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Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Monday, 16th March, 2020

6.00 pm

Meeting Room A

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies

To welcome those present to the meeting and to receive apologies for absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Declaration of Interest Form

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3. Minutes of the Meetings held on 16th September 2019 and 13th January 2020

To approve as a correct record and to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2019 and 13th January 2020.

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2020

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Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th September 2019

4. Update on Waste and Recycling

To receive an update on the collection, disposal and recycling of waste in the Borough

Waste Collection, Disposal and Recycling.

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5. The Councils response to Winter Weather and Flooding 2019/20

To receive a presentation setting out how the council has responded to the challenges presented by the winter weather 2019/20

6. Performance towards the Key Corporate Priorities, Environment and Adult Services and Prevention Portfolio

Date Published: 6th March 2020
Denise Park, Chief Executive

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PLACE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE Monday, 13 January 2020

PRESENT – Councillors: Khonat (In the Chair), Gunn, Hardman, Khan, Marrow, McGurk, Rawat and Sidat.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE –

Councillor Phil Riley – Executive Member Growth and Development

OFFICERS –

Martin Kelly – Director of Growth and Development

RESOLUTIONS

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting and apologies were received from Councillors Batan and Rigby.

2 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

The Chair advised that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2019 were unfortunately unavailable and that they would be circulated for approval at the next meeting.

A couple of Members of the Committee expressed their concern that the minutes were not available and requested that they be circulated as soon as possible.

4 Update on Key Corporate Priorities - Growth and Development

The Executive Member for Growth and Development gave a verbal update outlining progress on delivery of the Borough's growth ambitions with a particular focus on the following;

Local Growth Dimensions

- A solid track record of delivery and innovation including 8 LEP investments valued at c. £30m
- One of the strongest growth rates in the North
- Largest economic centre in Pennine Lancashire
- 5,000 new jobs in the last 3 years, 2000 of those in manufacturing
- 6,000 new homes in planning and delivery
- 10,000 new jobs to follow over the next 10/15 years
- Population increase by 10,000 with the youngest population in the North
- A strong cohort of medium sized businesses and Foreign Owned Companies

Key Successes in 2019

The Committee heard of the progress to date on Strategic Development Sites, with the Executive Member drawing attention to the following successes;

- Former Blackburn Markets Site – the Council was currently considering development options
- Furthergate – Employment Site. This was a gateway into the Town. 6 plots of land being released, 1 currently being tendered for.
- Mill Bank Business Park, Darwen – LEP secured for a new link road which should be completed by 2021. The site will then be opened up for housing and employment sites.
- Blackburn Cinema – Cinema opening early 2020
- Whitebirk Industrial Estate – New facilities completed in 2019 (Hippo Cars and Pets Choice)
- Wainwright Way – construction of Home Bargains scheduled for completion Easter 2020 with two remaining plots marketed for potential users
- Haslingden Road Site – Growth money had been received from the Government via the LEP to procure a developer to deliver housing and key worker accommodation to support the hospital

The Executive Member for Growth and Development then highlighted many of the Council Owned Housing Sites that were being progressed, in the main, as follows;

- Laneside, Shorrock Lane, Blackburn – Great Places had submitted planning application for an affordable housing scheme of 16 dwellings
- Lomond Gardens, Blackburn – tenders had been received, a developer would be developed soon
- Griffin, Blackburn – construction due to commence 2020
- Alaska Street, Blackburn – Places for People on site with an affordable scheme, 73 dwellings
- Roe Lee, Blackburn – Persimmon on site progressing with construction of 155 homes
- Land at Tower Road, Blackburn – Applethwaite completed demolition of former care home and construction due to commence early 2020
- Fishmoor Drive, Blackburn – proposals being published soon

The Committee heard that recent Strategic Events had proved to be very successful, with the recent international Addidas Speziale exhibition bringing in at least 20k visitors. Other events that had been a great success were the second National Festival of Making, the National Textile Biennial, and also Christmas events.

The Committee also heard that links with businesses were growing and that the Council had assisted over 200 local businesses through Assistance to Industry, Boost and Made Smarter Programme. A number of new national and international business operations had also been secured.

Growth Opportunities Outlook

The Committee were given an overview of future potential opportunities of which the following were briefly highlighted;

- Town Centres – Old Market / Thwaites Site, King Georges Hall / Blakey Moor Cultural Quarter, Darwen Towns Deal Opportunity
- New Growth Opportunities – Royal Blackburn Hospital Medipark, M65 Employment Growth, Blackburn Advanced Textiles Park, North Blackburn Housing Growth
- National and International Opportunities – National Festival of Making 2020 and Leveraging international trade and investment links with Middle East and Asia.

Moving Forward

The Executive Member informed the Committee that going forward, growth and infrastructure priorities would be developed, delivered and promoted through the following;

- New Local Plan and Local Transport Plan
- Darwen Investment Plan and Deal Board
- New Blackburn Investment Prospectus and Place Board
- Greater Pennine Collaboration
- New Lancashire Local Industrial Strategy with the LEP
- New Greater Lancashire Plan
- Northern Powerhouse Opportunities
- New National Growth and Infrastructure Funds

Progress on Corporate Plan Priorities

In concluding his verbal update, Councillor Riley informed the Committee that the Performance measures for Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 (April to September 2019) for Priority 6 – Strong, growing economy to enable social mobility were rated Green.

The performance rating for Priority 8 - Transparent and effective organisation, was Amber. The Committee heard that work had not quite started but there was a plan.

Positive comments were received from the Committee on progress to date. A lot of ambition had been shown and the Borough was now reaping the rewards which was commendable.

RESOLVED – That the Committee note the update and that The Executive Member for Growth and Development be thanked for his update.

Signed:

Date:

Chair of the meeting
at which the minutes were confirmed

Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Monday 16th September 2019

Present: Councillor Khonat (Chair) in the Chair, Councillors Khan, Z., Oates, Gunn Hardman, Marrow, McGurk, Batan, Rawat.

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed members present to the meeting and submitted apologies from Councillor Sidat

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th June 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th June 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. Waste Disposal Contract, Kerbside Recycling and Government Consultation on Waste Strategy.

The Committee were reminded that they had agreed that the work programme for the year would be to look at the key corporate priorities. One of the key issues facing the Council had been identified as waste and the issues relating to collection and disposal.

The Committee were informed of the key issues facing the Waste disposal contract, Kerbside Recycling and Government consultation on Waste Strategy.

Members had agreed to focus on the Corporate Priorities as the work programme for the year with Members seeking to add value to the work of the Executive and work with them on the delivery of these. The Committee were received a report that set out progress on the Kerbside Recycling Project and the Waste Disposal Contract which as members felt was one of the key areas of service delivery to residents of the borough and contributed to the corporate priorities.

The Committee looked at the issues the service was facing particularly around the lack of companies willing to take on the contract for recycling collection and disposal of recyclates. The steps to ameliorate the situation were outlined and the progress so far was noted. Members also discussed the Household recycling centres which were not fit for purpose and the need to review how we provide these services to improve recycling rates.

RESOLVED- 1 That the Committee be kept informed of the progress of the recycling and kerbside collections with an updated position being reported to the next meeting of the in December.

2 That the Committee be kept informed of the progress of the Government's strategy for waste and the effects that this would have on the Council's services.

3. That the Council's monitoring of the amount sent to landfill be submitted to the Committee for information.

4. That the re-introduction of the education and advice role in to improve recycling rates be supported and that the rates of recycling be monitored at future meetings of the Committee.
5. That the discussions that have taken place with recycling operatives asking them to be more helpful and accepting of the difficulties residents face when recycling be supported.

4. Work Programme for the Year

The Committee were reminded that the key area of the work programme was to look at corporate performance and how portfolios were achieving corporate targets. A report on performance to date would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED- That a report on the portfolio performance be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee and the Executive Members be invited to address performance identified in the report.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chair at the meeting where the minutes were confirmed.

PLACE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 16 MARCH 2020

ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO

1. Recycling and kerbside collections

The current contract with BIFFA commenced in 2010, they provide a kerbside collection across the Borough as well as the sorting, haulage and processing of the recycled materials collected. This contract is due to end on 30th April 2020. As Members will be aware, from 1 May 2020, the Council will be delivering the kerbside collection of the household recycling materials.

A procurement process was initiated to secure a contractor for the sorting, haulage and subsequent processing of the collected recycling materials. As a Waste Disposal Authority (WDA), the Council has a legal duty to arrange for disposal of municipal waste and recycling from the Borough, and hence this contract was required.

Market conditions have markedly changed since 2010 and during the soft market testing, waste management companies all expressed the same view that they are no longer able to accept market risk on commodity prices for recyclables. They also required the Council to take the risk on the disposal costs arising from non-recyclable items placed in recycling bins by residents. Reflecting this current and likely ongoing market uncertainty, the Council decided to procure a shorter three-year contract, with an option to extend the contract for up to a further three years.

The successful contractor will be required to take delivery of the kerbside collected recyclables and arrange for the subsequent haulage, sorting and end market reprocessing of the treated materials.

The soft market testing also indicated that the Council would benefit from lower contract costs if an option were included where the Council collected paper and card separately from glass, tins and plastics. The recycle processing companies are demanding cleaner paper and cardboard; our current mixed collections do not lend themselves to achieving this as our paper and cardboard are often contaminated with food and drink carton residue, as well as glass shards from broken glass; currently there is a cost to having our paper and cardboard processed, due to its poor quality.

The tender exercise for processing the recyclates collected within the Borough has seen the winning bidder offer a significant cost reduction for the separation of paper and cardboard from our current mixed collections. A capital investment of up to £1.5million for the purchase and delivery of a new bin for paper and cardboard will enable the council to deliver annual revenue savings of £0.8 million. The new contract also incentivises the Council to reduce the contamination in the recycling bin, as the cost of the service will reduce if contamination of the recycling bins is minimised.

Introduction of the new blue bin

The introduction of the new blue bin for paper and cardboard was approved at Finance Council on 24th February 2020. The cost of buying and delivering a blue bin for all households is £1.5m – this includes the marketing and delivery of the new calendars. The Council will realise significant savings of over £800k per year when we introduce a blue bin for paper and cardboard so the initial investment will be repaid in less than two years.

Work on the procurement and delivery of blue bins and bags and the marketing of the service change has commenced. A communications plan for the roll out is being developed with the Council's communications team. The service change could be implemented by 1 July at the earliest, this date could move, dependent upon manufacturing and delivery dates for the bins

The paper and cardboard will be much better quality if it is separated out from plastics, glass and tins and having a separate bin for paper and cardboard brings us into line with Government policy about recycling

If a household does not have the space for a 240 litre blue bin, we can provide a 140 litre blue bin or a recycling sack for paper and cardboard.

The Council will continue to provide a weekly collection for residents, i.e.

Week 1 Burgundy,

Week 2 Blue,

Week 3 Burgundy,

Week 4 Grey, and on ...

2. Government's strategy for waste and the affect that this would have on Council's services.

The Environment Bill was introduced in October 2019 and had two readings, before progress was stopped, by the calling of a general election. It was re-introduced on 30 January 2020 and so far, has only had one reading in the House of Commons. It is still comprehensive and runs to 244 pages.

It covers a wide range of environmental issues including water, air pollution, biodiversity and conservation as well as resource and waste management.

The Bill sets out four priority areas:

- Air quality
- Water
- Biodiversity
- Resource efficiency and waste reduction

The Rt Hon George Eustice MP was appointed Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on 13 February 2020. As Secretary of State, he is required to set a long-term target in at least one matter of each priority area and then review these at least every five years.

There are some minor changes in the current Bill from the version in October 2019:

- When introducing new legislation, a statement must be made by the SoS on whether the new legislation reduces or increase the level of environmental protection (section 19)
- SoS must publish a report every two years on changes in international environmental protection legislation that is significant (section 20)

The main areas of the Bill relating to local authorities is outlined below: -

Office for Environmental Protection (OEP)

The Bill outlines the formation of an OEP that would advise government on environmental issues and hold the government to account on its progress on plans and targets, relating to the environment. It would be given powers to take enforcement action where applicable, against the UK government or in certain circumstance devolved governments. DEFRA have announced the OEP will be based in Bristol where the headquarters of the Environment Agency are located.

Producer Responsibility Obligations

This section of the Bill allows any “national authority” to impose producer responsibility obligations regulations on any products or specified materials. This could mean that the devolved governments could have different producer responsibility legislation from each other.

Producer Responsibility for Disposal Costs

This section of the Bill outlines the requirement of producers to cover the full net costs of their products after they have been used for their primary purpose. The disposal costs may include the costs of:-

- Collecting and transporting products or materials for disposal,
Sorting and treating products or materials,
- Providing public information about the disposal of products or materials.
- Dealing with products or materials that have been disposed of unlawfully.

The regulations may make provision as to how the disposal costs of products or materials are to be calculated. This is likely to form part of the next set of consultations on Extended Producer Responsibility. The consultations are expected in summer 2020.

Deposit Return Scheme

This section of the Bill gives the powers to implement a DRS. It does not mean that a DRS is certain, the Bill just enables one to be implemented, if the Government decide they wish to proceed with one. There was a commitment in the Conservative election manifesto to introduce a DRS and initial stakeholder meetings indicate that the intention is to introduce one in England, and also likely to include Wales and Northern Ireland.

Charges for single use plastics

The section gives the Secretary of State and devolved ministers powers to implement charges on single use plastic items. The Bill outlines that charges can be made on items that:

- are single use items,
- are made wholly or partly of plastic, and
- are supplied in connection with goods or services.

This could be compared to the current carrier bag charge.

Separation of Waste

The requirements in this section are applicable to England only. It will enable the Government to bring forward their plans outlined in the consistency consultation earlier in the year. The Bill states that food waste must be collected separately and at least weekly and also outlines the following recycling streams for separate collection: -

- glass
- metal
- plastic
- paper and card
- food waste
- garden waste

The Bill states that each recycling stream must be collected separately from other household waste and separately from each other. It does say that the TEEP test still applies and so materials can be collected together where:

- (a) it is not **technically or economically practicable** to collect recyclable household waste in those recyclable waste streams separately, or*
- (b) collecting recyclable household waste in those recyclable waste streams separately has no significant **environmental benefit** (having regard to the overall environmental impact of collecting it separately and of collecting it together).*

In BwD, we can use the TEEP test to identify the separation of paper and card from the glass, tins, cans and plastics. This section also places similar requirements for separate collections to be undertaken for business and commercial waste as well.

There is no further update as to whether garden waste collection would have to be provided free of charge or if councils could choose to make a charge, as they can at present. Approximately 65% of local authorities now make a charge for garden waste collection.

At a briefing by the then Secretary of State, Theresa Villiers, on 15 October 2019, she stated she wanted to see consistency in the set of materials collected and did not mention consistency in the way they might be collected. The details will again be part of the next round of consultations later in 2020.

Next Steps

The first reading of the Environment Bill took place on 30 January and there has been no progress since. The next stage is the second reading. The second reading is the first opportunity for MPs to debate the main principles of the Bill. Once the second reading is completed, the Bill proceeds to committee stage, where each clause (part) and any amendments (proposals for change), can be debated.

DEFRA have started informal discussion and more formalised working groups ahead of the next set of consultations being released, expected for summer 2020.

3. Council's monitoring of the amount of waste sent to landfill

We monitor the diversion rate of residual waste away from landfill and to waste to energy plants across the country via our contractor Suez UK.

Every month the diversion rate varies as it is subject to the available capacity at Waste to Energy sites across the UK plants to take our waste. Virtually no waste went to landfill in January 2020, with everything going to the waste to energy plants at Ferrybridge, West Yorkshire.

The diversion rate from April 2019 to December 2019 was 55% of waste to Waste to Energy plants and 45% of waste to landfill. However, after including the diversion rate achieved in January 2020, we now have a diversion rate of 59% of waste diverted from landfill. If the performance achieved in January is repeated in February and March, we will have achieved a diversion rate of 65% away from landfill in 2019/2020.

It should be noted that the Councils new waste disposal contract commences on 1 April 2020. The new contract, with Suez UK, contains a diversion rate target of 70% of our waste away from landfill to Waste to Energy plants. If Suez UK fail to meet this diversion target, they will face significant financial penalties.

4. Re-introduction of the education and advice role

The Council recruited an Environmental Education Officer who commenced employment on 2 September 2019. The officer has undertaken a significant amount of outreach work with schools and community groups. She has also worked along side and supported the Keep Blackburn Tidy and Keep Darwen Tidy volunteer groups. Further information about these activities is detailed below:

Working with Schools

- Put together several presentations for schools regarding talks on Single Use Plastic, where BwD waste and recycling goes, TerraCycle.
- Attended 8 school visits so far: Feniscowles Primary School, Crosshill Blackburn, Lower Darwen, St Edwards, Wensley Fold, Tauheedul Girls, Islamiyah Girls, Suddell Primary School.
- Introduced the idea of reducing waste in schools using TerraCycle: Lower Darwen Primary School, Tauheedul Girls.
- Developing schools plan as part of wider education project plan including a pack of learning materials for teachers.
- Organising various litter picks for schools and delivering presentations about the importance of the environment e.g Crosshill School Blackburn, Our Ladys of Perpetual Succour, St James's Lower Darwen, Tauheedul Girls.
- Attended and presented at 4 out of 5 School Improvement Groups meetings to discuss with Primary School teachers how we can best enthuse and teach children about the environment.
- Collating on a spreadsheet all 'eco teacher' contacts within schools
- Created a survey for Primary Schools to discuss what progress and gaps they have in terms of environmental education.
- Creating vital links within school giving them ideas of how best to teach about the environment, linking in with key days such as Earth Week
- Created full lesson plan and a costed plan for 'Graptor the litter picker'. Similar to the idea of taking home a classroom teddy, whereby a different child can take home the litter picking kit each weekend. Not only does it help clean up where the children live, it also creates a sense of responsibility for looking after their own environment. It was introduced as a trial in Feniscowles Primary School and was really successful. As at Monday 24th February, five schools have requested more information and a 'Graptor the litter picker' kit.
- Organised a trip for Our Ladys of Perpetual Succour to visit Suez including a presentation, game and site tour. Great feedback received from the school:

'Year 4 enjoyed their trip to SUEZ waste transfer station to support their geography topic this term. They learnt all about recycling, the importance of it, as well as, how they can help and recycle correctly at home. The children saw (and smelt) first-hand the amount of rubbish brought from Blackburn and what happens to it. They were able to see where the rubbish they put into their bin at home goes. There was an informative presentation with engaging games and useful information before a tour of the working site. I can't thank SUEZ and Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council enough for their hospitality and for creating a memorable and educational visit for the children.'

Brookhouse project

Worked closely with the Brookhouse Development Group (BHDG) to put together an eye-catching leaflet to summarise the results of the resident survey. Hand delivered the surveys to all the houses that took part. Stickered all the bins with information about what items go in which bin and still work closely with the BHDG on any issues that arise in the area.

Public protection / housing standards initiative in Infirmary

Worked on Infirmary project providing all marketing materials and put together a communications plan for residents. Responded to resident queries regarding recycling. Took part in a 'flash mob' litter pick to clean up the streets and speak to residents who had accumulations in their backyard. Worked with housing standards to gain entry to properties to speak to residents about how they manage their recycling and waste.

Your call volunteers

- Accepting all volunteers on the Lancashire Volunteering Portal (LVP) website, delivering all litter picking kits around the borough and making sure all community centres are stocked up with equipment/bags
- Enthusing volunteers on a daily basis via email and Facebook page to say thank you and answer any queries
- Healthy living recycling stall at Bangor Street Community Centre speaking to residents about recycling and how to become a volunteer litter picker
- Provided equipment for 15 Your Call events since September 2019
- Developing a Your Call action plan to prioritise activities (with volunteer input)
- Keeping up with volunteer comments and passing them on to relevant Council departments
- Working closely with Facebook groups to assist with any issues that arise
- Created newsletter for volunteers including important information
- Heavily promote the logging of hours on the LVP website – currently 479 hours been logged between 1 January 2020 and 28 February 2020.
- Mapped all current volunteers with an outlook to target areas with high levels of waste and low number of volunteers
- Currently recruiting volunteer recycling ambassadors, created brand and job description. Currently planning to hold a workshop to provide them with information
- Produced new handout to promote KIT volunteers

General publicity and marketing

- Created various marketing information – nappies leaflet, recycling guide, litter picking leaflet, excess waste leaflet
- Put together a social media plan with key messages
- Admin to BwD Bins Facebook page, creating interesting content for residents and answering any queries

- Currently creating song and video for the volunteer litter pickers 'pick it up' to not only enthuse the volunteers and show how much we appreciate them but also to enter the Great British Spring Clean most unique clean up award
- Heavily promoting Great British Spring Clean
- Involved with comms team with the creation of the recycling and bin calendar as well as the shuttle information, constantly looking at other councils information and guidance and how we can improve
- Created a newsletter for the garden waste subscribers
- https://twitter.com/Sally_booth - personal twitter account with photos of activities and school visits

Creating Contacts

- Joint event with CareNetwork with a local community group to discuss recycling, second meeting with CareNetwork to discuss how best to speak to individuals – planning to do a drop in session 'Speak to a recycling officer' once a month, putting information in their monthly newsletter and do a recycling workshop for carers.
- Meeting planned with the Bureau on 4th March to discuss how we can support Mending Café and swishing events
- Met with Blackburn Rovers Community Trust to discuss how we can support their NSC programme
- Working closely with Adult Learning Blackburn with Darwen to go along to their Speak English classes (ESOL) to talk about waste management
- Working closely with Integration and Engagement to create contacts with community groups
- Been out with several councillors, door knocking to discuss bins, recycling. Passed on relevant information afterwards

Other programmes

- Tools Shed – Soon there will be collection points at both our household waste recycling centres and at Davyfield Depot for used tools that are then upcycled by prisoners and given back free of charge to the community. Created all marketing information for this programme.
- Working closely with Blackburn Rovers Community Trust to plan workshops and recycling events within their youth groups

Martin Eden

Director of Environment and Operations

Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council, Corporate Plan, Key Performance Indicators 2019/2020 – Environment Portfolio

Priority	Performance measure	Department	Chief officer	Good performance is	Baseline	19/20 target	Half year performance and rating (Q1 & Q2 – April to September 19)	Year-end performance and rating (Q3 & Q4 – October 19 to March 20 & Cumulative for 19/20)
P5 – Safe and clean environment We will: » work with our residents, schools and businesses to raise awareness of the positive environmental and financial impacts of recycling. » work with communities, environmental organisations and groups to help keep neighbourhoods clean and tidy. » continue to invest in our roads and pavements to make sure they are safer. » work with our citizens and businesses to promote behaviours, using enforcement action where necessary and in the best interest of public protection.	1. Increase in number of your call community litter pickers	Environment & Operations	Martin Eden Tony Watson Stuart Hammond	Higher	820	900	1,276 Volunteers (GREEN)	By end of December 2019
	Comments: The number of litter picking volunteers has exceeded the numbers expected this year, with the interest still being drawn from the Keep Darwen Tidy and Keep Blackburn Tidy Facebook pages.							
	2. Increase number of S80 prosecutions for enviro-crime offences	Environment & Operations	Martin Eden Tony Watson Mark Wilde	Higher	28	80	63 S80 prosecutions (GREEN)	By end of December 2020. Also had 47 PDPA cases and 23 CPNs served
	Comments: A delay in the commencement of the agreement to use a specialist lawyer has seen a slight reduction in the number of prosecution cases expected to be taken through the courts in Quarters 1 and 2. There were 23 cases in Q1 and Q2 and there are a further 18 listed in court to be heard. However, it is anticipated that we will achieve the annual target of 80 prosecutions by the end of the financial year.							
	3. Increase the household recycling rate	Environment & Operations	Martin Eden Tony Watson Stuart Hammond	Higher	28%	30%	Q2: 31.1%. Q3 data not available from Govt. until 6 months after the Q2 end. (GREEN)	Council will be launching a marketing and comms campaign in April to persuade, inform and educate residents about the benefit of recycling
	Comments: The recycling rate for the borough has plateaued over the last 12 months and efforts to address recycling are being taken by the council's Waste Programme Board. This includes a waste and recycling campaign, raising awareness, waste minimisation, contamination of recycling being tackled as well as the introduction at the end of Q2 of the new post of Environmental Education Officer post to work with the community on waste and environmental education.							
	4. Reduce waste to landfill	Environment & Operations	Martin Eden Tony Watson Stuart Hammond	Lower	50%	40%	Q3: 45%	From 1 April 20, 70% diversion from landfill in new waste contract.
	Comments: Waste tonnage sent to landfill has reduced during 2019/20. In Jan 2020 no waste went to landfill, if this trend continues, just 35% of our waste will go the landfill by Year end.							
	5. Private rented sector homes, which have been inspected and have had Cat 1 and 2 hazards removed	Environment & Operations	Martin Eden Gary Johnson	Higher	371 Category 1 & 2 hazards removed (2018/19)	250 Category 1 & 2 hazards removed	134 (GREEN)	
	Change to measure name agreed. Comments: CPO properties that have been purchased, resold and refurbished by new owners to an agreed level removes Cat 1 and 2 hazards. Note: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019/20 target reduced by a third in line with EHO inspecting staff loss. Measures name changed to Private rented sector homes, which have been inspected and have had Cat 1 and 2 hazards removed 							
	6. Unlicensed properties identified and licensed, and audit/inspections undertaken.	Environment & Operations	Martin Eden Gary Johnson	Higher	370 licences issued 144 inspected (2018/19)	150 licences 200 audits/inspections	104 audited/inspected 88 licenses issued (AMBER)	
	Change to measure name agreed. Comments: The inspection element of this PI is OK, as we expect to do more inspection/audit work this year. However, as we do not expect to designate another selective licensing area this year, we will be unable to issue the targeted number of licences – we are investigating unlicensed properties to and have identified 46 unlicensed properties in Infirmary SLA to date.							