

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY SAFETY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item 46

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: Local Area Agreement Delivery – Quarter Two
2008 /2009

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

- 1.1 This report updates committee on the progress of the Local Area Agreement Delivery plan (Q2) for Environment and Community Safety.
- 1.2 The report tracks progress against key actions and milestones to provide elected members with a fuller picture of progress and an early indication of 'performance drift' for environment and community safety.
- 1.3 Direction of travel to date is highlighted using a 'traffic light system'. The definitions for performance rating are outlined on page 2 of Appendix 1.
- 1.4 This report covers the period up to September 08. Q3 report will be presented to committee on 23 March 09. This will detail the main areas of concern only and a 'year one' update is anticipated after June 2009 (date to be confirmed).
- 1.5 The majority of information measured by the National Indicator Set and the Local Area Agreement is only available on an annual frequency. We have worked with partners to agree targets and milestones for the period of the agreement.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 (1) That the Committee notes progress against the Local Area Agreement and the main areas of concern within the delivery plan.
- (2) That the Committee notes that report on progress against the Local Area Agreement for Q3 will be brought before committee on 23 March 09 and this will highlight the main areas of concern.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The report contains extracts from the full Q2 Performance Improvement Report that went before Cabinet on 18 December 08.

- 3.2 It highlights the direction of travel for environment and community safety national and local indicators within the Local Area Agreement and also summarises progress and any risks associated with delivery of targets.
- 3.3 This year (08/09) is subject to transitional arrangements as the new national indicator set is in its infancy. This set of indicators will represent the indicators assessed as part of the Comprehensive Area Assessment in future years, with particular focus on the 35 measures that have been selected as improvement priorities for Brighton & Hove in the Local Area Agreement.
- 3.4 Comprehensive Performance Assessment will be superseded by the Comprehensive Area Assessment from April 2009. Progress and delivery within the Local Area Agreement is integral to this new way of assessing local authorities and the way they work with associated partnerships.
- 3.5 In the report brought to 10 November 2008 ECSOSOC it was suggested the Environment Service Block for the Comprehensive Performance Assessment was on track for scoring 3 out of 4. After validation this score is now confirmed.
- 3.6 National Indicators for environment and community safety will be primarily assessed through the reporting of the national indicator set and through the delivery of the environment and community safety elements of the Local Area Agreement, progress on the latter is summarised within Appendix 1.
- 3.7 Committee on 10th November 2008 asked for waste collection performance information to be brought before ECSOSOC at the next meeting. This was in context of the refuse round restructure that took place in October and there was some concern that initial problems with missed collections had not improved.
- 3.8 Missed collections data for the city suggests there has been a significant increase in the number of reported missed collections per month during and after the refuse round restructure, as expected. In September just before the changes came into effect there were 249 missed collections, in October this increased to 1397, in November this decreased to 752 and respectively fell to 687 in December.

4. CONSULTATION

None.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

None directly in relation to this report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendix: ECSOSOC – Q2 Local Area Agreement Delivery Plan Extracts