

REPORT FOR DECISION



DECISION OF:	CABINET OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	WEDNESDAY 16 JULY 2014 WEDNESDAY 30 JULY 2014
SUBJECT:	CORPORATE PLAN PROGRESS REPORT – QUARTER 4 2013-14
REPORT FROM:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
CONTACT OFFICER:	Sarah Marshall, Performance Officer – Adults Planning
TYPE OF DECISION:	Non key decision
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/STATUS:	This paper is within the public domain
SUMMARY:	The Corporate Plan Progress Report outlines the progress during quarter four 2013-14 for the corporate performance indicators and projects within the Bury Council Corporate Plan. The information is extracted from the Performance Information Management System (PIMS) and provided by the responsible services.
OPTIONS & RECOMMENDED OPTION	The Cabinet and Committee are asked to note the contents of the report.
IMPLICATIONS:	
Corporate Aims/Policy Framework:	Do the proposals accord with the Policy Framework? Yes
Statement by the S151 Officer: Financial Implications and Risk Considerations:	
Statement by Executive Director of Resources:	
Equality/Diversity implications:	Yes

	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.
Considered by Monitoring Officer:	
Wards Affected:	All
Scrutiny Interest:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR: Executive Director, ACS

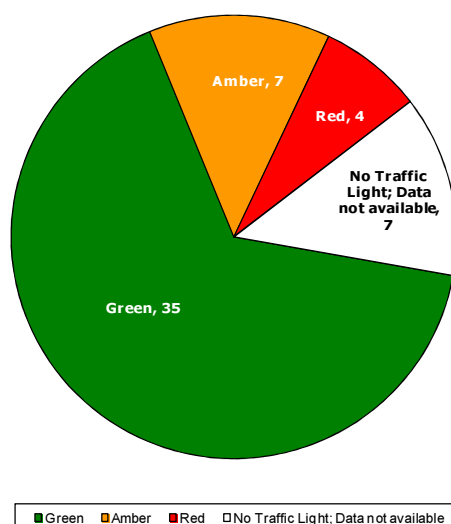
Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Cabinet Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
23/06/2014			
Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet/Committee	Council	
30/07/2014	16/07/14		

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The council publishes a Corporate Plan each year with progress updates reported to Cabinet bi-annually. This report outlines performance against the plan for quarter 4 2013-14 and represents an end of year summary of the council's position.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 There is evidence of good progress in 2013-14:



2.2 35 indicators (66% of the total) showed improvement on the previous year's outturn and/or exceeded target whilst a further 13% (the 7 indicators shown amber on the chart) were just off the pace. Given the financial situation and other challenges facing services, this level of performance is positive and demonstrates a strong commitment to service delivery in the Borough.

2.3 Areas of good performance include:

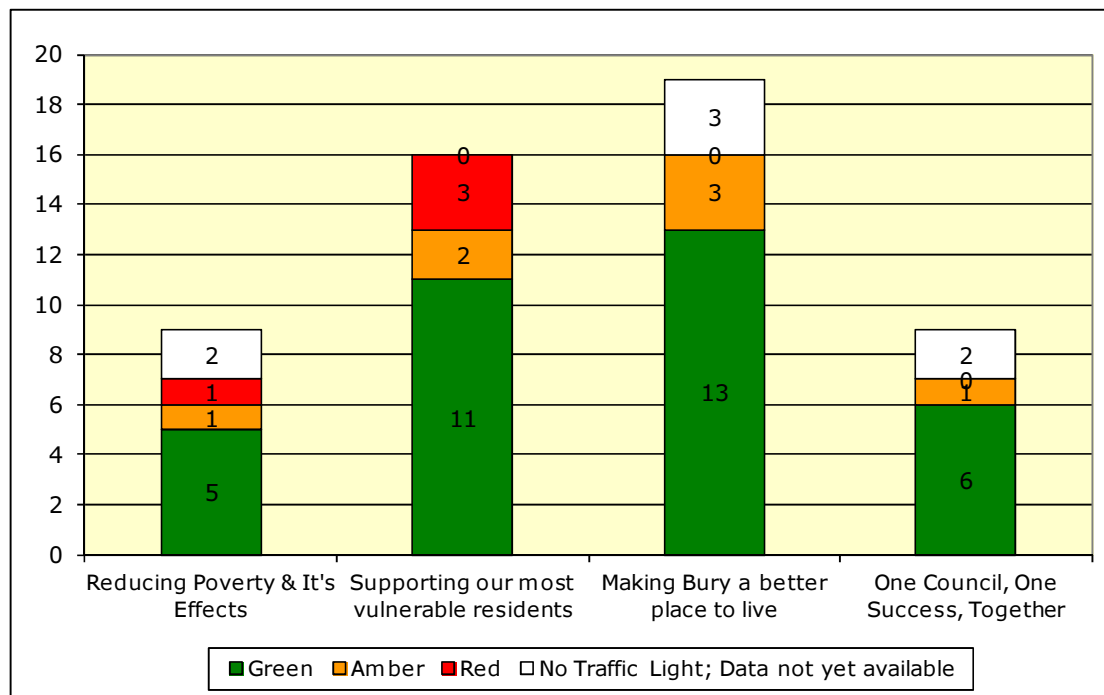
- Our crime rates, which have reduced for; serious violent crimes, acquisitive crimes and crimes with injury. As well as the number of repeat incidents of domestic violence and first time entrants to the youth justice system.
- We continue to support over 80% of older people to achieve independence through rehabilitation or intermediate care.
- The number of homeless preventions has more than doubled (61% increase) due to improved ways of working and service monitoring.
- Educational attainment has improved as the proportion of children and young people in care achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs has increased from 13.6% to 19.2%. Additionally, the percentage gap between pupils with Special Educational Needs and their peers achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs has narrowed from 49.2% to 34%.
- Bury remains a popular place to visit with 252,200 visits to our museums and galleries over the past year. That's an increase from last year by 17,190 (7.3%). And;
- Council expenditure has come in under budget by £406,000.

2.4 4 areas under achieved:

- The achievement gap between pupils eligible for free school meals and their peers at Key Stage 2 has increased from 16% last year to 20%. This increase has been seen nationally and our figure is different by just 2%. Due to changes in assessments direct comparisons cannot be made.
- Proportion of carers receiving needs assessments or reviews and a specific carer's service, or advice and information has dropped by 8% this year. This is due to system and process changes resulting in a reduced capacity to achieve target. This is being investigated to ensure this area of performance improves.
- During 2013-14 12 out of the 21 children and young people placed for adoption were placed within 12 months of the decision being made and remained in that placement. There has been an increase of the number of adoption placements since last year which impacts this indicator as it is calculated at the time of placement.
- The Key Stage 2 attainment gap for Mixed White and Black Caribbean groups has increased since last year and not met target. This is due to more challenging assessments being introduced. These changes also mean that direct comparisons cannot be made for this indicator.

2.5 There are 7 indicators where progress cannot be analysed. 1 of these does not have a target set as it is a contextual indicator and is not used to measure improvement. Data was unavailable from external sources for the other 6. The data set for our future Corporate Plan has been reviewed so that non-reporting is minimised and the results selected provide a fair and meaningful reflection of the Council's position.

2.6 Analysing the results by the Council's priority outcomes, progress has been made across the four outcomes:



3.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The report provides details of the progress made at quarter four 2013-14 and concludes our position at year end.
- 3.2 Overall, performance against the corporate plan is good with 35 out of 53 (66%) indicators achieving target and/or performing better than last year. This is an increase from last year by 4%.
- 3.3 In the context of current pressures and resource limitations, efforts made to maintain performance are to be welcomed.

List of Background Papers:-

Bury Council Corporate Plan 2013-15

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