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Scrutiny Committee

AGENDA

ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Committee Room 2
Town Hall
Stockport

Meeting: Thursday 3 June 2010
Tea: 5.00 pm
Business: 6.00 pm

Substitutes

Councillors who require a substitute to be appointed should inform Democratic Services by 4.00 pm on Tuesday 1 June 2010. Councillors who wish to arrange their own substitute should inform Democratic Services of the name of their substitute prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2010.
(Enclosed)

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers to declare any interest which they may have in any of the items on the agenda for this meeting (including whipping declarations)

3. CALL-IN

To consider any call-in items

4. FOURTH QUARTER 2009/10 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT

To consider a report of the Corporate Director, Communities, Environment and Regeneration
(Enclosed)

The purpose of this report is to provide a detailed overview of performance which relates to this Scrutiny Committee. Information provided is taken from the Council's Fourth Quarter Corporate Performance Report and specific detail and information in relation to the Council's 'Attractive and Thriving', and 'Leading Green Borough' priorities. This is supported

by relevant performance indicator information and comparisons have been made with the 2008/09 performance. 2

The Committee is invited to:-

Review the current levels of performance;

Highlight key areas of, and responsibility for, taking forward corrective action to address any existing or forecast performance issues; and

Identify how areas of strong performance and good practice can be shared in other services.

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5. 2009/10 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING UPDATE ON PROVISIONAL OUTTURN POSITION

To consider a report of the Corporate Director, Business Services (Previously circulated)

This report provides an update on the 2009/10 revenue budget provisional outturn position. The figures presented in this report are draft at this stage and a more detailed report on the final position will be presented to the next Executive Meeting on 14 June 2010.

The Scrutiny Committee is invited to comment on the report.

Officer contact: Christine Buxton Tel: 474 4124, email: christine.buxton@stockport.gov.uk

Councillors are encouraged to submit questions on the financial and performance monitoring reports prior to the meeting in order to enable a detailed response to be available at the meeting. Questions should be submitted to either David Clee Tel: 474 3137 or email: david.clee@stockport.gov.uk or David Tomlinson Tel: 218 1634 or email: david.tomlinson@stockport.gov.uk

6. STOCKPORT'S RESPONSE TO THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN SCRUTINY REVIEW – EXECUTIVE RESPONSE

To consider a report of the Corporate Director, Communities, Environment and Regeneration detailing the Executive's response to the Scrutiny Review on the Economic Downturn. (Enclosed)

The Scrutiny Committee is invited to comment on the recommendations of the Executive contained within the report.

Officer Contact: Steve Burns Tel: 475 2648, email: steve.burns@stockport.gov.uk

7. RÉSUMÉ OF THE STOCKPORT ECONOMIC ALLIANCE

To note the résumé of the meeting held on 17 March 2010. (Enclosed)

Officer contact: Jonathan Vali, Tel: 474 3201 email: jonathan.vali@stockport.gov.uk

8. AGENDA PLANNING

To consider a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy & Democracy) (Enclosed)

The report sets out planned agenda items for the Scrutiny Committee's next two meetings and Forward Plan items that fall within the remit of the Scrutiny Committee.

The Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider the information in the report and put forward any agenda items for future meetings of the Scrutiny Committee.

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ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Meeting: 8 April 2010
At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Wendy Meikle (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Roy Driver (Vice Chair); Councillors Andrew Bispham, Philip Harding, Syd Lloyd, Wendy Orrell, Andrew Verdeille and Craig Wright.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 18 February 2010 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

3. CALL-IN

There were no items to consider.

4. TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ORDERS REPORT

A representative of the Corporate Director, Communities, Environment and Regeneration submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) of the Corporate Director, Communities, Environment and Regeneration and Corporate Director, Business Services providing information on the legal and advertising costs associated with Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) made on behalf of the Area Committees. A request had originally been made by the Stepping Hill Area Committee for the Scrutiny Committee to consider this matter.

Negotiations with Manchester Evening News (MEN) Media, of which the 'Stockport Express' was a part, had shown that the Council had, on occasions, been charged for larger size notices and MEN Media had agree to provide refunds.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- Whether the public notices could just be advertised on the Council's web site.
- Whether there was any possibility of reducing the TRO process from the average of 4.25 months and whether there was any national benchmarking information on this.

RESOLVED – (1) That it be noted that:-

- Officers have instigated negotiations with MEN Media with regard to obtaining appropriate refunds.
- A standard format for TRO notices has now been agreed with all parties and clear monitoring procedures have been put in place by Legal Services to ensure that charges are applied according to this format in future.

(2) That TROs continue to be advertised on a weekly basis, according to the process set out in the Best Value Review of 2001/02, in order to avoid unnecessary delays.

(3) That investigations be carried out to see if there is any benchmarking data available with regard to the TRO process.

5. COMPLETED SCRUTINY REVIEWS PROGRESS REPORT

A representative of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Democracy) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out progress on recommendations made by the Committee and agreed by the Executive in previous years. The report enabled the Committee to monitor progress towards implementing the agreed recommendations and provided it with an opportunity to monitor the effectiveness of the recommendations.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- More information was requested on the disbandment of the Creative Industries Development Service and whether this was a reduction in the provision of services.
- The proposals for more flexible use of commuted sums were being considered as part of the Local Development Framework review.
- A Member congratulated the Parks and Recreation Service on consulting young people on the improvement of local green spaces.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That Members of the Committee be provided with a copy of the Council's policy on commuted sums and how Members can access details of commuted sums which are agreed and how they are spent.

6. PARTNERSHIP REPORTING TO SCRUTINY

A representative of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Democracy) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating the Committee on a review of existing governance arrangements and the relationship between the Stockport Partnership with associated thematic boards and Scrutiny Committees, and proposing enhanced reporting arrangements between these partnerships and the associated Scrutiny Committees.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- A Member asked for all Members of the Committee to see a copy of the best practice guide to partnership working published by the Audit Commission.
- A Member expressed concern that the opposition groups on the Council were not represented on the thematic partnerships.

RESOLVED – (1) That the scrutiny arrangements outlined in Section 3.1 of the report and the supporting appendices be endorsed.

(2) That Members of the Committee be provided with a link to the best practice guide to partnership working published by the Audit Commission.

7. AGENDA PLANNING

A representative of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy and Democracy) submitted a report (copies of which have been circulated) setting out the planned agenda items for the Committee's next meeting and Forward Plan items which fell within the remit of the Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. MEMBERS OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2009/10

The Chair expressed thanks and appreciation to the Members of the Committee for their valuable input into the work of the Committee during the current Municipal Year and thanked the Officers who had supported the Committee.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm. .

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REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 3 JUNE 2010

REPORT OF: CORPORATE DIRECTOR, COMMUNITIES,
REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT

REPORT TITLE: FOURTH QUARTER 2009/10 CORPORATE
PERFORMANCE REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to provide a detailed overview of performance which relates to the Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee. Information provided is taken from the Council's 4th Quarter Corporate Performance Report and specific detail and information in relation to the Council's 'Attractive and Thriving' and 'Leading Green Borough' priorities. This is supported by relevant performance indicator (PI) information and comparisons have been made with 2008/09 performance.

2. **An Attractive and Thriving Stockport**

Figures reflect all PIs where data was available as of 1 May 2010

Percentage (Number) of PIs on target	66.7% (14)
The following comparison is made between actual/forecast 09/10 year-end data and final 08/09 data:	
Percentage (Number) of PIs improving	47.6% (10)
Percentage (Number) of PIs where there is no change	28.6% (6)
Percentage (Number) of PIs deteriorating	23.8% (5)

14 of the 21 measures which feed into this Council priority are reporting actual or forecast year-end results on or ahead of target. All bar one of the measures not reported as on or ahead of target feed into the 'Regenerating and investing throughout Stockport' priority.

Summary of performance in:

Outcome 1 – Cleaner Stockport

Four of the five measures feeding into this priority are showing as on or ahead of target; the exception is BV 98, 'Percentage of people satisfied with cleanliness standards'. This measure is reported from Stockport Survey data, and with this result made available relatively recently further analysis of the factors contributing to the results is yet to take place. The actual results for the cleanliness standards indicators are good, both against target and in

terms of the year-on-year trend (two measures improving on 2008/09 and the remainder matching these results).

Outcome 2 – Creating higher quality roads and pavements

All six measures have met or exceeded their targets (one within green tolerance*), with two of them improving on the 2008/09 outturn, three matching it and one (*BV 215a – ‘Average days for repairing street lighting faults within Council control’) showing a marginal deterioration from 2.74 to 2.88 days.

Despite the expected rise in the last quarter, the year-end figure for the average time taken to repair street lighting faults by United Utilities (BV 215b) stands at 5.30 days, significantly below both the 2008/09 final figure (8.18) and the 2009/10 target (8). This has fallen in recent years from an average of over 30 days largely due to combined work undertaken by the council and UU on the back of the lighting review undertaken in 2006. With the new system of find & fix and night scouting in excess of 8,000 faults have been repaired in 09/10.

As originally mentioned in the Q3 report, the surveys reporting carriageway condition (NI 168 & 169) were carried out prior to the severe winter conditions experienced in December 2009 and January 2010, and the 2010/11 surveys are expected to reflect the increased deterioration currently being observed.

Outcome 3 – Regenerating and investing throughout Stockport

Status for this outcome is similar to Quarters 2 and 3 – of the ten measures contributing to it, four are reporting actual or forecast year-end figures that will meet or exceed target, albeit in the case of two measures with figures short of those achieved in 2008/09, and six are showing off-target outturn figures (five within red categorisation and one within amber tolerance). Of the off-target measures, two are reporting outturns that will improve on 2008/09, two that would represent deterioration and one remaining static.

Of note is the result and trend posted by A&T 3.10a (‘Proportion of occupied retail, commercial and business premises within the borough's District Centres’). This measure reported its lowest return during Q2 of this year (88.9% against a target of 90% and a 2008/09 figure of 89.6%) but has since recovered to 89.7%.

The town centre (A&T 3.10b) has not fared as well, with a year-end outturn of 79.5% that is 2.5% lower than that of 2008/09 and the lowest recorded during the year.

Whilst the forecast results for jobs in key growth sectors remain off target (A&T3.13a), Stockport does continue to attract new jobs, as the results of A&T 3.11 (‘Number of jobs created as a result of public or private sector investment in the borough’) demonstrate, 1,428 against a target of 500 and a significant improvement on the 2008/09 outturn of 691.

There have been over 100,000 extra visitors to Stockport's Art's, Culture & Visitor Attractions (A&T3.14) representing a 22% increase on 08/09. A number of factors have contributed to this including improved mechanisms for identifying the needs of our residents and close inter-service working.

The year-end return for NI 153 LAA ('Percentage of working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods'; aim to minimise) is forecasting not to achieve it's target and is showing an increase of 1.7% from its 08/09 outturn; the usual caveats resulting from the significant time lag for the data remain in place.

NIs 163 and 164 ('Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 2/3 or higher') remain a concern; year-end forecasts have again been revised downwards, although accurate forecasting is compromised by the data lag for these measures (latest confirmed data covers the calendar year 2008).

Highlights

- **Future Jobs Fund:** At March 31, 104 people had begun employment under this scheme (target of 100). The Council providing 64% of these placements.
- **Community Engagement Service:** 75 people engaged to date by the Employment and Skills Advisers (Stockport Boost funding).
- **Stockport Boost Skills centres** have been opened in Reddish, Edgeley & the Town Centre to meet the unprecedented demand for places at Stockport College as a result of the recession. Over 150 sessions have been with over 330 learners.
- **St Peter's Square:** Completion of final phase of St Peter's Square public realm – complementing Plaza restoration and completion and partial letting of offices.
- **Creation of Jobs:** BAM St Peter's Square offices - Letting of two floors to BSKyB with 550 new jobs to be created. Jacobs secured a lease at Cheadle Royal with 300 to be created.
- **Broadstone Business Incubator:** Expansion completed with lease signed. The Incubator now occupies 24,800 sq ft of lettable floorspace (plus corridors and communal space) - the whole of the 3rd floor of Broadstone Mill. The incubator space is now 70% occupied. 100 small businesses are located within managed workspace & incubator space.
- **Meet The Buyer:** Stockport's 4th Meet the Buyer event held in March for public sector procurement teams; 115 companies attended and 275 appointments held.

- **Stockport & Trafford Collaborative Working Arrangement:** Official launch 9th March 2010 at Lancashire County Cricket Club. Programme comprised the official launch (by the Leaders), promotion to potential new clients and local supplier awareness.
- **Prosecutions:** a) A man pleaded guilty at Stockport Magistrates Court to illegally fly-tipping 25 bags of waste. He was fined £220.00 and ordered to pay costs of £275.00 + £15.00 Victim Surcharge; b) A woman pleaded guilty to illegally fly-tipping household waste. She was fined £50.00 and ordered to pay £15.00 Victim Surcharge.
- **Viaduct Lighting Works:** Planned maintenance activities completed with high profile publicity secured within local press and The Stockport Review.
- **Town centre shuttle bus:** Now carrying over 4,500 passengers per week; 100% increase on the same period last year.
- **Retaining Wall Programme:** Stockport total £8m allocation over 3 years. Work on 57 retaining walls. Year 1 allocation £2.2m (plus additional £0.5m spent to in Stockport assist Oldham Council); spend and commitments at Q4 £2.7m = 100%. Tan Pit Retaining Wall Scheme won Considerate Constructors Scheme 2010 National Site Award.
- Participation in two GMP-led **Supervortex operations**, resulting in the seizure of over 2,000 bottles of illicit alcohol and 8,000 fake DVDs. In addition, one licensed premises closed down and five taxis suspended on safety grounds.
- Trading Standards donated over £100,000 worth of **fake goods** to charity. International Aid charity will use these to help some of the poorest people in the world in Eastern European nations.
- **Building Control income** showing signs of recovery. There has been an increase in plans being submitted, mainly from domestic property work.

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A Leading Green Borough

Figures reflect all PIs where data was available as of 1 May 2010

Percentage (Number) of PIs on target	86.6% (13)
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The following comparison is made between actual/forecast 09/10 year-end data and final 08/09 data:

Percentage (Number) of PIs improving	86.6% (13)
Percentage (Number) of PIs where there is no change	6.7% (1)
Percentage (Number) of PIs deteriorating	6.7% (1)

13 of the 15 measures feeding into this priority are reporting figures which meet or exceed target with the same number representing an improvement on the 2008/09 outturn.

Summary of performance in:

Outcome 1 – Limiting Stockport’s Impact on the Environment

All measures are reporting forecast results at this point, with three of four reported as meeting or exceeding target. The exception relates to the reduction in CO2 emissions per capita (NI 186), although there is a significant lag in the data for this measure (2008/09 data still a forecast; 2009/10 a forecast and 2009 data expected October 2011).

Outcome 2 – Protecting Greenspace

Five of the six measures feeding into this priority are reporting year-end outturns that either meet or exceed target and which show improvement on the previous year. The Stockport Survey measure relating to the level of satisfaction with the overall quality of parks and green spaces (BV119e) is the exception and shows a slight fall since the Place Survey in 2008. Although this is not a statistically significant fall, it means performance is 4% short of the 2009/10 target.

Although two sites planned for designation as Local Nature Reserves (LGB 2.4) during the year did not go forward, the target for 2009/10 was achieved and it is expected that these sites will be designated in 2010/11.

Outcome 3 – Reducing the Environmental Impact of Traffic

All five of the measures are reporting or forecasting as achieving target (two within green tolerance range); four show results improving on 2008/09 performance.

NI 175LAA measure (% people with access to services by public transport) is reported to be slightly below target for 2009/10 but within the green tolerance. The year-end data for 2009/10 is being assessed to identify the areas where access falls below the acceptable level to achieve the future targets. Discussions are to take place with the hospital authorities and GMPTE regarding the extending of the community transport provision for the areas identified to be below target. Improvement and achievement of the overall targets (notably the final LAA target) will depend on the outcome of these discussions and the success in identifying and obtaining the necessary funding to support the provision of new transport services.

Highlights

- **Recycle Even More for Stockport:** Progress continued on planning for Phase 2. The Project Plan has been developed for the next rollout of 104,000 black wheeled containers, 18,000 green external food waste bins,

111,000 green food waste caddies and 111,000 rolls of 150 compostable liners.

- **Stockport Environment Partnership** secured £200,000 for a Carbon Reduction Programme to accelerate progress on NI 186.
 - **Green Flag parks:** In comparison to Q4 last year there is an additional 10% of the population who now have access to a Green Flag Standard Park within 1km of their home. This has been brought about by bringing an additional five parks to Green Flag Standard.
 - **Road casualties:** The total for all road casualties in 2009 shows a continued reduction in the three year average and has exceeded expectations and target. The total for all casualties (716) was nearly 90 less than the previous year, meaning that the rolling average has now dropped to 803.
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4. **Recommendations**

Members of the Scrutiny Committee are asked to:

- a) Review the current levels of performance;
- b) Highlight key areas of, and responsibility for, taking forward corrective action to address any existing or forecast performance issues;
- c) Identify how areas of strong performance and good practice can be shared in other services.

Background Papers:





- Quarter 4 Performance Indicator Reports for Attractive & Thriving and Leading Green Borough.




Contact person for accessing background papers; Doug Holland (Performance and Improvement Team Leader (Acting), Improvement Management Services, CRE) 474 2976

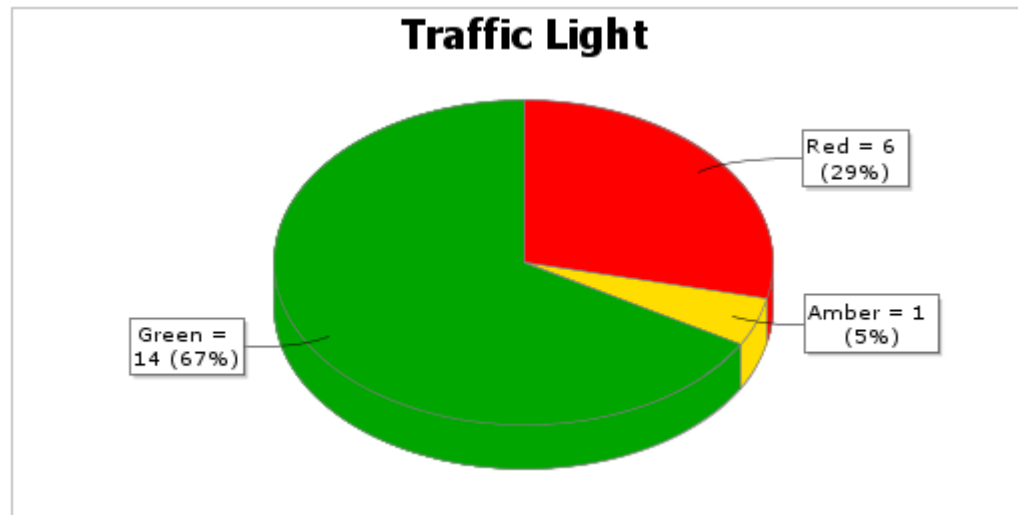
Council Plan Performance Indicators Report

Priority – An Attractive and Thriving Stockport

Key









PI Status	
	09/10 outturn Value/Forecast is significantly below target
	09/10 outturn Value/Forecast is below target but within the Amber threshold
	09/10 outturn Value/Forecast is on target or within Green tolerance
	Cannot be calculated
(F)	Forecast figure



Long Trends (Comparison 08/09 outturn with Actual/Forecast 09/10 outturn)	
	Improving
	No Change
	Getting Worse



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1.1 - Cleaner Stockport







PI Code	Description	Aim is to...	2008/09	Q1 2009/10	Q2 2009/10	Q3 2009/10	Q4 2009/10	2009/10			Status	Note
			Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Target	Long Trend		
BV89 retained	Percentage of people satisfied with cleanliness standards	Aim to Maximise	51.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A	59%	59%	62%			Stockport Survey result - 59% satisfied. Further analysis to be conducted
NI 195a LAA	Percentage of relevant land and highways assessed with litter that falls below an acceptable level (Grade B)	Aim to Minimise	6%	5%	N/A	7%	5%	6%	6%			6% of the 900 transects assessed for levels of litter were below an acceptable level (grade B)
NI 195b LAA	Percentage of relevant land and highways assessed with deposits of detritus that fall below an acceptable level (Grade B)	Aim to Minimise	15%	15%	N/A	8%	9%	11%	15%			11% of the 900 transects assessed for levels of detritus were below an acceptable level (grade B)
NI 195c LAA	BV 199b Percentage of land and highways from which unacceptable levels (below Grade B) of graffiti are visible	Aim to Minimise	3%	4%	N/A	3%	0%	2%	3%			The vast majority of graffiti across the borough is categorised as low level juvenile graffiti, often detected on lighting columns and other street furniture. A graffiti education strategy is to be developed and implemented during 2010/11 in order to reduce the incidents of graffiti

NI 195d LAA	BV 199c Percentage of land and highways from which unacceptable levels of fly posting are visible	Aim to Minimise	0%	1%	N/A	0%	1%	0%	0%			The flyposting score of 0% has met the target of 0%. The Area Conditions Team and the District / Roving and Town Centre Stewards continue to remove fly posting on street furniture and to take the appropriate enforcement action to prevent recurrences. This sustained course of action has led to continued low levels of fly posting
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1.2 - Creating Higher Quality Roads and Pavements









PI Code	Description	Aim is to...	2008/09	Q1 2009/10	Q2 2009/10	Q3 2009/10	Q4 2009/10	2009/10			Status	Note
			Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Target	Long Trend		
BV187 retained	Percentage of the surface footway requiring maintenance	Aim to Minimise	21%	N/A	N/A	N/A	19%	19%	20%			The majority of funding allocated each year for footway improvement works is secured from the Invest-2-Save investment programme. The programme is currently in Yr5 and has seen approx 130km of footway improvements since commencing in 2005/06. The condition surveys for this indicator are conducted during Q2 & Q3 with outturn data available within Q4. Since the surveys were conducted during Q2/3 we have experienced severe winter conditions that have resulted in increased deterioration across the network. As a consequence of this, we expect the surveys conducted in 2010/11 to reflect the increased deterioration currently being observed
BV215a retained	Average days for repairing Street Lighting faults within Council control	Aim to Minimise	2.74	2.71	2.75	1.65	2.00	2.88	2.70			Quarter figures represent internal monitoring only. The new system of 'Find & Fix' with night scouting has resulted in significant improvements with an outturn of 2.88 days being achieved. Traditionally, during the first half of the year the smallest numbers of enquiries are received with the majority of service requests being generated during Q3 & Q4. Over the year we have repaired in excess of 8,000 faults
BV215b retained	Average days for Rectification of Street Lighting faults : DNO	Aim to Minimise	8.18	3.94	3.04	3.07	9.02	5.30	8.00			Quarter figures represent internal monitoring only. Network Operator (United Utilities) results are compiled annually. The faults measured are associated with service failures for existing lighting columns and do not include new service connections/disconnections. Significant improvements have been achieved in recent years, seeing the average time to repair a fault falling from in excess of 30 days to the current





PI Code	Description	Aim is to...	2008/09	Q1 2009/10	Q2 2009/10	Q3 2009/10	Q4 2009/10	2009/10			Status	Note
			Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Target	Long Trend		
												level of 5.30 days
BV224b retained	Condition of Unclassified Road	Aim to Minimise	10%	N/A	N/A	N/A	10%	10%	10%			This indicator is measured annually with the outturn figures being available March/April 2010. The survey is undertaken internally to a national standard. The surveys were completed by the end of Q3 with the outturn figure of 10% being maintained. Since the surveys were conducted, we have experienced severe winter conditions that have resulted in increased deterioration across the network. As a consequence of this, we expect the surveys conducted in 2010/11 to reflect the increased deterioration currently being observed
NI 168 BV223	Percentage of the Local Authority Principal Road Networks ('A' roads) where structural maintenance should be considered	Aim to Minimise	4%	N/A	N/A	N/A	4%	4%	4%			This indicator is measured annually with the outturn figures being available March/April 2010. The survey is undertaken on a national basis by an independent survey company (currently WDM contracted to the GM authorities). The surveys were undertaken during Q3 with an outturn figure of 4% secured. Since the surveys were conducted during Q3 we have experienced severe winter conditions that have resulted in increased deterioration across the network. As a consequence of this, we expect the surveys conducted in 2010/11 to reflect the increased deterioration currently being observed
NI 169 BV224a	Percentage of non-principal classified roads ('B ' and 'C' roads) where maintenance should be considered	Aim to Minimise	4.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%			This indicator is measured annually with the outturn figures being available March/April 2010. The survey is undertaken on a national basis by an independent survey company (currently WDM contracted to the GM authorities). The surveys were undertaken during Q3 with an outturn figure of 4% secured. Since the surveys were conducted during Q3 we have experienced severe winter conditions that have resulted in increased deterioration across the network. As a consequence of this, we expect the surveys conducted in 2010/11 to reflect the increased deterioration currently being observed

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1.3 - Regenerating and Investing Throughout Stockport





PI Code	Description	Aim is to...	2008/09	Q1 2009/10	Q2 2009/10	Q3 2009/10	Q4 2009/10	2009/10			Status	Note
			Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Target	Long Trend		
A&T3.9	Amount of new retail, office and industrial floor space completed in the borough (Sq M)	Aim to Maximise	12,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9,000 (F)	9,000			Forecast figure based on known likely completions in 2009/10
A&T3.10a	Proportion of occupied retail, commercial and business premises within the borough's District Centres	Aim to Maximise	89.6%	89.3%	88.9%	89.4%	89.7%	89.7%	90%			Average occupancy across the eight District Centres as at March 2010 now stands at 89.7% (average vacancy rate 10.3%). Five centres experiencing a reduced number of vacancies, one remaining the same (Romiley) and two centres experiencing two additional vacancies - Edgeley and Reddish. Vacancy rates for individual centres range from the lowest at Bramhall and Cheadle Hulme (5.9% and 5.8% respectively) to the highest in Edgeley (16.2%)
A&T3.10b	Proportion of occupied retail, commercial and business premises within the Town Centre	Aim to Maximise	82%	81%	81%	81.6%	79.5%	79.5%	77%			The Town Centre continues to experience high levels of shop vacancies. The Council is launching several new initiatives that aim to help address the issues surrounding vacant shop units within the Town, District & Local Centres. The schemes that have been developed include grant aid to landlords and new businesses, grants to Community/non profit making groups and the establishment of an improvement 'make-over' team. Funding and resources for these schemes has been secured through a range of sources: notably a grant of over £52,000 from the government, 'match funding' through the Performance Related Grant Scheme and the Future Jobs Fund. The Council has also allocated some PIF funding
A&T3.11	Number of jobs created as a result of public or private sector investment into the Borough	Aim to Maximise	691	67	181	371	1,428	1,428	500			This figure is cumulative for the year and includes 686 new jobs created as a result of work undertaken by the Economic Development Team (EDT) plus 326 created as a result of the EDT working in partnership with MIDAS. A further 416 jobs have been created as a result of unassisted investment by employers. In total an additional 400 jobs have been

PI Code	Description	Aim is to...	2008/09	Q1 2009/10	Q2 2009/10	Q3 2009/10	Q4 2009/10	2009/10			Status	Note
			Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Target	Long Trend		
												safeguarded and almost 400,000sqft of space occupied. An investment is recorded once a commitment is made to invest in a property (e.g. lease signed); investors in 2009/10 therefore include BSkyB (550 new jobs to be created) and Jacobs engineering (300 new jobs)
A&T3.13a	The numbers employed in key growth sectors of the economy: a) Financial & Professional Services	Aim to Maximise	25,562	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	23,090 (F)	25,500			Figures for 2008 reported in Jan 2010 and received Dec 2009. Figures for 2009 (reflecting the position as at June/July 2009) will be released in Dec 2010. We still forecast a decline in employment in the sector due to our knowledge of the impact of the recession on the local economy during 2009
A&T3.13b	The numbers employed in key growth sectors of the economy: b) Digital industries	Aim to Maximise	3,075	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,180 (F)	4,800			Figures for 2009 will be released in Dec 2010 and will reflect the position as at June/July 2009. Forecasts will remain the same due to our knowledge of the impact of recession on the local economy
A&T3.14	Visitor numbers at Stockport's arts, culture and visitor attraction venues	Aim to Maximise	462,610	157,870	136,513	149,856	118,603	562,842	465,000			This new indicator has come in 21% above target even though, as this is the first year (2008/09 figure is an estimate), we have been extremely conservative in our estimates of event attendees. Now that Tourism and Events are part of Culture, Tourism and Venues, we will be introducing the Steady State counting system created by the University of London and effectively trialled at the Town Hall Centenary. This quarter's figure is made up of 33,007 visitors to the museums and Art Gallery, 18,148 attendees at Town Hall events, 63,551 visitors to Stockport Market, 3,706 engagements with the Arts Development team and 191 off-site engagements with the Audience Development team. There were no large scale events this quarter
NI 153 LAA	Percentage of working age people claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods	Aim to Minimise	35.6%	35.6%	36.7%	N/A	N/A	37.3% (F)	36.7%			37.3% refers to a revised forecast figure only, based on known increases in JSA claimants; please treat with caution. Latest confirmed data is for Q2 09/10 and is 36.7%; Q4 data will be available August 2010. Please note recently released mid-year population estimate data for 2008 has resulted in all values from Q1 08/09 - Q2 09/10 being recalculated




PI Code	Description	Aim is to...	2008/09	Q1 2009/10	Q2 2009/10	Q3 2009/10	Q4 2009/10	2009/10			Status	Note
			Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Target	Long Trend		
NI 163 LAA	Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 2 or higher	Aim to Maximise	77.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	79.0% (F)	81.3%			Data for 2009/10 not available until September 2011. Last available data covers 2008 and was 75.0%. 79.0% is a revised forecast only (from 81.3%); this is based on current available data and trends only and should be treated with extreme caution
NI 164 LAA	Proportion of population aged 19-64 for males and 19-59 for females qualified to at least Level 3 or higher	Aim to Maximise	56.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	56.2% (F)	61.3%			Data for 2009/10 not available until September 2011. Last available data covers 2008 and was 54.5%. 56.2% is a revised forecast only (from 61.3%) this is based on current available data and trends only and should be treated with extreme caution

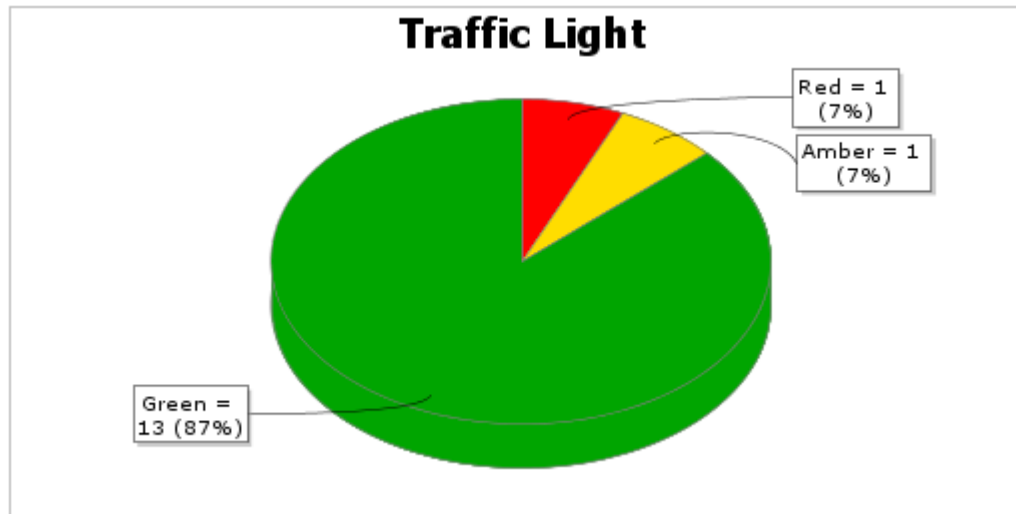
Council Plan Performance Indicators Report

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PI Status	
	09/10 outturn Value/Forecast is significantly below target
	09/10 outturn Value/Forecast is below target but within the Amber threshold
	09/10 outturn Value/Forecast is on target or within Green tolerance
	Cannot be calculated
(F)	Forecast figure









Key

Long Trends (Comparison 08/09 outturn with Actual/Forecast 09/10 outturn)	
	Improving
	No Change
	Getting Worse















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2.1 - Limiting Stockport's Impact on the Environment

PI Code	Description	Aim is to...	2008/09	Q1 2009/10	Q2 2009/10	Q3 2009/10	Q4 2009/10	2009/10			Status	Note
			Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Target	Long Trend		
NI 170 LAA	Percentage of previously developed land that has been vacant or derelict for more than 5 years	Aim to Minimise	1.07%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	.95% (F)	.95%			Planning policies and strategies focus development on previously developed land. The economy is currently recovering from recession which slowed development activity and impacted upon the rate of removal of longer term vacant and derelict previously developed land. Schemes across the country have been mothballed and house-builders have been particularly hard-hit as the property market slumped. Stricter mortgage lending criteria, fewer transactions and falling house prices resulted in much fewer new dwellings being started and planning permissions going unimplemented, particularly on larger sites. Whilst the recovery is now underway and the bottom of the housing market appears to be behind us there is still little private sector development activity, to which NI 170 performance is directly related. Less activity can obviously lead to more land being vacant / derelict for 5 years. The annual figure should be available in Q1 2010/11.
NI 186 LAA	Percentage reduction in per capita CO2 emissions in the Local Authority area from 2005 baseline year	Aim to Maximise	5.1% (F)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.8% (F)	8.4%			Stockport Environment Partnership secured £200,000 for a Carbon Reduction Programme to accelerate progress on NI 186. Forecast added for 2009 for use as placeholder value so can show comparison on Covalent; actual data expected October 2011
NI 191	Kg of residual household waste collected per household	Aim to Minimise	517	127	125	121	113 (F)	486 (F)	510			Estimate Q4 and end-of-year figures until waste data flow submission, due July 2010
NI 192 LAA	Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting	Aim to Maximise	39.24%	42.43%	43.13%	42.43%	38.16% (F)	42.94% (F)	42.00%			Estimate Q4 and end-of-year figures until waste data flow submission, due July 2010









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2.2 - Protecting Greenspace

PI Code	Description	Aim is to...	2008/09	Q1 2009/10	Q2 2009/10	Q3 2009/10	Q4 2009/10	2009/10			Status	Note
			Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Target	Long Trend		
BV119e	Percentage of respondents to the Place Survey or Stockport Survey satisfied with the overall quality of parks and green spaces	Aim to Maximise	69.3%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	68%	72%			Stockport Survey result 68% (+/- 3%). Target of 72% was set for previous measuring method (Parks Questionnaire); this was altered in-year to Place Survey results because of low response to Questionnaire
LAA SSC	Number of parks in areas of deprivation with Green Flag Award	Aim to Maximise	2	4	4	5	5	5	5			South Reddish Park is 5th site
LGB2.4	Hectares of Local Nature Reserves in the Borough	Aim to Maximise	282	300	313.3	313.3	313.3	313.3	310			Tangshutt Fields and Crookilley Wood not designated due to other officer commitments - completion in 2010/11. Target for 2009/10 was reached
LGB2.6	Number of parks and green spaces reaching Green Flag standard	Aim to Maximise	11	11	16	16	16	16	12			An additional three sites were submitted for accreditation in January 2010, namely North Reddish, Shaw Heath Rec and Diamond Jubilee. The outcome will be known in July 2010
LGB2.7	Percentage of residents with access to a Green Flag standard park within 1km of their home	Aim to Maximise	48%	48%	58.77%	58.77%	58.77%	58.77%	50%			58.77% of people in Stockport live within 1km of a Green Flag Standard Park. This figure will not now change until after the next round of Green Flag Award judging, the results of which will be known in July 2010
NI 197	Proportion of Sites of Biological Importance where agreed Greater Manchester-wide action has been taken in-year to enhance natural habitats	Aim to Maximise	21.00%	N/A	23.00%	23.00%	23.00%	23.00%	22.00%			Target of 22% hit. Further gains will be possible as new work systems currently being developed are implemented

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2.3 - Reducing the Environmental Impact of Traffic

PI Code	Description	Aim is to...	2008/09	Q1 2009/10	Q2 2009/10	Q3 2009/10	Q4 2009/10	2009/10			Status	Latest Note
			Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Target	Long Trend		
LGB3.1	Percentage of journeys into Stockport Town Centre not made by car	Aim to Maximise	39%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40% (F)	40%			GMTU survey; confirmed 2009/10 outturn due by end Q2 2010/11. Work continuing on Didsbury ITC and completed for this year on A6
LGB3.2 (NI 167)	Average journey time per mile during the morning peak (mins per mile) on key route between Torkington Road and Greek Street on A6 (Route 7 for Greater Manchester measure of congestion for NI167)	Aim to Minimise	6.92	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.92 (F)	6.92			Bid progressed for £230k funding for A6/ Greek St junction improvement, plus £40k(+40K SMBC) for lay-bys in Great Moor, £30K for loading restrictions and £30k for capacity improvements at Heaton Lane. Surveys carried out and information awaited from GMTU who confirm in their email dated 1/4/2010 that results from the recent survey will not be used in calculating the indicator value until the autumn 09/10 when the full year Trafficmaster data is available
LGB3.3	Number of casualties resulting from road traffic collisions - 3 year rolling average	Aim to Minimise	912	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	803	797			Final figures for 2009 have now been confirmed, with 716 total casualties for Stockport in 2009. The rolling average is now 803, against a target of 797. Considering that this target is a 50% reduction on the 1994-8 mean, stretched 40 percentage points from the Government's original target, this is an excellent result
LGB3.4 (NI 198)	Percentage of children travelling to school - not by car (Consolidating detailed NI 198 data)	Aim to Maximise	72.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	72.6% (F)	72.6%			School travel advisors within the road safety team continue to work with partners to encourage parents and children to walk or cycle to school. Our Bike It Officer (jointly funded by Sustrans and the council) has recently supported Brookside School in Sustrans' Virtual Bike Race, where the cycle mileage completed by all pupils during March was totalled and compared to other schools. Brookside came third nationally with a total of over 9,000 km. We also have a record number

												of entries for this year's Bike and Scoot week event, which is very encouraging
PI Code	Description	Aim is to...	2008/09	Q1 2009/10	Q2 2009/10	Q3 2009/10	Q4 2009/10	2009/10			Status	Note
			Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Value	Target	Long Trend		
NI 175 LAA	% of population able to access a range of seven different types of service within specified time periods by public transport and/or walking	Aim to Maximise	89.68%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	90.05%	91.01%			Improvement re yellow bus to schools; Brinnington to Reddish and Offerton Area Local Link being expanded

**2009/10 Revenue Budget Monitoring
 Update on Provisional Outturn Position**

Report of the Corporate Director, Business Services

1 Introduction

This report provides an update on the 2009/10 revenue budget provisional outturn position. The figures presented in this report are draft at this stage and a more detailed report on the final position will be presented to the next Executive Meeting on 14 June 2010.

2 2009/10 Revenue Budget

2.1 The following table summarises the changes to the revenue budget that have arisen during the fourth quarter of 2009/10.

	Budget as at 31/12/09 £000	Revised Budget 31/03/10 £000	Increase (Reduction) £000
Cash Limits	179,982	180,249	267
Non-Cash Limits	47,822	47,555	(267)
Total	227,804	227,804	0

2.2 As stated in paragraph one above, the figures/adjustments are draft at this stage and it may be necessary to present further adjustments for noting and/or approval in the forthcoming June report.

2.3 The revenue budget total remained unchanged during the final quarter of 2009/10 with resources totalling £0.267m transferring from non-cash limits to cash limits. This transfer comprises:

- Support for the Transportation Portfolio for the bulk of the cost of Winter Maintenance (£0.190m), as approved by the Executive;
- Support for costs incurred on the SEMMMS A6/A555 Link Road Project (£0.072m);
- Minor adjustments relating to the pay review (£0.005m);

2.4 A breakdown of the revised budget by Portfolio is shown at Appendix One and a list of virements which took place during the quarter is included at Appendix Two.

3 2009/10 Forecast Outturn

- 3.1 The provisional outturn forecast for cash limited budgets at this stage shows a surplus of £0.030m. At the end of quarter three the forecast surplus was £0.145m (after taking account of the agreed £0.190m (net) virement to cash limits for Winter Maintenance).
- 3.2 Figures for non-cash limits are still being compiled but are not expected to show any overall deterioration against the quarter three position which anticipated a surplus of £0.164m (when taking account of the agreed £0.190m virement for Winter Maintenance).
- 3.3 The main changes which have occurred since the quarter three report are as follows:
- Communities Portfolio - additional £0.058m surplus due mainly to action being taken to mitigate anticipated reductions in grant funding during 2010/11;
 - Transportation Portfolio - further £0.122m deficit due to the severe winter weather which continued into January. Once the outturn is finalised it is suggested that consideration should be given to meeting this deficit from balances rather than being carried forward within the Transportation Portfolio cash limit;
 - Licensing - £0.036m deficit due primarily to a decline in the income received from Health Education Fees;
 - Minor surpluses and deficits across other Portfolios (£0.015m deficit)
- 3.4 The Adults and Health Portfolio is forecasting a £0.003m surplus against Adult Education. However, the remainder of the Portfolio continues to forecast a balanced position which takes account of the re-profiling of pooled budget contributions between the Council and NHS Stockport for 2009/10 and 2010/11.
- 3.5 The Children and Young People Portfolio continues to report a break even position after the use of earmarked reserves and general balances totalling £0.416m. During the final quarter of 2009/10, projected deficits in the areas of Looked After Children, Children with Disabilities, and Services for Young People are not as large as were anticipated at quarter three, reducing the call on earmarked reserves by some £0.350m.
- 3.6 A breakdown of the change in forecast since quarter three is shown at Appendix Three and the provisional estimated outturn position for cash limits is included at Appendix Four.

4 Conclusions

- 4.1 At the end of the second quarter the Council took action to deal with significant spending pressures which emerged during the first half of

the year. The position in relation to most of those issues has either stabilised or improved but there continue to be significant pressures on the budget, particularly within the Children and Young People Portfolio. Action is being taken to ensure those spending pressures are contained within cash limits for 2010/11.

- 4.2 Work is continuing to finalise the year end position and a further, more detailed, report will be presented to the Executive on 14 June 2010 providing a full breakdown of all material variations against cash and non-cash limits together with details of significant movements on Earmarked Reserves and General Fund Balances during 2009/10. The Executive may be asked to make final adjustments to the outturn, particularly in relation to reserves and balances.

5 Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- approve the virements and budget adjustments set out in Appendix Two of the report;
- note the forecast cash limit outturn position for 2009/10; and
- agree to give further consideration to the financing of the residual winter maintenance deficit once the final outturn position is known

2009/10 Revenue Budget (Revised)

Key	Portfolio/Item	Approved Budget £000	Increase/ (Reduction) £000	Revised Budget £000
	<u>Cash Limits</u>			
	<u>Executive Functions</u>			
A&H	Adults and Health	66,327	(162)	66,165
CHYP	Children and Young People	38,676	(78)	38,598
COM	Communities	9,174	(22)	9,152
CUF	Customer Focus	9,870	(18)	9,852
ENV	Environment	11,855	(59)	11,796
FIN	Finance	14,939	28	14,967
LEI	Leisure	11,578	7	11,585
REG	Regeneration	2,960	2	2,962
TRN	Transportation	11,299	565	11,864
	Sub Total	176,678	263	176,941
	<u>Non-Executive Functions</u>			
LIC	Licensing, Environment and Safety Committee	1,849	2	1,851
PLA	Planning and Highways Committee	1,455	2	1,457
	Sub Total	3,304	4	3,308
	Total (Cash Limits)	179,982	267	180,249
	<u>Non-Cash Limits</u>			
NCL	Total (Non-Cash Limits)	47,822	(267)	47,555
	GRAND TOTAL	227,804	0	227,804

Virements and Other Budget Adjustments

Previously Approved by Executive

Item	Type*	Amount £000	From	To	P/T**
Single Status/Job Evaluation	V	5	NCL	LEI	P
Winter Maintenance (Q3 FMR)	V	250	ENV/NCL	TRN	T

Presented for Approval by Executive

Item	Type*	Amount £000	From	To	P/T**
Social Care Strategy and Performance Team	V	15	A&H	CHYP	P
Re-alignment of Insurance Budgets	BR	286	Various	Various	P
SEMMMS Project	V	72	NCL	FIN/TRN	T

* V=Virement and BR = Budget Re-alignment

** P = Permanent and T = Temporary

Appendix Three

2009/10 Provisional Outturn - Change in Forecast

Key	Portfolio/Item	Quarter 3 (Surplus)/ Deficit £000	Change in Forecast £000	Estimated (Surplus)/ Deficit £000
	<u>Cash Limits</u>			
	<u>Executive Functions</u>			
A&H	Adults and Health	0	(3)	(3)
CHYP	Children and Young People	0	0	0
COM	Communities	(121)	(58)	(179)
CUF	Customer Focus	42	(7)	35
ENV	Environment *	0	0	0
FIN	Finance	(91)	0	(91)
LEI	Leisure	(25)	14	(11)
REG	Regeneration	50	11	61
TRN	Transportation *	0	122	122
		(145)	79	(66)
	<u>Non-Executive Functions</u>			
LIC	Licensing, Environment and Safety Committee	0	36	36
PLA	Planning and Highways Committee	0	0	0
		0	36	36
	Total (Cash Limits)	(145)	115	(30)

* After taking account of approved virements to finance the cost of Q3 Winter Maintenance (£0.060m from Environment Portfolio and £0.190m from Non-Cash Limits).

2009/10 Provisional Outturn As At 31/03/2010

Key	Portfolio/Item	Revised Budget £000	Forecast Outturn £000	(Surplus)/ Deficit £000	Var- iance* %
	<u>Cash Limits</u>				
	<u>Executive Functions</u>				
A&H	Adults and Health	66,165	66,162	(3)	0.0
CHYP	Children and Young People	38,598	38,598	0	0.0
COM	Communities	9,152	8,973	(179)	(2.0)
CUF	Customer Focus	9,852	9,887	35	0.4
ENV	Environment	11,796	11,796	0	0.0
FIN	Finance	14,967	14,876	(91)	(0.6)
LEI	Leisure	11,585	11,574	(11)	(0.1)
REG	Regeneration	2,962	3,023	61	2.1
TRN	Transportation	11,864	11,986	122	1.0
		176,941	176,875	(66)	0.0
	<u>Non-Executive Functions</u>				
LIC	Licensing, Environment and Safety Committee	1,851	1,887	36	1.9
PLA	Planning and Highways Committee	1,457	1,457	0	0.0
		3,308	3,344	36	1.1
	Total (Cash Limits)	180,249	180,219	(30)	0.0

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

Cash Limits

The Council operates a system under which each portfolio is only held responsible for those areas of income and expenditure over which they can exert control. Cash Limits are approved before the financial year commences and each Portfolio is responsible for ensuring that their net expenditure does not exceed their cash limit for that year.

Non-Cash Limits

Items which are largely outside of the direct control and influence of the Council are managed outside of Portfolio Cash Limits. This includes items such as levies and precepts determined by the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities and joint authorities, together with demands on services which the Council cannot avoid meeting (such as Housing Benefit payments and Capital Financing Costs).

Forecast Outturn

This is the forecast of the net income or expenditure for the financial year on each budget heading.

Virement

The switching of budget provision from one budget head to another. Virements must be properly authorised by the appropriate committee or by officers under delegated powers.

Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP)

The minimum amount which must be charged to an authority's revenue account each year and set aside to repay debt, as required by the Local Government Housing Act 1989.

Abbreviations usedPortfolios - Executive Functions

A&H	Adults and Health
CHYP	Children and Young People
COM	Communities
CUF	Customer Focus
ENV	Environment
FIN	Finance
LEI	Leisure
REG	Regeneration
TRN	Transportation

Portfolios – Non-Executive Functions

PLA	Planning and Highways Committee
LIC	Licencing, Environment and Safety Committee

Directorates

AC	Adults and Communities
BSD	Business Services
CE	Chief Executive's
CYP	Children and Young People
EED	Environment and Economy Directorate

Scrutiny Review – Executive Response

<p>Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee Review title: Stockport's Response to the Economic Downturn Date completed: February 2010 Officer responsible for response: Steve Burns Date response(s) agreed: 19 May 2010</p>

This is the agreed response of the Executive to this Scrutiny Committee review.

Original Recommendation	Agreed Response	Timescale
<p>Recommendation One The Committee welcomes the work that is being undertaken to review debt advice provision and the resources, delivery and capacity of the service, and requests that the Executive implements the outcomes of the research to ensure the service is delivered in the right place, at the right time and the in the right form, with an emphasis on reducing waiting times.</p>	<p><i>The Council and Citizen's Advice, as the local providers of free specialist debt advice, will continue to work together to ensure that their resources reach the increasing numbers of residents in need of help and within timescales appropriate to meet those needs</i></p>	<p>Ongoing Report back to Committee in March 2011</p>
<p>Recommendation Two (a) The Committee recommends that the Executive puts in place plans to improve the proportion of invoices paid to local suppliers within 10 days; and (b) That performance against this measure be routinely monitored through organisational performance management arrangements.</p>	<p><i>The speed in which invoices are paid for all suppliers is closely monitored. For local suppliers every effort will be made to ensure that invoices are paid within 10 days of receipt of invoice. To improve the proportion of invoices paid within this target processes for invoice processing are to be reviewed to ensure they are as efficient a possible and suppliers are to be reminded of their</i></p>	<p>Ongoing. Further report and feedback to the Committee at the end of March 2011</p>

	<p><i>obligations if payments are to be paid promptly.</i></p> <p><i>The proportion of invoices for local suppliers paid within 10 days is measured and reported monthly.</i></p>	
<p>Recommendation Three</p> <p>The Committee recommends that council officers work with colleagues at the Greater Manchester Chamber to provide effective advice and support to businesses and their business rates arrangements. The Council should seek opportunities to participate in future lobbying to central government to improve national support for business.</p>	<p><i>We have a close and effective working relationship with the Chamber of Commerce, and have developed a number of initiatives with the Chamber, including the recent “Digital Infrastructure Event” which sought opinion from the local business community regarding broadband usage and arising issues. We will continue to develop and implement business support across the Borough, in conjunction and consultation with the Chamber, and will provide further appropriate feedback to the Scrutiny Committee at the end of March 2011</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing.</i></p> <p><i>Further report and feedback to the Committee at the end of March 2011</i></p>
<p>Recommendation Four:</p> <p>The Committee recommends that the Council set up a page on the Council website dedicated to providing advice for Stockport residents and businesses. The website should cover all the Council services such as debt advice, benefits etc, and provide direct links to other partners who can provide help on employment, training and business support. This information should be clearly accessible from the home page and its existence communicated to Members.</p>	<p><i>Dedicated Boost web pages have been set up on the Council's website. The Boost web pages can be accessed directly from the home page or via a dedicated URL.</i></p> <p><i>The web pages include extensive information about the numerous financial support and benefit services available throughout the borough. They also include Information and advice for local businesses to help them through the current economic climate. Pages also offer useful tips and advice on making the most of your income including a free financial help video.</i></p>	<p><i>Done</i></p>

	<i>Members are regularly updated on the Boost campaign via the Members e-bulletin</i>	
<p>Recommendation Five: The Committee recommends that arrangements for monitoring the impacts of the recession be integrated within existing performance management reporting arrangements.</p>	<i>A range of indicators have been incorporated into the Council's corporate performance framework and will be monitored and managed within the Council Plan processes.</i>	<i>Feedback to Committee at end of march</i>
<p>Recommendation Six: The Committee recommends that the criteria for allocating the Performance Reward Grant (PRG) should be to support long term, collaborative projects to level additional government funding for priority neighbourhoods and vulnerable groups e.g. disabled and young people.</p>	<i>The Stockport Partnership Board has established a set of overarching principles for allocating PRG. These include encouraging cross partnership working and achieving long term improvements. Furthermore the latest allocation in February 2010 included 12 projects, totalling approximately £1m, which will work exclusively or primarily in priority neighbourhoods, with many of the others having an impact both in priority neighbourhoods and borough-wide. This includes an allocation to the newly established Neighbourhood Management Board which will involve partners working together to further improve the quality of life of people in priority neighbourhoods. Wherever possible, opportunity will be taken to use PRG to lever or match fund additional government funding, although Stockport is not usually favoured by allocations in respect of tackling deprivation.</i>	<i>Ongoing. Further report and feedback to the Committee at the end of March 2011</i>
<p>Recommendation Seven: The Committee recommends that the Executive and partners, through the Local Strategic Partnership</p>		

<p>(a) Support unemployed people in the short to medium term, and prepare them for an upturn;</p> <p>(b) Explore opportunities for skills development through further paid and unpaid placements across Stockport's private, public and voluntary sectors; and</p> <p>(c) Target support by prioritisation for people in deprived neighbourhoods and vulnerable groups e.g. disabled and young people.</p>	<p><i>a) There is a current package/programme of support for unemployed already in place through the Stockport Employment Programme, and additional resources have been identified for this work through the Councils budget process. The programme will be carefully monitored and developed, in conjunction with partner organisations, including the College, Job Centre+ and the Commission for the new Economy</i></p> <p><i>b) There are current proposals already in place (such as the Future Jobs Fund Initiative which provided 104 paid placements for young people between Oct 09 and March 10, but opportunities for further development, including internships, are being explored via the Stockport Employment Programme, and with partner organisations</i></p> <p><i>c) This is being/will be developed by the Neighbourhood management Board and working arrangements, in the case of deprived neighbourhoods, whilst further programmes for the other priority groups will be coasted and developed. The Council has recently made available additional resources to develop initiatives and programmes to support young people into enterprise</i></p>	<p><i>Will be developed over the year and reported back to Committee in March 2011</i></p>

<p>Recommendation Eight: The Committee recommends that the GM Chamber be invited to undertake a review of the council's current package of support to businesses.</p>	<p><i>The Chamber are actively engaged in developing and our business support programmes, but will be invited to help evaluate, monitor and develop this through our regular and frequent liaison arrangements</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing, and will be reported back to Committee in March 2011</i></p>
<p>Recommendation Nine: The Committee welcomes the work that has been undertaken by the council and partners to respond to the recession. The Economic Taskforce through the Stockport Boost Strategy have implemented a range of support measures to reduce the impact of the recession on Stockport people and businesses. The Committee recommends that the Executive continue to respond to emerging challenges and plan for recovery.</p>	<p><i>This recommendation is noted and welcomed, and the executive will continue to place priority on programmes to help residents and businesses, as part of the budget making process</i></p>	<p><i>Ongoing</i></p>
<p>Recommendation Ten: The Committee recommends that an update report be provided to a future meeting, and proposes that this take place 6-9months after the Executive meeting. The aim of this activity is provide an opportunity for the Committee to consider the impact of the responses to the recession, which have been outlined in the report.</p>	<p><i>This will be done, in line with the previous recommendations</i></p>	<p><i>Report back in March 2011</i></p>

Environment & Economy Scrutiny Committee

3 June 2010

RESUME OF THE STOCKPORT ECONOMIC ALLIANCE – 17 MARCH 2010Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Strategy & Democracy)**1. MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION**

To consider the proceedings of the last meeting of the Stockport Economic Alliance on 17 March 2010.

2. INFORMATION**2.1 The Alliance considered the following items:-****Matters Arising****'Stockport Partnership – Performance Reward Grant'**

It was reported that the Stockport Partnership had recently agreed a second tranche of bids for the Performance Reward Grant, including further resources for the business start up loan scheme and for the enterprise centre in Brinnington. The success of the bids reflected the positive work of the Alliance in responding to the challenge of the recession.

'Business News'

It was reported that B SkyB had recently announced it would be creating 550 new jobs located at the BAM Properties' St Peter's Square development in the Town Centre and had been attracted to the area because of the location, strength of the local skills base and the 'green credentials' of the development.

Digital Infrastructure/ Broadband Issues

The Alliance were reminded of an upcoming event being organised by the Chamber of Commerce on digital infrastructure in Stockport on 29 March 2010 at Stockport Town Hall, in view of the growing demands for greater investment. The event would bring together experts in the field to brief local businesses and to answer questions. It was hoped the event would raise awareness of the issues and assist with lobbying for investment.

It was reported that the initial proposal by AGMA to link the roll-out of next generation broadband to the expansion of Metrolink had been rejected due to opposition from Stockport Council. Further proposals were being prepared which would see next generation broadband extended to those parts of the city-region that would not be benefiting from the Metrolink expansion.

The Alliance were cautioned against the view that next generation broadband was the panacea for economic development. The roll-out would be an expensive process and there needed to be a clear business need for its expansion into a particular area since

the provision was adequate for most domestic purposes. The provision of the infrastructure (fibre optic cabling) was costly and could only be covered through take-up of next generation services. There was a danger that because of a lack of co-ordination nationally the most lucrative areas would be 'cherry-picked', leaving large gaps in coverage. It was suggested that local partnerships may be well-placed to accelerate the roll-out and map the need in their area.

It was commented that there was anecdotal evidence that companies had not located in Stockport because there was no guarantee that the information infrastructure would be in place. Attendees at the event would be asked to submit case studies of their issues regarding broadband usage in Stockport.

The Greater Manchester Low Carbon Area

The Alliance received a presentation on the recent review undertaken for the Commission for the New Economy on the impact of the low carbon economy on the city-region.

The presentation focused on the following issues:-

- Defining the sector – Renewable energy, low carbon and waste management.
- Market Drivers – EU directives, particularly around pollution and recycle; Carbon emission targets; Building Regulations for sustainable homes.
- Headline Figures – the sector had a global market value of £3,200b, UK market value of £112b, North West market value of £10.8b, and a forecasted growth rate of 4% over the next 5 years. This was now one of the fastest growing economic sectors worldwide.
- Greater Manchester Headline Figures - market value of £4,253m, involving 1,890 companies (90% of which were SMEs) employing 34,100 employees, with growth of 4.6-5.6% up to 2014/15, comprising 40% of North West and 4% of UK market value.
- Stockport key figures – the sector was highly significant to Stockport's economy, being the second largest low carbon economy in the city-region, with £671m turnover, and 3,000 employees (61% doing 'general labour', 10% were general semi-skills workers)
- For Greater Manchester, the built environment and building technologies were key opportunities and strengths, with a strong academic base in the area through Salford and Manchester universities.
- Greater Manchester had recently been granted 'low carbon economic area' status for the built environment, which would provide an opportunity to showcase and emphasise new technologies in this area. Although no extra funding was available the status would help attract investment and stimulate development.
- There were a range of actual opportunities around new builds, retrofit of existing properties, control systems, low energy products, decentralised energy systems, sustainable transport and renewable energy technologies.
- The key challenges were: procurement (perception of higher cost – maybe at initial cost, but not over lifetime); culture change; changing specifications; an uncoordinated approach.

The following comments were made/ issues raised:-

- The difficulties of the planning regime to respond to the demand from Central Government for greater low carbon development, and a lack of co-ordination in this respect. The low carbon status in Greater Manchester should overcome some of these weaknesses through a greater advocacy role.
- Other countries, particularly China and Portugal, were investing heavily in low carbon and were 'cornering the market' in many areas, but there was an opportunity for developing the skills and technology element of the economy (rather than manufacturing) as well as the opportunity to trial new technologies, such as domestic boilers.
- Procurement policies locally could help stimulate local demand and development as a critical mass of demand was needed to reduce the unit costs for products.
- It was vital to be able to demonstrate the business case for investment in low carbon: in many cases running costs were higher which risked driving activity to cheaper markets abroad. The current economic climate would hamper this investment, such as 'green leases' and retro-fitting office stock.
- The increasing cost of energy made investment more sensible in the long term.
- Many companies were already making significant progress in this area, but this was not always recognised.

Resulting Actions For Stockport

A further presentation was made on opportunities and initiatives in Stockport to reduce carbon usage and encourage the low carbon economy.

The presentation highlighted the following points:-

- Economic Development Strategy – low carbon ambition would be incorporated into the revised Strategy.
- Business event on Wednesday 21 July 2010 10am-2pm, Edgeley Park as part of the Stockport Boost Campaign to highlight low carbon issues and provide support.
- 10:10 Campaign – the Council had signed up to the campaign to reduce their carbon footprint by 10% in 2010.
- WWF Earth Hour – the Council would be turning off its exterior Town Hall lighting for one hour on Saturday, 27 March 2010 from 8.30pm.

Members of the Alliance were encouraged to take part in the business event on 21 July 2010 to share their experiences and good practice.

Members were also encouraged to contact the Council's Green Travel Plan Team who could help local businesses improve their carbon footprint by encouraging greener travel for staff and business use.

GENERAL ISSUES

- (1) It was reported that Parliament had now agreed to make it a statutory duty for all Local Authorities to undertake an economic assessment. The Government had provided additional resources to carry out this assessment and it had been decided that Greater Manchester authorities would pool some of this resource to carry out a city-region wide assessment with an element for each area. The surplus resources would then be used to carry out Stockport-focused work including the update of the Economic Development Strategy.

There had been a recent positive review of the economic development work of the Council carried out by Shared Intelligence and copies were available for the Alliance. These findings would form part of the Economic Assessment.

- (2) It was reported that there had been a slight increase in the number of claimants for Job Seekers Allowance in the last month, but that there were positive signs of inward investment within the borough.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Scrutiny Committee note the report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Reports and Minutes of the Stockport Economic Alliance Task Force – 17 March 2010

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Jonathan Vali on telephone number 0161 474 3201 or alternatively e-mail jonathan.vali@stockport.gov.uk

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 3 JUNE 2010

REPORT OF: ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE (STRATEGY & DEMOCRACY)

REPORT TITLE: AGENDA PLANNING

1) PLANNED AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT TWO MEETINGS

(Committee Members are asked to note that agenda items are indicative at this stage and will be subject to change and added to following this meeting)

15th July 2010

Item	Type/Purpose
4 th Quarter Financial Monitoring Report	Monitoring Report
Traffic Calming in Residential Streets Scrutiny Review Progress Report	Monitoring Report

23rd September 2010

Item	Type/Purpose
1 st Quarter Corporate Performance Report	Monitoring Report
1 st Quarter Financial Monitoring Report	Monitoring Report
Highway Drainage Cleansing Report	Report Request

RELEVANT ENTRIES IN JUNE 2010 FORWARD PLAN

Decision Reference	Subject Area for Decision	Expected Date of Decision	Decision Maker
RGN 172	Redevelopment of Knightsbridge	June –September 2010	Executive
RGN 175	Statement of Community Involvement – Draft Review	June 2010	Executive recommendation to the Council Meeting
TR 37	Contract Parking Permits	June – July 2010	Executive
TR 39	Greater Manchester Road Activities Permit Scheme	June – July 2010	Executive