

CITIZENS AND COMMUNITIES: QUARTER 1 HIGHLIGHT REPORT

Performance Area	Performance Reports/Date	Strategic Links	Summary Comments
Projects to be confirmed	To be confirmed	Communities Board	A steering group is developing project proposals which it is hoped will be signed off by the Communities Board at the next meeting on 12 September. Once these are agreed, with associated work activities, appropriate performance measures will be developed and will in the future be reported to this board.
Migration work	To be confirmed	Communities Board	Work is taking place to establish the top priorities for the council in relation to migration and the scrutiny inquiry is welcomed to support the conversations around strategic direction. The Safer and Stronger scrutiny inquiry will take place between Sept 2014 and April 2015.
Poverty Truth Challenge	To be confirmed	Communities Board	The 3 main work strands are now being taken forward by the Steering Group and the council is supporting this process. The council is providing limited direct support to this project and an update on progress is being provided to the Communities Board in September.
Strengthening local accountability and being more responsive to the needs of local communities	To be confirmed	Best Council Plan Priority	<p>Strengthening local accountability and being more responsive to the needs of local communities has been agreed as one of the 30 priorities contained within the revised best Council Plan 2013/17. 4 deliverables have been agreed for the year 2014/15 which are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put in place community committees which help develop a strong local identity • Deliver engagement plans in each locality, resulting in increased involvement • Develop our approach to a social contract • Increase the community use of and interactions with community hubs. <p>Work is ongoing to develop performance management arrangements for the revised plan and this board will receive information in relation to the priority once arrangements are finalised. It is expected that this will be in time for the next round of reporting to the board in December.</p>