

Report to Communities, Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny
Committee



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Neighbourhoods Directorate Plan 2020-21: Quarter 2 Performance Update

Executive Summary

1. To report progress at the end of Quarter 2 (1st July – 30th September 2020) towards achievement of the targets contained in the Neighbourhoods Directorate Plan 2020-21

Recommendation

2. Members are asked to review the information contained within the report and the appendices.

Reason for Recommendation

3. In accordance with the Council's performance management framework, progress toward targets contained within Directorate Plans are to be reported to relevant Overview & Scrutiny Committees at the end of each quarter.
 - 3.1 The Quarter 2 progress report for the Neighbourhoods Directorate is attached at Appendix 1. Actions within each appendix have been colour coded in accordance with the following criteria
 - 3.2 **Red:** Action not fully completed or not on track to be completed by the target date
Amber: Action not fully completed or not on track to be completed by the target date due to circumstances outside of the directorate's control
Green: Action completed by the target date
Purple: Action is not yet due for completion but is currently on track

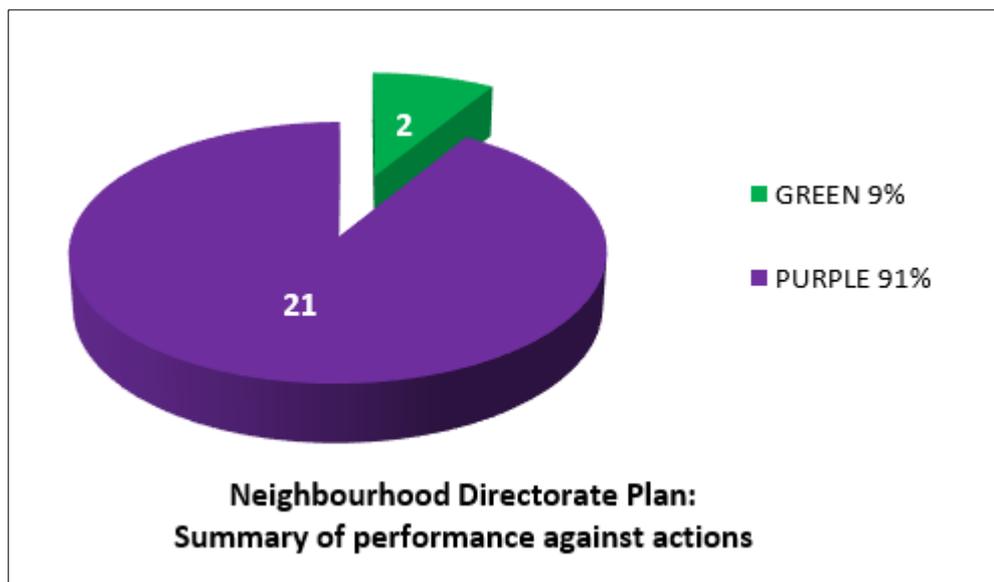
- 3.3 The appendix includes a commentary against actions that are showing red, amber or purple.

Key Points for Consideration

4. Neighbourhoods Directorate Plan 2020-21 Progress

Performance Overview

- 4.1 91% (21) of the actions included in the Directorate Plan 2020-21 are ongoing. Two further actions have now been completed. The chart below shows the overall performance of the Directorate in meeting its plan targets at the end of Quarter 2.



Quarter 2 Summary

- 4.2 The electoral review of Rochdale is progressing well. Consultation and engagement on the proposals has now been completed with over 40 submissions regarding the ward boundaries received by the Local Government Boundary Commission. Council report on proposed new ward boundaries was approved at Council and submit to the Local Government Boundary Commission. The Local Government Boundary Commission will conduct a second consultation phase from December to February 2021. After this they will provide a final decision on the new ward boundaries prior to year-end with the new ward boundaries being implemented after the all-out elections in 2022.
- 4.3 As part of the action to expand super-fast broadband to at least 25% of the borough through the Full Fibre to premises project it has been agreed that all sites will be surveyed by end of October 2020 with installation work commencing in November 2020. DCMS (Department for Digital, Media and Sport) have extended the deadline for when the grant money can be spent

until 30/06/2021 due to some delays caused by COVID implications to the wider programme. In terms of enabling the use of full fibre for residents and businesses ICT are currently having conversations with suppliers to look at how the overlay services can be procured and what products would achieve the desired outcome.

- 4.4 The implementation of plans to prevent community tensions and support a more cohesive and integrated community have now been completed. Participation of several community group meetings have taken place online with support from Action Together e.g. Fortnightly Inclusive Messaging Group, Fortnightly Grassroots gathering meetings and quarterly Equalities Assemblies. There is approval from the RSCP (Rochdale Safer Communities Partnership) to introduce opportunities to layer Safer Communities priorities into some of these groups.
- 4.5 A partnership has now been put in place (Public Service Reform steering group) to support reform activity across Council, partners and Health and Social Care with the main governance structures being aligned. Ongoing reform activity now fits within this structure. New service models, as part of the health and social care and voluntary sector transformation, have taken place with Good Help and MEAM (Make Every Adult Matter) Q1 activity being complete. This has included formation of MEAM group, co-produced approach and draft governance with people with lived experience. Launched in Q2 at Good Help event and action plan in place for quarters 2-4.
- 4.6 The existing Homelessness strategy has been successfully audited. The system change process has been accelerated by the extraordinary measures dictated by the response to Covid-19 and this has modified the parameters of the audit of the existing strategy. The audit is 100% complete, subject to changes brought about because of impending government/Covid-19 related changes and requirements. Phase 3, implementation of service delivery changes, is now ready to consult on and discussions have commenced with RBH regarding the possible in-sourcing of contracts. A bid for transformation funding is under consideration.
- 4.7 The development of a revised Homelessness strategy is progressing. All the available factors that feed into the strategy have been assessed and quantified and we are drafting the revised strategy prior to consultation however, the additional factors generated by the Covid-19 response have necessitated a review prior to commencing consultation. The final details need to be developed in partnership with ACS, Children's Services, health and service deliverers. Final development of the strategy will be subject to the outcome of contract in-sourcing discussions with RBH, which are underway.
- 4.8 Develop and implement a strategy to tackle fly tipping more effectively Further research has been carried out of policies and procedures of other authorities in relation to the development and implementation of a strategy to tackle fly tipping more effectively. A number of options have been explored and an initial CCTV camera has been procured to be deployed at hotspots throughout the borough. User testing of new modules for system are continuing.

Alternatives Considered

4.9 Not applicable

Costs and Budget Summary

5. None

Risk and Policy Implications

6. None

Consultation

7. Not applicable

Background Papers	Place of Inspection
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8. Appendix 1 - Neighbourhoods Directorate Plan 2020-21 Q2	Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale OL16 1XU
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