

REPORT FOR DECISION

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DECISION OF:	Cabinet Overview and Scrutiny Committee
DATE:	Wednesday : 28 August 2013 Wednesday : 4 September 2013
SUBJECT:	Corporate Plan Progress Report – Quarter 4 2012-13
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 2012-13 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:	There are no direct financial implications arising from this report, however it is important to note that performance levels are currently being maintained despite reducing resources. Continuous monitoring of performance is

	essential to ensure this is maintained and to monitor the impact of further funding reductions going forward.
Statement by Executive Director of Resources:	There are no other resource implications.
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:	Yes JH
Wards Affected:	All
Scrutiny Interest:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee

TRACKING/PROCESS

DIRECTOR: Executive Director, ACS

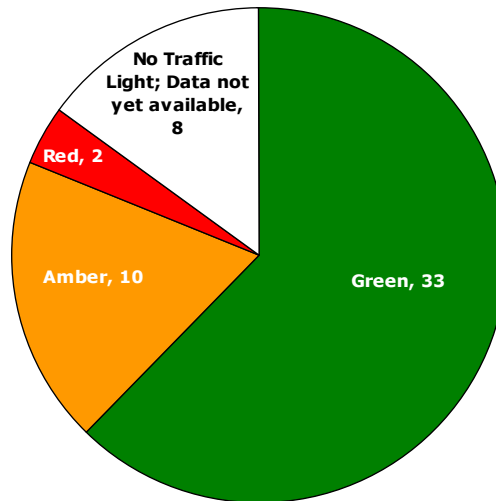
Chief Executive/ Strategic Leadership Team	Cabinet Member/Chair	Ward Members	Partners
22/07/2013			
Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet/Committee	Council	
27/08/2013	21/08/13		

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 The council publishes a Corporate Plan each year with progress updates reported to Cabinet each quarter. This report outlines performance against the plan for quarter 4 2012-13 and represents an end of year summary of the council's position.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 There is evidence of good progress in 2012-13:



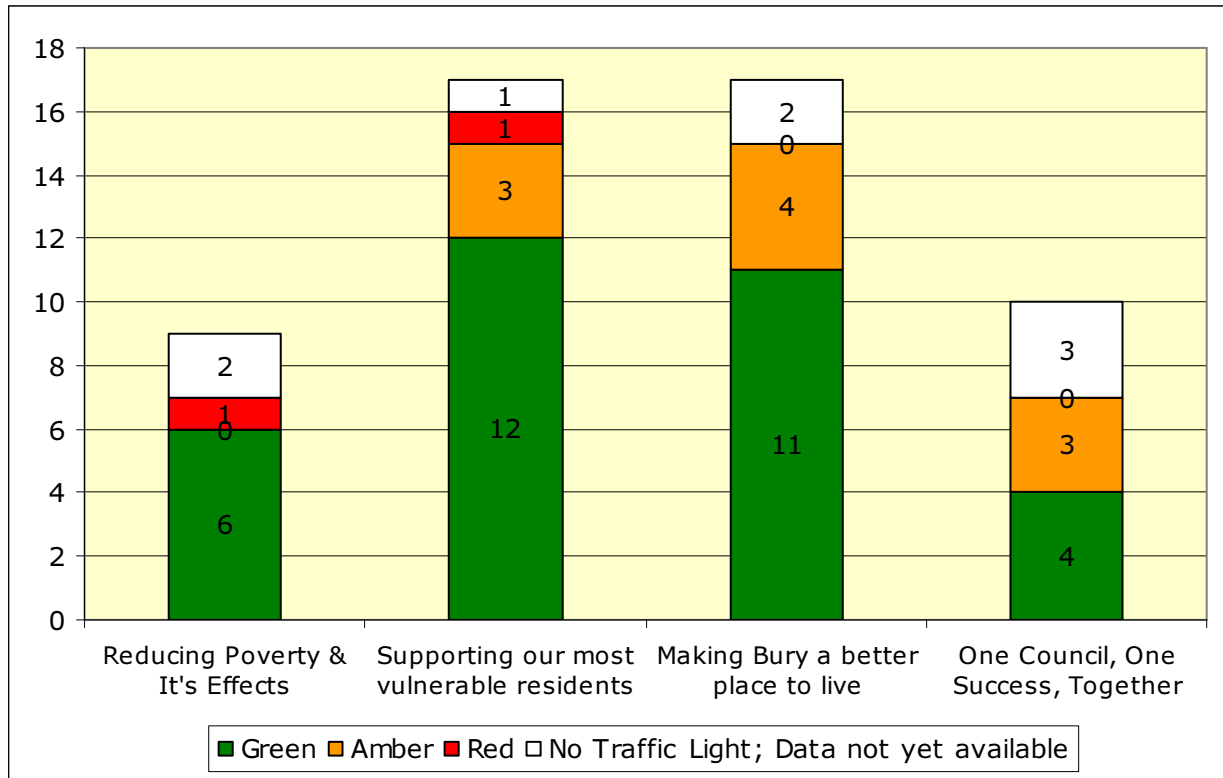
2.2 33 indicators (62% of the total) showed improvement on the previous year's outturn and/or exceeded target whilst a further 19% (the 10 indicators shown amber on the chart) were just off the pace. Given the financial situation and other challenges facing services, this level of performance is positive and demonstrates a strong commitment to service delivery in the Borough.

2.3 2 areas under achieved:

- The gap between Bury and Greater Manchester in relation to the percentage number of people on out of work benefits increased over the year. Plans remain in place through initiatives such as City Deal, Backing Young Bury and Work Programme to bring this indicator back on track
- The percentage of children and young people in care achieving 5 A*-C GCSEs (or equivalent) at key stage 4 (including English and Maths) also fell below target. However this figure is based on a small cohort (of 22 qualifying pupils) where the results of a few individuals can have a major impact on the indicator.

2.4 There are 8 indicators where progress cannot be analysed. 2 of these had no targets set for 2012/13 and data was unavailable for the other 6. 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.

2.5 Analysing the results by the Council's priority outcomes, progress has been made in the three front facing themes:



2.6 The picture however is less positive for 'One Council, One Success, Together'. Despite good finance results, the proportion of immeasurable indicators and 'amber' ratings held back progress. Improving the corporate health indicators of the Council is an area for development in the year ahead.

3.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The report provides details of the progress made at quarter four 2012-13 and concludes our position at year end.

3.2 Overall, performance against the corporate plan is good with 33 out of 53 (62%) indicators achieving target and/or performing better than last year. Where we have not performed as expected, the reasons have been identified and in most cases a proactive approach has been adopted to improve these outcomes next year.

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 2012-15

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