2013 as originally anticipated.
- 3.9 Procurement has commenced, but will involve timescales which cannot be shortened, despite the summer 2014 deadline for the overall project. A concerted joint effort is being made both within the Highways and Transportation service, and with our strategic partner, Mouchel, in order to meet the deadlines.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

This is an information report and as such does not need to be consulted on with the public. However all performance information is published on the council's and Leeds Initiative websites and is available to the public.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 This is an information, rather than a decision-making, report so demonstrating due regard is not necessary. However, it should be noted that the Sustainable Economy and Culture Board's remit has direct benefits to those living in the most deprived areas of the city, and those who fall within the protected characteristics.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 This report provides an update on progress in delivering the council and city priorities in line with the council's performance management framework.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 There are no specific resource implications from this report.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 All performance information is publicly available and is published on the council website. This report is an information update providing Scrutiny with a summary of performance for the strategic priorities within its remit and as such is not subject to call in.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 There is a comprehensive risk management process in the Council to monitor and manage key risks. This links closely with performance management.

5 Conclusions

5.1 This report provides a summary of performance against the strategic priorities for the council and city related to Sustainable Economy and Culture Scrutiny Board.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Members are recommended to:

- Note the Quarter 3 performance information and the issues which have been highlighted and consider if they wish to undertake further scrutiny work to support improvement over the coming year in any of these areas.
- Indicate whether the volume of performance information appended to this report is at the right level, or whether exception reporting would be more appropriate.

7.0 Background documents¹

7.1 City Priority Plan 2011 to 2015

7.2 Best Council Plan 2013 - 17

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.