

Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday, 11th February, 2010
Time: 3.30 pm
Venue: Meeting Room B, Macclesfield Library, Jordangate,
Macclesfield, SK10 1EE

The agenda is divided into 2 parts. Part 1 is taken in the presence of the public and press. Part 2 items will be considered in the absence of the public and press for the reasons indicated on the agenda and at the foot of each report.

PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declarations of Interest/Whipping Declarations**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests in any item on the agenda

3. **Public Speaking Time/ Open Session**

A total period of 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public to make a statement(s) on any matter that falls within the remit of the Committee.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes, but the Chairman will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned, where there are a number of speakers

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 1 - 4)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2010 as a correct record

5. **Budget 2010/2011**

For any apologies or requests for further information, or to give notice of a question to be asked by a member of the public

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To consider a report of the Borough Treasurer.

Please note that due to the very tight schedule that the Cabinet and Officers have been working to in order to put together the final budget proposals for 2010/2011, it has not been possible to complete the report within the normal timescales, and therefore the report will be circulated to all Members on the 4 February 2010.

6. **Quarter 3 Performance** (Pages 5 - 22)

To consider a report of the Head of Policy and Performance.

7. **Car Parking Task and Finish Panel**

The Chairman to update the Committee

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee**
held on Wednesday, 20th January, 2010 at Committee Suite 1,2 & 3, Westfields,
Middlewich Road, Sandbach CW11 1HZ

PRESENT

Councillor G M Walton (Chairman)
Councillor E Gilliland (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Rachel Bailey, H Davenport, R Fletcher, M Hollins and M Parsons

Substitutes

Councillors G Baxendale, D Bebbington, J Jones, M Simon and A Thwaite

In Attendance

Councillor L Smetham

Apologies

Councillors G Barton, S Broadhurst, M Hardy, C Thorley and J Weatherill

46 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/WHIPPING DECLARATIONS

None

47 PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME/ OPEN SESSION

None

48 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 November 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

49 CREWE VISION

The Committee gave consideration to the progress made by economic consultant SQW in the development of a vision and high level master plan for Crewe. The key findings and strategic priorities were also highlighted to Members.

Mr S Pringle gave a presentation outlining the visioning process including purposes, processes and the rapidly changing context, the key research findings, the strategic framework and some reality checks.

Members raised concerns regarding where the capability and funding would come from to drive this scheme forward. The Committee acknowledged that there was no straightforward solution to developing Crewe and agreed that one of the main issues would be to address the image of Crewe.

RESOLVED

That the presentation and report be noted.

50 **MACCLESFIELD TOWN CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT**

Consideration was given to a report outlining the background and current position on the proposed Macclesfield Developments, namely Macclesfield Town Centre and the South Macclesfield Development Area (SDMA) and the next steps in developing a coherent delivery plan for Macclesfield over the next 5-10 years.

- Members commented on the following issues:
- That timescales were tight and that strong clear communication between stakeholders was required.
- Macclesfield Town Football club was interested in expanding and possibly relocating to south Macclesfield. However the options for this site would need to be investigated.
- Transport links and infrastructure would need to be given consideration as a matter of urgency

RESOLVED

That the Committee notes:

- the development of a delivery plan for Macclesfield that provides a more robust, cohesive for the town over the next 5-10 years.
- the Council's commitment to work with our development partner Wilson Bowden Developments, in reviewing the options for delivery of a mixed use town centre development scheme in Macclesfield within the parameters of our existing Development Agreement, which includes stakeholder engagement and public consultation.
- the budget of £150K earmarked for the Project for 2009/2011 in order to procure:
 - i) external consultancy capacity and expertise to support the development of this delivery plan.
 - ii) commercial development advice for the SMDA

51 **STRATEGIC HIGHWAYS - POLICY UPDATE**

The Committee gave consideration to the proposed process for delivering the Local Transport Plan (LTP) in conjunction with the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS)

and the Local Development Framework. It also highlighted the draft engagement strategy prepared to support the LTP elements.

The Committee noted the issues outlined in sections 11.5 and 11.6 of the report, which would need to be resolved by Members in order to develop a realistic, high quality strategy for LTP3 to cover the next 15 years.

Members made the following comments:

- Due to funding issues, resources would need to be concentrated to gain the maximum impact.
- The next few months would be centred on deciding the priority and packages to be delivered.
- Item 2 of Annex E should be amended to read 'Public and Community Transport'
- The LTP3 should take into consideration rural areas and not just be based on densely populated areas.
- Rural areas have been let down in the past and should be fully consulted on any proposals.
- Transport links for East to West of the Borough were poor in comparison to links from North to South.
- That the outcomes and costs of the LTP2 schemes should be included in the public consultation material and events for the LTP3.

With regard to the long term strategy, it was agreed that the strategic approach for integrated transport, maintenance and major schemes was of significant importance and should therefore be brought back to the Committee for detailed consideration.

With regard to the Ward Councillor Priority schemes for 2010, it was agreed that the full list should be brought to the Committee for consideration as the cold weather had not only had an impact on the budget allocation but had caused some roads to deteriorate further.

RESOLVED

That subject to the comments highlighted above, the report be noted.

(Councillor Fletcher arrived at the meeting during consideration of the above item)
(Councillors Bebbington and Jones left the meeting during consideration of the above item)

52 **PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - STREET CLEANSING**

This item was deferred until the next meeting of the Committee

53 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the work programme. It was agreed that the following issues would be considered at a future meeting of the Committee:

- Strategic Highways – update report.
- Planning Enforcement - background information and problems currently faced by the service.

- Town Centre Redevelopment- towns other than Macclesfield and Crewe.

It was also agreed that the membership of the recycling harmonisation task group would be agreed at the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the work programme be approved as a correct record subject to the comments highlighted above.

54 FORWARD PLAN

The Committee gave consideration to the extracts of the forward plan, which fell within the remit of the Committee.

RESOLVED

That the extracts be noted

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 12.40 pm

Councillor G M Walton (Chairman)

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT AND PROSPERITY SCRUTINY

11 February 2010

Date of Meeting:

Report of:

Head of Policy and Performance

Subject/Title:

Q3 Performance

Portfolio Holder:

Councillor David Brown

1.0 Report Summary

1.1 This purpose report provides Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny members with an overview of 2009 – 2010 Q3 performance for Cheshire East Council. Appendix 1 summarises performance against the National Indicators that fall within the remit of the Committee.

2.0 Decision Requested

2.1 Note the overview of performance detailed and consider issues raised in the report in relation to potential underperformance against targets in areas of its remit, and how these will be addressed.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 To ensure that Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny has a clear view of performance across its area of remit and can challenge areas of underperformance.

4.0 Wards Affected

4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

5.1 All

6.0 Policy Implications including - Climate change - Health

6.1 Performance management supports delivery of all key council policies including climate change and health.

7.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

7.1 None

8.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond (Authorised by the Borough Treasurer)

8.1 There are no direct financial implications from this report.

9.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)

9.1 The Council is required to report to Government on its performance against measures in the National indicator Set.

10.0 Risk Management

10.1 Services are required to carry out risk assessments as part of their performance planning.

11.0 Overview of 2009-2010 Q3 performance

11.1 A table showing performance across all National Indicators within the remit of Environment and Prosperity Scrutiny is attached at appendix 1. Further analysis of performance is given in the chart below.

Figure 1: Performance by Scrutiny area

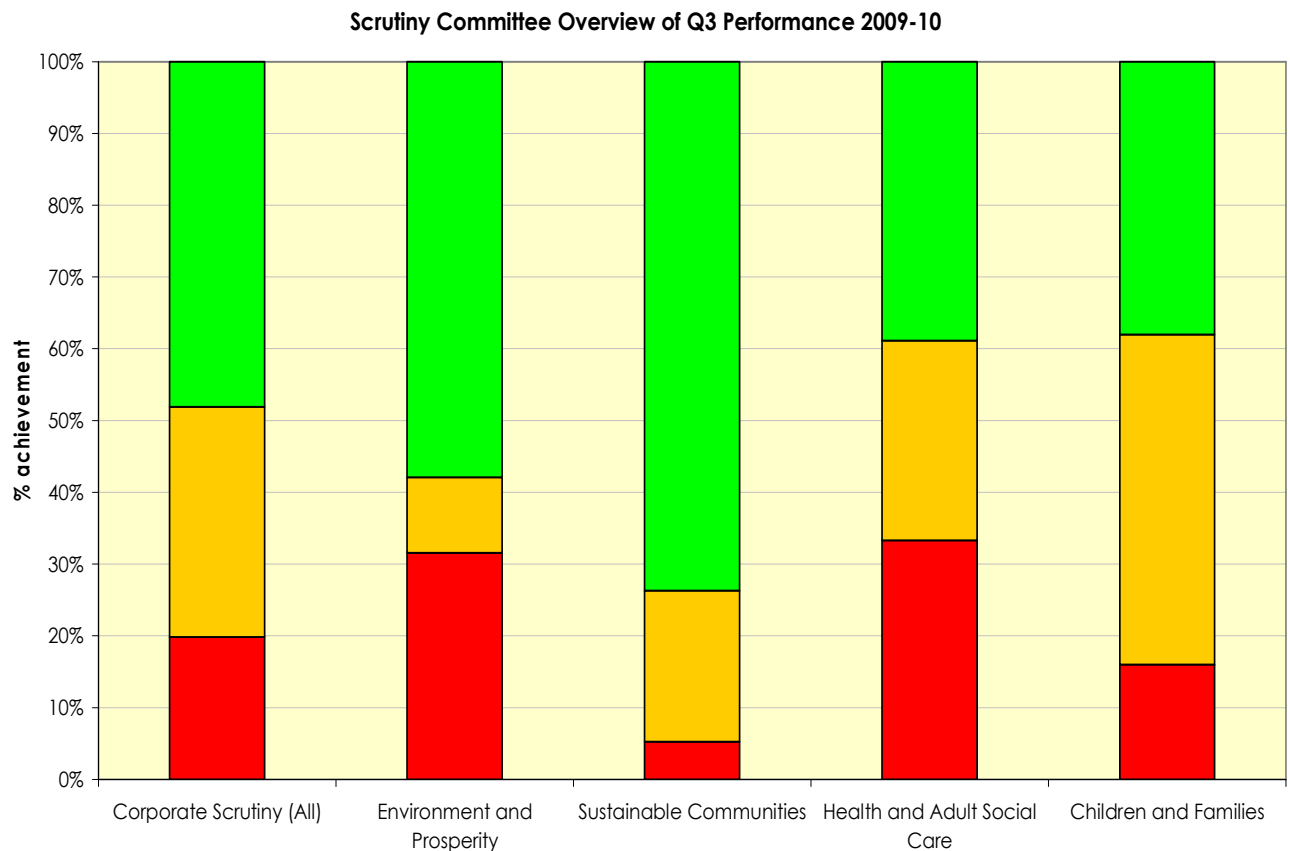


Figure 1 shows that of the 19 National Indicators reported for the Committee's area of responsibility 11 (58%) are green, 2 (11%) are amber and 6 (32%) are red. Further details of performance against these indicators is shown in appendix 1.

2009-2010 Year end

Fourth quarter performance data will be produced after 31 March for consideration and review by Scrutiny Committees. An Annual Report, summarising the Council's achievements will be produced and published in June 2010 and brought to Scrutiny for review before publication.

12.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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Environment & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee
3rd Quarter Performance Report

Indicator	Title	Baseline (2008/09 outturn unless stated)	2009/10 Target	Mid Year Actual	Third Quarter Actual	Performance Assessment	Portfolio Holder / Service Manager
Third Quarter Performance: Places / Safer & Stronger							
NI 189	Flood and coastal erosion risk management	-	-	-	-	Y	Cllr Silvester / Peter Hartwell
Third Quarter Performance: Places / Regeneration							
LAA 050	Increase the value of the Cheshire visitor economy (STEAM)	£0.532 billion	£0.593 billion	-	-	Y	Cllr Macrae / Caroline Simpson
LAA 051	Enterprise development - new social enterprises demonstrating growth after 12 months	13	28	-	-	Y	Cllr Macrae / Caroline Simpson

LAA Indicators	R – Red	Y = data is collected annually
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Indicator	Title	Baseline (2008/09 outturn unless stated)	2009/10 Target	Mid Year Actual	Third Quarter Actual	Performance Assessment	Portfolio Holder / Service Manager
LAA 052 (NI 171)	New business registration rate (Crewe only)	83.2%	98.6%	-	-	Y	Cllr Macrae / Caroline Simpson
NI 047	People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	2008 = 311 3 Yr/Av = 277 1.1% reduction	233	134	264	R	Cllr Menlove / Caroline Simpson
NI 048	Children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	2008 = 31 3 Yr/Av = 22 15.8%	16	5 (NB: 09/10 figure; not 3 Yr/Av)	4 (NB: 09/10 figure; not 3 Yr/Av)	Y	Cllr Menlove / Caroline Simpson
NI 151	Overall Employment rate (working- age)	76.8%	82%	76.8%	76.2%	R	Cllr Macrae / Caroline Simpson

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NI 152	Working age people on out of work benefits	7.8%	6% reduction	8.6%	9%	R	Cllr Macrae / Caroline Simpson
NI 153	Working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods	26.3% Dec 08	25.64% (0.33% reduction)	26.7% (provisional)	27.6% (provisional)	R	Cllr Macrae / Caroline Simpson
NI 166	Median earnings of employees in the area	(Cong £412.0) (Crewe £414.8) (Macc £492.5)	-	-	-	Y	Cllr Macrae / Caroline Simpson
NI 167	Congestion – average journey time per mile during the morning peak	-	-	-	-	Y	Cllr Macrae / Caroline Simpson

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NI 168	Principal roads where maintenance should be considered	5%	4%	-	-	Y	Cllr Menlove / Caroline Simpson
NI 169	Non-principal classified roads where maintenance should be considered	8%	7%	-	-	Y	Cllr Menlove / Caroline Simpson
NI 171	New business registration rate	71.1 business births per 10,000 residents (134.2%)	71.4 business births per 10,000 residents (134.8%)	-	2008 start-up rate = 67.9 (136.9% of NW rate)	A	Cllr Macrae / Caroline Simpson
NI 172	Percentage of small businesses in an area showing employment growth	(Cong 12%) (Crewe 13%) (Macc 11.9%)	-	-	-	Y	Cllr Macrae / Caroline Simpson

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NI 173	Flows on to incapacity benefits from employment	(Cong 0.4) (Crewe 0.7) (Macc 0.3)	-	-	-	Y	Cllr Macrae / Caroline Simpson
NI 174	Skills gaps in the current workforce reported by employers	12.1%	-	-	-	Y	Cllr Macrae / Caroline Simpson
NI 175	Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling	-	-	-	-	Y	Cllr Macrae / Caroline Simpson

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NI 176	Working age people with access to employment by public transport (and other specified modes)	-	-	-	-	Y	Cllr Macrae / Caroline Simpson
NI 177	Local bus and light rail passenger journeys originating in the authority area	9,130,000	9,000,000	-	-	Y	Cllr Macrae / Caroline Simpson
NI 178a	Bus services running on time % of non frequent services on time	84%	85%	-	-	Y	Cllr Macrae / Caroline Simpson

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NI 185	CO2 reduction from local authority operations	43,031.740kg	-	-	-	Y	Cllr Menlove / Caroline Simpson
NI 186	Per capita reduction in CO2 emissions in the LA area	8.8 tonnes per capita (2005/06)	99,250 tonnes CO2 (8.53 tonnes per capita)	-	-	Y	Cllr Menlove / Caroline Simpson
NI 188	Planning to Adapt to Climate Change	Level 0	Level 1	-	-	Y	Cllr Menlove / Caroline Simpson
NI 198	Travel to school (mode of transport)	33.7%	34.1%	-	-	Y	Cllr Macrae / Caroline Simpson
Third Quarter Performance: Places / Planning & Policy Service							
NI 154	Net additional homes provided	1273	1277	-	-	R	Cllr Macrae / Adrian Fisher

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NI 155	Number of affordable homes delivered (gross)	130	364	153	260	G	Cllr Macrae / Adrian Fisher
NI 156	Number of households living in temporary accommodation	231	18 (quarterly target)	11	8	G	Cllr Macrae / Adrian Fisher
NI 157a	Processing of planning applications 'major'	60%	60%	48.39%	51.28%	R	Cllr Macrae / Adrian Fisher
NI 157b	Processing of planning applications 'minor'	75.79%	65%	71.31%	75.19%	G	Cllr Macrae / Adrian Fisher
NI 157c	Processing of planning applications 'other'	86.84%	80%	80.15%	83.54%	G	Cllr Macrae / Adrian Fisher

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NI 157d	Processing of 'County Matter' planning applications	70.59%	-	50% (provisional)	54.55%	A	Cllr Macrae / Adrian Fisher
NI 159	Supply of ready to develop housing sites	(Cong 136%)	-	-	-	Y	Cllr Macrae / Adrian Fisher
NI 170	Previously developed land that has been vacant or derelict for more than 5 years	(Cong 1.70%) (Crewe 0.10%) (Macc 0.50%)	-	-	-	Y	Cllr Macrae / Adrian Fisher

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NI 187a	% of people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a low energy efficiency rating	SAP less than 35 = 16%	-	-	-	Y	Cllr Macrae / Adrian Fisher
NI 187b	% of people receiving income based benefits living in homes with a high energy efficiency rating	SAP of 65 or greater = 17%	-	-	-	Y	Cllr Macrae / Adrian Fisher

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NI 197	Improved Local Biodiversity – proportion of Local Sites where positive conservation management has been or is being implemented	29%	-	-	-	Y	Cllr Macrae / Adrian Fisher
Third Quarter Performance: Places / Environmental Services							
NI 191	Residual household waste per household	721kg	594kg	300.8kg	-	G	Cllr Menlove / Phil Sherratt
NI 192 (LAA 053)	Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting	42.56%	51%	53.7%	-	G	Cllr Menlove / Phil Sherratt

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NI 193	Percentage of municipal waste landfilled	59%	46.44%	43.2%	-	G	Cllr Menlove / Phil Sherratt
NI 195a	Improved street and environmenta l cleanliness (levels of litter)	4% (estimated)	6%	5%	5%	G	Cllr Menlove / Phil Sherratt
NI 195b	Improved street and environmenta l cleanliness (levels of detritus)	11% (estimated)	12%	13%	12%	G	Cllr Menlove / Phil Sherratt
NI 195c	Improved street and environmenta l cleanliness (levels of graffiti)	2% (estimated)	2%	3%	2%	G	Cllr Menlove / Phil Sherratt

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NI 195d	Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of fly posting)	-	1%	1%	1%	G	Cllr Menlove / Phil Sherratt
NI 196	Improved street and environmental cleanliness – fly tipping	2 (estimated)	2	-	-	Y	Cllr Menlove / Phil Sherratt

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