



Report of:	Meeting	Date
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Council Business Plan – 2nd Quarter Performance Statement 2019/20
July – September 2019

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 now 26 Business Plan projects split between the three ambitions within the Business Plan – Economy, People and Place.
- 2.2** The majority of projects are on track with just two showing Amber with minor issues:
- Delivery of the implementation plan for Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone is behind schedule although drone footage has now been completed and will be available for publicity material.
 - The preparation of the Economic Development (ED) Strategy is behind schedule due to staffing issues in the ED team. However, two of the three posts have now been filled.

3. Performance Updates

- 3.1** There are fewer measures reported this quarter as those with no data available are either annual or bi-annual collection so have not been included.
- 3.2** Of the 16 Measures included on the report nine have a Green status, three have Amber and four Red, further information regarding those showing as Red are set out below.

- Take up of Employment Land - It should not be expected that there will always be take up of employment land in every quarter or indeed in every year. The Local Plan sets a requirement of 43 hectare over the Local Plan period 2011 -2031. This equates to an annual figure of 2.15 hectares and in turn a quarterly figure of 0.54 hectares and it is not unusual that there is no take up of employment land in any one particular year. Currently there is some economic uncertainty with Brexit which may have some impact. It should however be noted that the take up of employment land is not necessarily a reflection of economic investment as businesses invest in technology and grow without necessarily requiring extra land. The Local Plan seeks to ensure that economic investment is not frustrated due to the lack of identified suitable sites.
- Number of cases going to the Multi-Agency ASB Meeting - During the summer months there have been fewer multi-agency ASB meetings held due to staff availability which could explain the reduction in referrals. However it could also simply be that there was not as many new referrals received, requiring a multi-agency response during the period. The ASB meetings are still in the process of being embedded into ours and our partner's procedures and it is an evolving system. It should be noted that the figures provided relate to new cases only, for example if the team received a report about ASB in memorial park in the first quarter, we may receive further notifications about similar incidents during the second quarter, but this has only been recorded as one case and wouldn't be counted again in the second quarter. As the process we have introduced is unique, we do not at present have sufficient evidence to say for certain why there has been a reduction in the number of referrals received during this period.
- Number of leisure centre visits - The major contributing factors to a reduction in the number of leisure centre visits are the closure of the two five-a-side pitches at Thornton Leisure Centre and increasing competition from budget gyms such as the JD Gym at Cleveleys. Quotes are being obtained by the YMCA for necessary repairs to the football pitches to get them open again as soon as possible and the YMCA is adapting marketing strategies to win back members that have been lost.
- Out of work benefit claimant count – this is collected nationally and whilst it is an important measure, the council is unable to influence directly.

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

Processing Personal Data

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection

List of appendices

N/A