



Report title: Economy Directorate Plan 2023-24: Quarter 1

Performance Update

Report to: Communities, Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 1st August 2023

Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Councillor Daniela Meredith

Report of: Director of Economy

Public or private: Public

Key Decision: Non-key

Published on the Forward Plan: Not applicable

1. Report summary

- 1.1 To report progress at the end of Quarter 1 (1st April – 30th June 2023) towards achievement of the targets contained in the Economy Directorate Plan 2023-24.

2. Recommendations

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

3. Reason for recommendation

- 3.1 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.
- 3.2 The Quarter 1 progress reports for the Economy Directorate are attached at Appendix 1 and 2 respectively. Actions within each appendix have been colour coded in accordance with the following criteria:
- 3.3 **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.

4. **Alternatives considered**

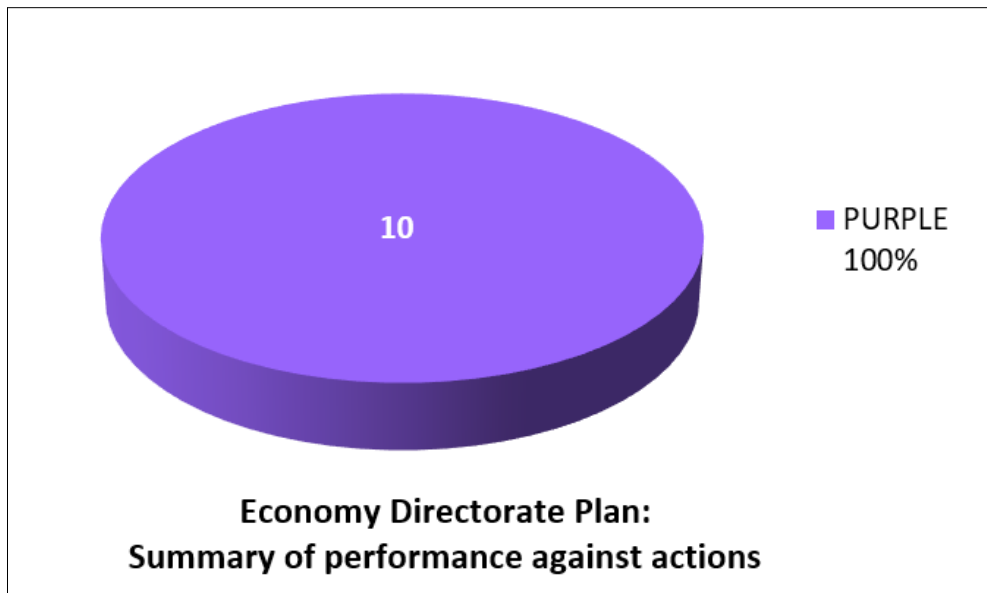
4.1 Not applicable

5. **Key information**

5.1 **Economy Directorate Plan 2023-24 Progress**

Performance Overview

5.2 100% (10) actions are ongoing. The chart below shows the overall performance of the Directorate in meeting its plan targets at the end of Quarter 1.



Quarter 1 Summary

5.3 In overall terms, performance across Q1 is on track. A short summary for each directorate performance target is provided below.

5.4 **E2301**

All objectives are on track. Of particular note is the major interest in the recruitment exercise for town hall volunteers whereby a significant number of applications have been received.

5.5 **E2302**

All objectives are on track. The services has supported 782 people through the Single Access Point and Drop Ins and 68 people straight into good quality

jobs. Work to develop our All Age Skills Strategy will commence following the development and adoption of a GM wide 'Local Skills Improvement Plan'.

5.6 E2303

All targets are currently on track. The RDA business plan provides a detailed summary of performance against each individual target.

5.7 E2304

Nearly all targets are on track with the exception of work around the local plan; in this respect the team remain focused on work relating to the final stages of Places for Everyone. We continue to see major progress at a range of important housing sites across the borough which are progressing well to deliver a mix of high quality homes for a variety of housing needs.

5.8 E2305

Excellent progress with town centre masterplan delivery and implementation and associated key projects is being made. Work is underway to progress key CRSTS funded projects in Heywood, Middleton and Littleborough in respect of the Quality Bus Corridor and Streets for All schemes respectively whilst the planning service is also working with developers in respect of key sites for new residential development. Progress with the new Town Centre Living SPD however has been limited as strategic planning team continue to focus on the final stages of 'Places for Everyone'.

5.9 E2306

The directorate plan and RDA business plan both set out how progress with key projects relating to flood risk and heritage remain on track.

5.10 E2307

Work around an efficient and effective portfolio is on track. Terms of reference for the Budget Challenge 'Review of Land and Property Assets' working group have been agreed.

5.11 E2308

Work streams to maximise income for the council are all on track. Building Control continues to win income from other LABC partners and the planning team are continuing efforts to negotiate new planning performance agreements to support income generation.

5.12 E2309

Progress with funding opportunities and economic growth is on track at the end of Q1. A priority project list has been prepared for submission to GMCA and discussions with various land and site owners have progressed in respect of future investment schemes. We have also received

5.13 E2310

Work to procure new software for the planning and building service continues and remains on-track.

6. Finance

6.1 There are no finance issues associated with this report

7. Legal

7.1 There are no legal issues associated with this report

8. Human resource

8.1 There are no human resource issues associated with this report

9. Sustainability impact

9.1 There are no sustainability impact issues associated with this report

10. Other considerations (corporate priorities, risks)

10.1 None

Background Papers:

Appendix 1 - Economy Directorate Plan 2023-24 Q1

Appendix 2 – RDA Performance Report 2023-24 Q1

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