



Report of:	Meeting	Date
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<p style="text-align: center;">Council Business Plan – 4th Quarter Performance Statement 2022/23 January – March 2023</p>
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The dashboard style report (attached) gives a quick reference to quarterly progress against the council's business plan projects and measures, along with commentary where issues have been identified.

2. Project Updates

- 2.1 There are 18 Business Plan projects split between the three ambitions within the Business Plan – Economy, People and Place.

- 2.2 Whilst the majority of projects are on track, there are 3 showing Amber with minor issues.

- 2.2.1 A summary of those with minor issues (Amber) are shown below:

- **Support business growth at the Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone (EZ)** - The Council continues to support the work of the EZ Board, providing a strategic direction for the EZ through regular meetings with key stakeholders. In addition the Council supports the work of NPL Ltd in facilitating a Hydrogen Steering Group for the EZ.

Topographic survey completed and a programme for the commission of technical studies and update of the masterplan is expected to be received from consultancy company WSP late April.

- **Deliver the Wyre Beach Management Scheme to protect homes from coastal flooding** - The Project Manager has instructed the commencement of the site compound and ancillary enablement works to commence on 5th September. This will allow the construction works to commence at the start of March 2023. The scheme has been delayed by 12 months due to MMO licence application for the temporary storage of rock on the beach

for the initial scheme. Costs for the compound works have risen by approximately 33% due to material inflation and fuel costs. Meetings with the MMO have been arranged to determine how their requirements can be satisfied.

- **Support the Turning Tides Partnership in the ambition to achieve a blue flag coast that is free from plastic pollution -** Bathing Water Results 2022 (EA) Nicki Rushton reported that of the twenty-five bathing water sites across Cumbria and Lancashire the results for 2022 were 11 excellent, 6 good, 7 sufficient and 1 poor. There has been a deterioration at 7 sites along the Fylde Coast, Morecambe and Haverigg, these are:

1. Morecambe North, sufficient.
2. Blackpool South, sufficient.
3. Blackpool Central, sufficient.
4. Blackpool North, poor.
5. Southport, sufficient.
6. St Annes, sufficient.
7. Haverigg, sufficient.

There has been a change in classification at 25 bathing water sites. Wyre's two bathing waters Cleveleys and Fleetwood Marine Beach remain good.

The Turning Tides group currently champions the issue of Bathing Water Quality through the Wave 1 group who are preparing action plans for the priority beaches aimed at improving bathing water quality.

An action at the Turning Tide meeting was to establish a Technical Group to better understand the bathing water data and try to identify the cause of the poor results. The group will be led by Fylde and include Blackpool and Wyre Councils due to geographical linkages on the Fylde Coast. The first meeting of the Technical Group will be held on 12 June 2023.

3. Performance Updates

- 3.1 In total there are 24 measures to be reported on however some of these (4) do not have data available as they are either annual or bi-annual collection so have not been included.
- 3.2 Of the 20 Measures included on the report, 14 have a Green status, 3 Amber and 3 Red.
 - 3.2.1 Further information regarding those showing as Amber are set out below.
 - **% of fledgling businesses surviving - 18 months** - Target set as Lancashire average. Data source: BankSearch Consultancy Ltd (data correct as at February 2023)

- **Reduction in council carbon emissions** – Work is ongoing towards reducing the council's and wider borough's emissions by at least 78% by 2035. The most recent carbon footprint calculation for the council was 2,544.70 tCO₂e in the 2021/22 financial year. In order to meet the council's target, an annual reduction of at least 4.6% (125.10 tCO₂e) of emissions from the baseline is needed accumulatively until 2035. For 2021/22 the council has reduced emissions by 7% from the 2018/19 baseline, although this is 7% off target. We won't be able to calculate these for 2022/23 until some point within Q1 of the following year 2023/24.
- **% of household waste recycled** - Q4 figures are estimates due to a 3 month lag in data from LCC. We have continued to undertake education in areas where we recognise that there is high percentage of contamination but we believe the contamination is due to a lack of understanding as opposed to a refusal to comply with recycling initiatives, therefore a Project Officer/Enforcement Officer engages directly with householders to highlight the contamination and effective ways to combat the concern.

3.2.2 Further information regarding those showing as Red are set out below.

- **Total visits to town centres** - New data supplier (Huq Industries) procured Q2 2022. Updated data collection methods, plus town centre boundaries reviewed, hence discrepancy between figures from Q2 onwards and figures previously reported. Target set as figure from previous quarter.
- **Number of domestic energy measures installed under Cosy Homes in Lancashire, via Green Homes Grants and other Government Schemes** – This measure is only reporting red as data isn't available for Q4 yet for LAD2 and HUG and so the return doesn't include this data.
- **Number of public electric charging points** - All 23 units have been installed but we are waiting for Electricity North West to make a connection to the mains supply – some have been given an expected connection date, while others are still awaiting one (Marine Hall, Civic Centre an Quail Holme Lane).

Financial and legal implications	
Finance	<i>There are no financial implications.</i>
Legal	<i>There are no legal implications.</i>

Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x
climate change	x
ICT	x
data protection	x

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
None		

List of appendices

N/A