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Neighbourhoods Directorate Plans 2020-21: Quarter 3 Performance Update

Executive Summary

1. To report progress at the end of Quarter 3 (1st October – 31st December) 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 3 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

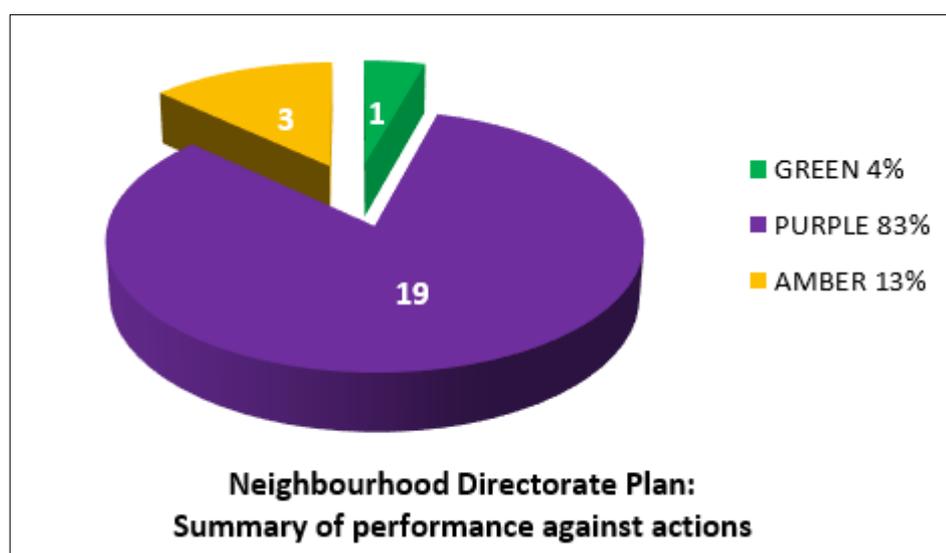
The appendix includes a commentary against actions that are showing red, amber or purple.

Key Points for Consideration

4. Neighbourhoods Directorate Plan 2020-21 Progress

Performance Overview

- 4.1 83% (19) of the actions included in the Directorate Plan 2020-21 are ongoing. Three actions are not fully complete and the action due date has now passed. A further action has now been completed. The chart below shows the overall performance of the Directorate in meeting its plan targets at the end of Quarter 3.



- 4.2 The actions that aren't fully complete and the due dates have passed (Amber) relate to:

- Finalise and commence delivery of Climate Change Strategy
- Transform and improve customer digital provision
- Continue to modify the homelessness prevention strategy in line with legislative changes, GM and national priorities

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- 4.3 The Electoral Review for Rochdale is currently in the second consultation phase. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) responded to our ward proposals and put forward suggested changes regarding the boundaries which can be consulted on by residents up to 8th February 2021. We will be informed by the LGBCE on May 11th regarding the final boundaries.
- 4.4 Initial internal discussions with members and leadership have taken place to establish and agree objectives and priorities regarding the development of a

new Communications Strategy (2020-23). Unfortunately Consultation sessions have been delayed at present due to Covid-19 work commitments.

4.5

As part of the action to co-ordinate the roll out of Public Service Reform across the borough a partnership has been put in place (Public Services Reform steering group) and main governance structures have been aligned. Ongoing reform activity now fits within this structure. Good Help and MEAM (Make Every Adult Matter) service models Q3 activity is complete. This has included specific work linked to the Pandemic along with aligning MHCLG Community Champions funding with new service model development. An audit of cases across Adult Social Care, Place Teams and Focused Care Workers is expected in early 2021.

4.6

The Climate Emergency Working Group will look to establish an action plan of priority work for the Climate Change Strategy; with the budget being allocated accordingly. The Council has set aside £1m over 5 years. Some of the money has already been used to support the recruitment of a Climate Change Project Manager and there is an intention to use some funds to help roll out the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme (a funding bid has been submitted via GMCA to support implementation of energy efficiency measures on public buildings). How much we have been awarded will be announced in mid-late January (up to £11 million). The Climate Emergency working group will be established in January - stakeholder invitation letters have been issued.

4.7

As part of the development of a revised Homelessness strategy all 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 fine details of the strategy still 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

Analysis of relevant traffic modelling data has now been completed for the requirement to support the Greater Manchester 2040 Transport Strategy. We are now awaiting the next stages of the GMTS and GMSF. Traffic mitigation schemes are continued to be monitored across the network.

4.9

A full review of all tree assets to include mapping and full condition survey to identify related risks and improvement requirements is still to be completed. Contractor says this will now be completed May 2021; 90% progress as present. EM structure to be reviewed with a view to creating and embedding a long term tree strategy that links in with all stakeholders and land managers. Tree Strategy draft to be presented to committee in Summer 2021. Draft tree policy in preparation and priority types being grouped to ascertain future risks areas. All high risk condition trees on Highways and parks already identified and rectified.

4.10

As part of the action to support and promote the RBC Eco-Business Pledge Scheme the Council is required raise awareness with businesses and the general public. The launch has now been completed with digital information made available on the RBC website. Due to Covid-19, business support and advice has concentrated on Covid risk assessments and Covid safe operating practices. Continuing business restrictions means that priority is being given to Covid compliance. It is expected that as BAU resumes later in the year, the promotion of the eco scheme will resume. All participating businesses are promoted and published on the Council website.

4.11 **Alternatives Considered**

Not applicable

Costs and Budget Summary

5. None

Risk and Policy Implications

6. None

Consultation

7. Not required

Background Papers	Place of Inspection
8. Appendix 1 - Neighbourhoods Directorate Plan 2020-21 Q3	Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale OL16 1XU

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