

# **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

## **REPORT TO: SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY**

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**Date of Meeting:** 25 March 2010  
**Report of:** Head of Policy and Performance  
**Subject/Title:** Q3 Performance  
**Portfolio Holder:** Councillor David Brown

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### **1.0 Report Summary**

1.1 This purpose report provides Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Committee members with an overview of 2009 – 2010 Q3 performance for indicators falling within its remit and for the LAA for which it has an oversight. Appendix 1 summarises performance against indicators within the Committee's remit and Appendix 2 summarises LAA performance.

### **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 those National Indicators falling within its remit and how these will be addressed. To further note progress on the Local Area Agreement.

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

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

### **3.0 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 is attached at appendix 1. Further analysis of performance is given in the charts below.

**Figure 1 – Performance by Scrutiny area**

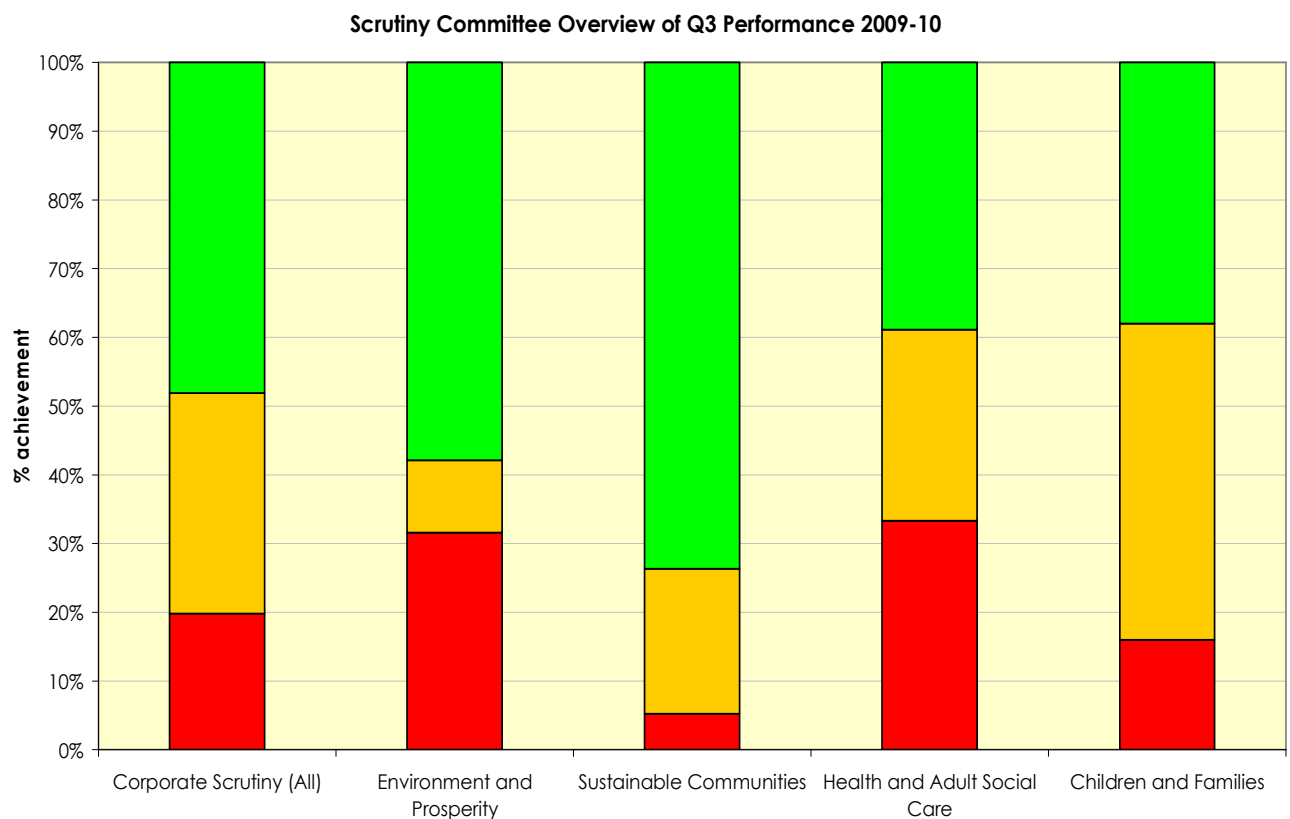
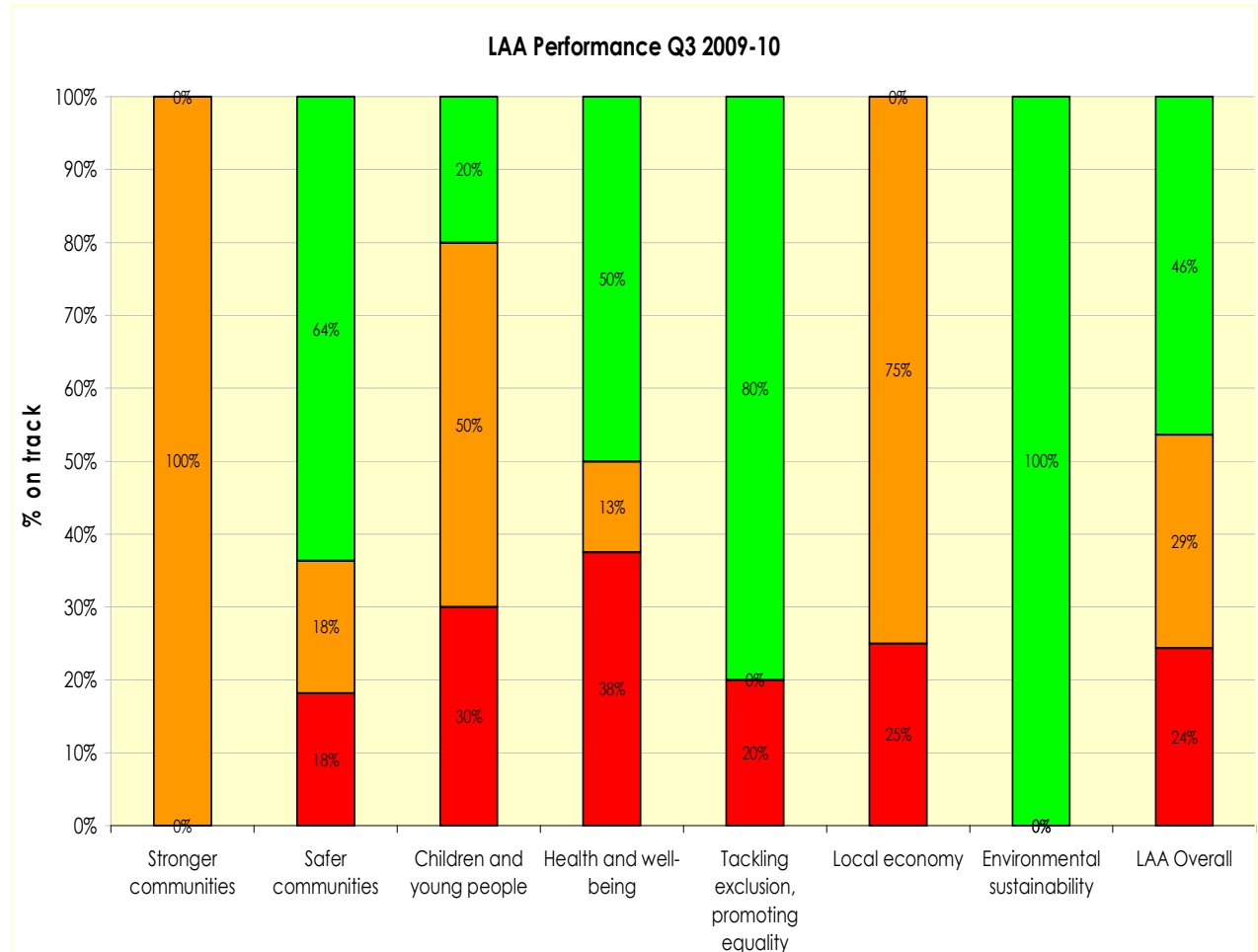


Figure 1 shows that of the 19 National Indicators with data reported for the Committee's area of responsibility 14 (74%) are green, 4 (21%) are amber and 1 (5%) is red. Further details of performance against these indicators is shown in appendix 1.

**Figure 2: LAA Performance**



## LAA performance

11.2 Figure 2 shows performance by LAA theme. There are 35 designated National Indicators and 10 non-designated indicators in the Local Area Agreement. A number of indicators have two parts and data have been collected for 41 measures. Overall 19 (46%) were green, 12 (29%) amber and 10 (24%) red. Two LAA indicators are collected biennially as part of the Place Survey and a further seven are collected annually and are not yet available. LAA indicators performance is shown in appendix 2.

## LAA 'refresh'

11.3 The current LAA will be in its final year in 2010-2011. Government Office NW has discussed a 'refresh' of the agreement with the LSP to identify targets that need to be amended. GONW have been clear that there are to be no widespread changes.

As an effect of the economic downturn the Government has agreed to adjust targets relating to two housing measures. There are:

- NI 154 – Net additional homes provided – new 2010-2011 target – 650 (former target – 995)
- NI 155 – Number of affordable houses delivered – new 2010-2011 target – 379 (former target 526).

Consideration was also given to adjusting targets for NI 153 (working age people claiming out of work benefits in worst performing neighbourhoods) and NI 171 (new business registration) but, following detailed analysis and projections, these were left unchanged.

### **Addition of further Non-Designated Indicators to the LAA**

11.4 The Health & Well Being Partnership has reviewed the health and well being indicators against needs (as described in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment) and has proposed the inclusion of some additional indicators as non-designated, local indicators that are not subject to negotiation with GONW and do not attract reward grant. These new indicators will reflect agreed priorities in Cheshire East and be an explicit link to World Class Commissioning.

#### **NI 39 – Alcohol related hospital admission rates**

- The level of hospital admissions is ranked slightly worse than nationally and estimates of hazardous and binge drinking are worse than either regional or national averages. The PCT has identified alcohol related hospital admissions as one of its key priority outcomes in World Class Commissioning. The Cheshire East Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy clearly articulates the need to prioritise action against this Indicator.

#### **NI 119 – Self reported measure of people's overall health and well being**

- Mild to moderate mental health problems are very common and sustained unemployment can impact adversely on mental health. Studies show that unemployment correlates with poorer health outcomes. A forthcoming Department of Health policy, 'New Horizons' recognised that more needs to be done to promote mental health and well being. Early findings from a North West Mental Well Being survey also recommend that more work needs to be done with partners in local area development, enhancing place and empowering communities.

#### **NI 53 – Prevalence of breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks from birth**

- The current rate for Cheshire East is below the regional average and whilst the rate is improving, it is not improving fast enough to achieve the 2% year on year target. The PCT has identified breastfeeding initiation and duration as one of its key priority outcomes in World Class Commissioning.

## **12. 2009-2010 Year end**

12.1 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.

## **13.0 *Access to Information***

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

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