

REPORT TO OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Title:	Corporate Plan Performance Monitoring Report – Quarter 3 2013-14
Date of Meeting:	25th March
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1.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

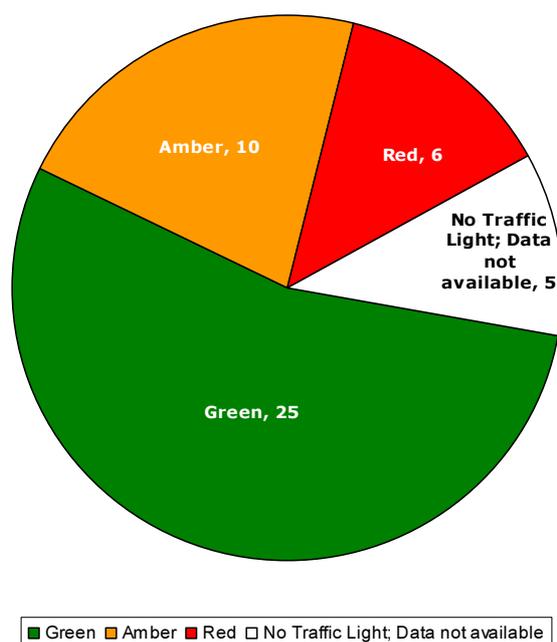
- 1.1 The council publishes a Corporate Plan each year with progress updates reported to Cabinet bi-annually and performance updates reported to Overview and Scrutiny quarterly. This report outlines performance against the plan for quarter 3 2013-14.
- 1.2 The Corporate Plan Performance Report outlines the progress during quarter three 2013-14 for the corporate performance indicators within the Bury Council Corporate Plan. The information is extracted from the Performance Information Management System (PIMS).

2.0 DECISIONS REQUIRED

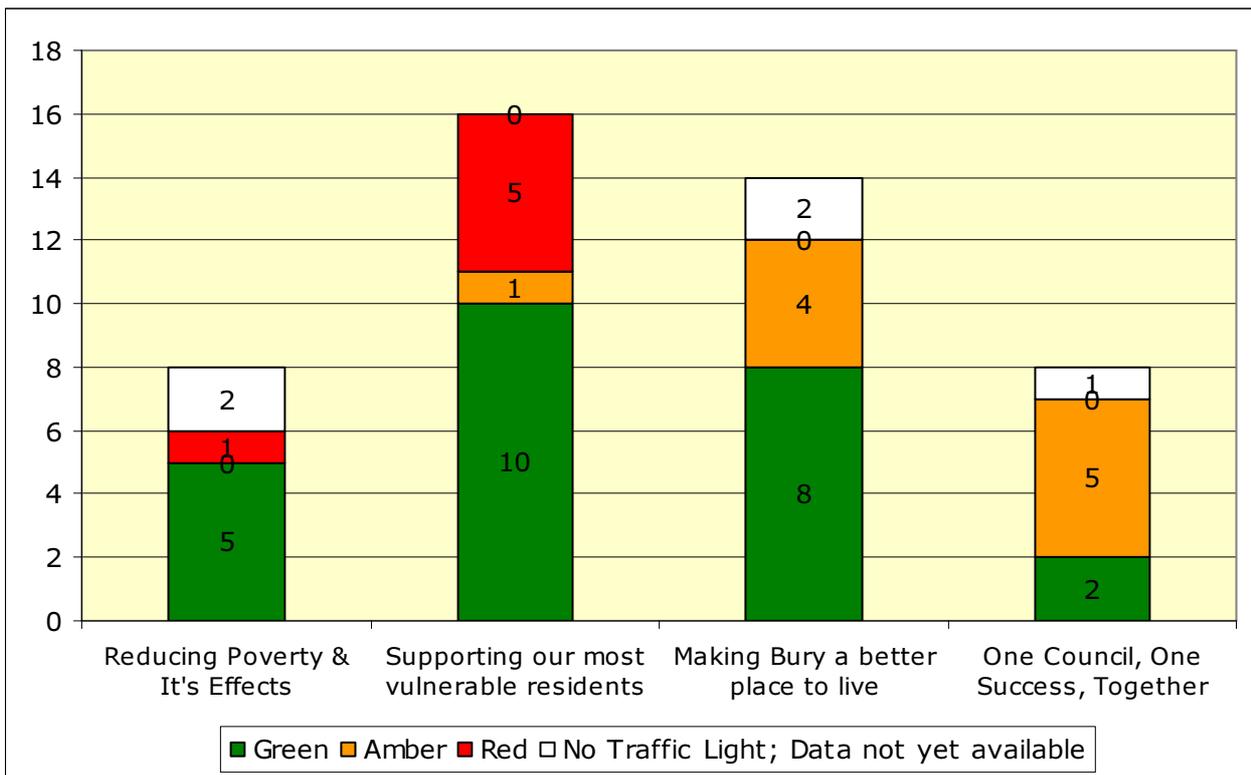
- 2.1 Overview and Scrutiny are asked to note the contents of the report.

3.0 SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Our position remains positive at this point of 2013-14:



- 3.2 Of the 53 corporate performance indicators detailed in the corporate plan, 46 of these have outcomes for quarter 3 on which we can report as some are collected annually. 25 indicators (54%) have demonstrated an improvement on the out turn for 2012-13 and/or exceeded the target set for this year. The number of indicators that have shown this improvement has increased from last quarter by 2.
- 3.3 10 indicators (represented as amber on the chart) have just fallen short of meeting our expectations. Considering the financial situation and other challenges facing services, this level of performance overall is consistent with last quarter (9) and demonstrates the potential to meet the high standards we set ourselves as a Council by year end.
- 3.4 6 areas under achieved:
- The achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers achieving the expected level at Key Stage 2 is 5% below our target (20%). However, the local authority figure is only 1% different from national. These results are yet to be validated so could still change.
 - Number of households living in temporary accommodation has increased to 16, 6 above target. This is due to fewer properties becoming available for letting (due to the festive period) which led to an increase in the number of households in temporary accommodation that had not received an offer of accommodation.
 - Percentage of carers receiving a needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service, or advice and information is showing the same figure as Q2 and is currently under target. Updated figures are not yet available due to the implementation of a new Adult Social Care information system in December 2013 and therefore it is not yet possible to assess whether the plans put in place to increase this outcome are having the desired effect.
 - The percentage of children and young people in care adopted during the year who were placed for adoption within 12 months of the decision that they should be placed for adoption has decreased significantly. This is due to a higher number of adoptions being placed during quarter 3. Eleven children were adopted during quarter 3 bringing the year to date figure to 16. 9 (56.3%) of these have been adopted within 12 months of the decision being made.
 - The gap has decreased slightly for Key Stage 2 attainment for Black and minority ethnic groups: Mixed White and Black Caribbean and brings us nearer to our target of 5%. Due to more challenging assessments the gap has increased from last year but care has to be taken when looking at these figures because of the small cohort size of 29 pupils out of 2061.
 - Key Stage 2 attainment for Black and minority ethnic groups: White Other the gap has increased by 2.6% from last year (9.4%). These results are still not validated so are subject to change. This indicator is also calculated from a small cohort of 50 pupils.
- 3.5 There are 5 indicators where progress cannot be analysed 4 of which are due to a lack of data from external sources. Work is ongoing to review the data set for future Corporate Plans so that non-reporting is minimised and the results selected provide a fair and meaningful reflection of the Council's position.
- 3.6 Analysing the results by the Council's priority outcomes, progress is being made across all four areas:



3.7 At this point of the year, the outturn is looking increasingly positive. The figures show that there is potential to do more but it is recognised that this has to be balanced with sustaining the levels of improvement already achieved.

4.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

4.1 An Equality Analysis was undertaken for the Bury Council Corporate Plan 2012-15 and it was concluded that the Plan has a positive impact by aiming to reduce poverty and inequality. This report provides a summary of the progress made.

5.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 The report provides details of the progress made at quarter three 2013-14.

5.2 Overall, performance against the corporate plan indicates a positive picture with 25 out of 46 (54%) of indicators achieving target and/or performing better than last year, which is consistent with last quarter (56%). Where we have not performed as planned, the reasons have been identified and in most cases a proactive approach has been adopted to improve these outcomes throughout this year.

5.3 It is recommended that Overview and Scrutiny accept the report and note the actions being taken to address areas of under achievement against targets.