Scrutiny Meeting			
Meeting Date	5 July 2017		
Report Title	Performance Monitoring – 2016/17 Quarter 3		
Cabinet Member	Cllr Dewar-Whalley, Finance and Performance		
SMT Lead	Mark Radford, Chief Executive		
Head of Service	David Clifford, Policy and Performance Manager		
Lead Officer	David Clifford, Policy and Performance Manager		

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

1.1 This report presents the quarterly portfolio-based balanced scorecard performance reports for the third quarter of 2016/17 (October-December 2016). The scorecards seek to provide a holistic overview of council performance on each portfolio from a range of perspectives.

2 Background

- 2.1 Strategic performance monitoring by Cabinet and the Scrutiny Committee has been primarily through portfolio balanced scorecards for several years now. The scorecards seek to deal with 'performance' in the broadest sense, rather than focusing only on traditional measures such as output indicators.
- 2.2 With the changes to the composition of Cabinet portfolios at the start of this financial year, the scorecards have been updated to reflect both the new spread of responsibilities and additional items of information as requested by individual Cabinet members in the course of one-to-one discussions over the summer and autumn.
- 2.3 Many of the metrics provided on the scorecards this quarter are completely new measures, which will take several quarters to build into an informative time series. The scorecards do of course remain a work in progress, and members are always welcome to suggest further refinements.

3 Proposal

3.1 Appendix I provides a scorecard for each cabinet portfolio, plus one providing a corporate overview. This latter includes information which is only relevant from a cross-organisational perspective, together with an aggregated summary of some of the information which is included in more detail on individual portfolio scorecards.

- 3.2 With the exception of the corporate overview, each scorecard also includes a separate list of 'exceptions', providing more information on items shown as red on the scorecards.
- 3.3 Items may show as red for a number of reasons (e.g. failure to meet target, deterioration from the same quarter last year, etc), and the fact that a scorecard contains some red items does not necessarily imply that there is a problem. The purpose of the exception reports is to enable members to consider where further investigation may be fruitful.

4 Alternative Options

4.1 Although national performance reporting burdens have reduced considerably in recent years, regular monitoring of organisational performance both by members and by senior officers is widely regarded as essential to a well-governed, self-aware and effective council. The option of dispensing with performance reporting to members is therefore not recommended.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

5.1 The scorecards are largely based on information provided either through Covalent or other council systems by senior officers, and have been circulated to SMT and heads of service for comment or corrections prior to being forwarded to members.

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	The balanced scorecards provide the primary mechanism for members to monitor, and hold officers to account for, progress towards achieving the corporate plan.
Financial, Resource and Property	The balanced scorecards provide summary in-year budget information which is available in more detail in the quarterly financial management reports produced by Finance and considered by Cabinet and Scrutiny.
Legal and Statutory	Few direct implications, as with few exceptions the Council is no longer under an obligation to manage its performance against an externally-specified set of indicators.
Crime and Disorder	No direct implications, although the corporate indicator set and the local area perception survey both include measures on crime and antisocial behaviour.
Sustainability	No direct implications, although the corporate indicator set includes measures climate change and sustainability.

6 Implications

Health and Wellbeing	No direct implications, although several measures included in either the council's corporate indicator set or the local area perception survey have a significant bearing on the health and wellbeing of residents.
Risk Management and H&S	The scorecards include summary information on the council's comprehensive risk register. No direct health and safety implications.
Equality/Diversity	No direct implications.

7 Appendices

- 7.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:
 - Appendix I: Scorecard reports for 2016/17 Quarter 3.

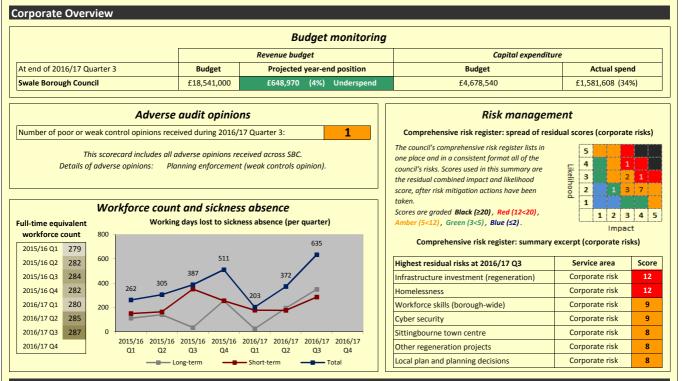
8 Background Papers

- Monthly SMT performance reports
- Quarterly financial monitoring reports
- Quarterly complaints reports
- Internal audit reports
- Comprehensive risk register
- Briefing on the local area perception survey 2016

CORPORATE OVERVIEW

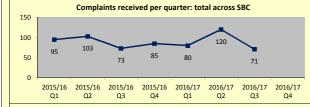
Balanced scorecard report for 2016/17 Quarter 3 Council Leader: Clir Bowles • Deputy Leader: Clir Lewin





Customer Perspective

Customer feedback



Complaints and compliments across SBC: 2016/17 Quarter 3

Total complaints received	
Total complaints responded to within 10 working days	
Proportion of complaints responded to within 10 working days (target: 90%)	
Total complaints referred to the Local Government Ombudsman	
Total compliments received	61

Summary from the Policy and Performance Team

This scorecard gives an overview of the state of the council at the end of the third quarter of 2016/17. The proportion of corporate indicators meeting target is slightly down on last quarter, but so is the proportion more than 5% adrift of target, which is at its lowest level for some time. The apparent paradox that more indicators are improved from this point last year than are deteriorated even though the proportion meeting target is down is explained by the fact that targets generally become more ambitious each year. The spread of Swale's comparable indicators across national quartiles remains good, with almost two-thirds of those for which comparisons can be made performing above the national median. This is a deterioration on last quarter, but this trend is common as the end of the year approaches. Complaints are now back down to their lowest level in two years following the blip last quarter. Overall sickness absence has increased considerably this quarter due predominantly to a small number of long-term cases; short-term sickness is up on last quarter but down on the same period last year. Reporting of risks is improved this quarter, with the risk matrix now showing the residual scores for all 14 corporate-level risks. The intention remains that in future quarters the matrix will show residual scores for all risks across the organisation.

6 10

Indicators improved or

deteriorated from 2015

Green: improved. Red: deteriorated. Grey: static or no data. Green: best 25%. Blue: above

Indicator quartile positions

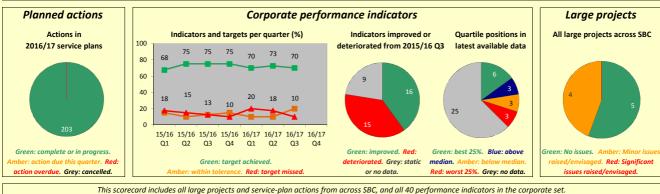
in 2008 Place Survey data

median. Amber: below median. Red: worst 25%. Grey: no data.

This scorecard includes all 18 indicators derived from the LAPS.

Local area perception survey 2016



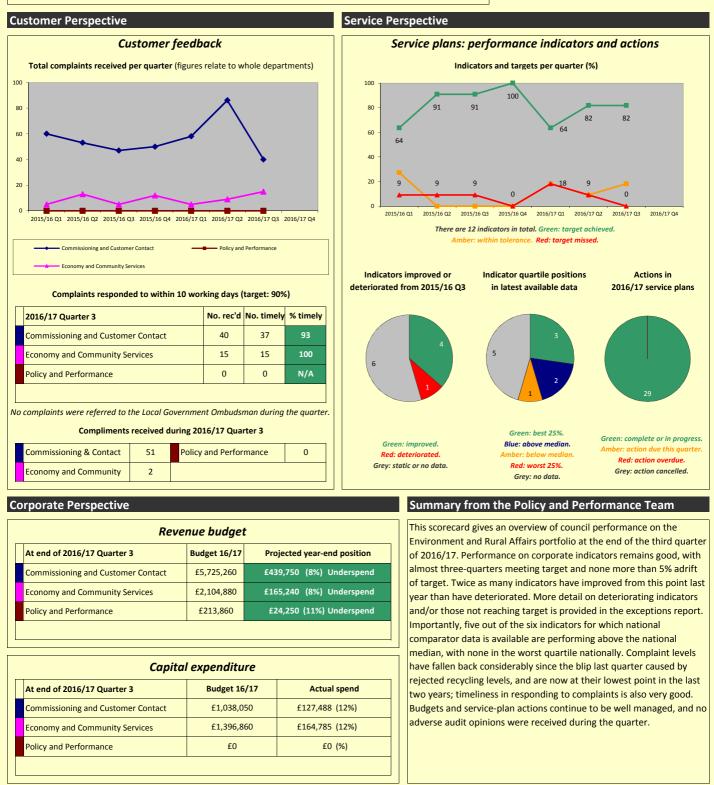


ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Balanced scorecard report for 2016/17 Quarter 3

Cabinet Member: Cllr Simmons • Deputy Cabinet Member: Cllr Gent





Adverse audit opinions

Number of poor or weak control opinions received during 2016/17 Quarter 3:

Where adverse opinions are received, details are provided here. No adverse opinions were received in 2016/17 Quarter 3.

Large projects

There are currently no large projects in this portfolio.

0

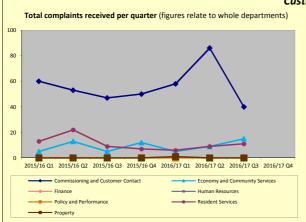
Ref	Title/Description	Why is this red on the scorecard?
Performance in	dicators	
NI 191	Residual household waste per household	Year-on-year deterioration (2015/16 Q3: 362kg; 2016/17 Q3: 368kg). Note that this indicator is Amber against the target maximum of 360kg
Planned action	s	
[No exceptions]		

FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE

Balanced scorecard report for 2016/17 Quarter 3

Cabinet Member: Cllr Dewar-Whalley • Deputy Cabinet Member: Cllr Wilcox

Customer Perspective



Customer feedback

Quartile positions in

latest available data

Complaints responded to within 10 working days (target: 90%)

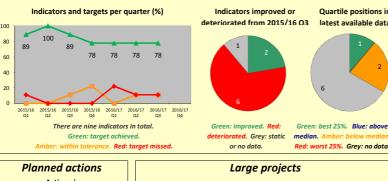
2016/17 Quarter 3	No. rec'd	No. timely	% timely	
Commissioning and Customer Contact	40	37	93	
Economy and Community Services	15	15	100	
Finance	0	0	N/A	
Human Resources	0	0	N/A	
Property	0	0	N/A	
Policy and Performance	0	0	N/A	
Resident Services	11	9	82	
Compliments received during 2016/17 Quarter 3				

Commissioning and Customer Contact	51	Economy and Community Services	2
Finance	0	Human Resources	0
Property	0	Policy and Performance	0
Resident Services	7		

No complaints were referred to the Local Government Ombudsman during the quarter.

Service Perspective

Performance indicators



Summary from the Policy and Performance Team

This scorecard gives an overview of council performance on the Finance and Performance portfolio at the end of the third guarter of 2016/17. Some four-fifths of corporate performance indicators under this portfolio are meeting their targets, but more indicators have deteriorated from this point last year than have improved. This apparent paradox is partly explained by the fact that indicator targets generally get harder each year. Full details of the indicators marked as Red in the scorecard are provided in the exceptions report. Budgets are being well managed, both of the portfolio's large projects remain Green, and no adverse audit opinions were received during the quarter.

Indicators and targets

2016/17 Quarter 3

Green: target achieved. Amber: wit

Grey: no data.

Red: target missed.



Corporate Perspective

Budget monitoring				
		Revenue budget	Capital expenditure	
At end of 2016/17 Quarter 3	Budget 16/17	Budget 16/17 Projected year-end position		Actual spend
Commissioning and Customer Contact	£5,725,260	£439,750 (8%) Underspend	£1,038,050	£127,488 (12%)
Economy and Community Services	£2,104,880	£165,240 (8%) Underspend	£1,396,860	£164,785 (12%)
Finance	£1,405,140	£4,560 (0%) Underspend	£2,500	£0 (0%)
Human Resources	£371,150	£8,070 (2%) Underspend	£0	£0 (%)
Policy and Performance	£213,860	£24,250 (11%) Underspend	£0	£0 (%)
Property	£801,000	£12,080 (2%) Underspend	£226,000	£150,000 (66%)
Resident Services	£1,643,600	£52,450 (3%) Underspend	£1,943,130	£1,130,835 (58%)

Adverse audit opinions

Number of poor or weak control opinions received during 2016/17 Quarter 3:

Where adverse opinions are received, details are provided here.

No adverse opinions were received in 2016/17 Quarter 3.

0

List of Exceptions for 2016/17 Quarter 3 Finance and Performance

Ref	Title/Description	Why is this red on the scorecard?
Performance in	dicators	
BV8	Proportion of invoices paid on time (within 30 days)	Year-on-year deterioration (2015/16 Q3: 99%; 2016/17 Q3: 97%). Note that this indicator remains Green against the target (97%).
BV12a	Working days lost due to sickness absence (long-term)	Year-on-year deterioration (2015/16 Q3: 1.2 days; 2016/17 Q3: 2.1 days). Note that this indicator remains Green against the target (3.2 days).
BV10	Percentage of non-domestic rates collected	Year-on-year deterioration (2015/16 Q3: 87%; 2016/17 Q3: 85%). Note that this indicator remains Green against the target (73%).
BV79b(i)	Percentage of recoverable HB overpayments that are recovered during period	Year-on-year deterioration (2015/16 Q3: 77%; 2016/17 Q3: 75%). Note that this indicator remains Green against the target (70%).
BV78b	Speed of processing changes of circumstances for HB/CTB claims	Year-on-year deterioration (2015/16 Q3: 5 days; 2016/17 Q3: 7 days). Note that this indicator is Amber against the target (7 days).
BV78a	Speed of processing new HB/CTB claims	Red against target (target: 17 days; outturn: 23 days). Year-on-year deterioration (2015/16 Q3: 17 days; 2016/17 Q3: 23 days).
Planned action	s	
[No exceptions]		

HOUSING AND WELLBEING

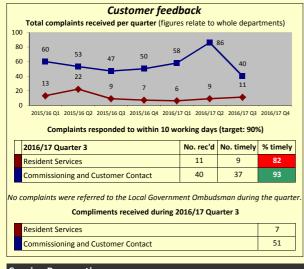
Balanced scorecard report for 2016/17 Quarter 3

Cabinet Member: Cllr Pugh

Deputy Cabinet Member: Cllr Aldridge



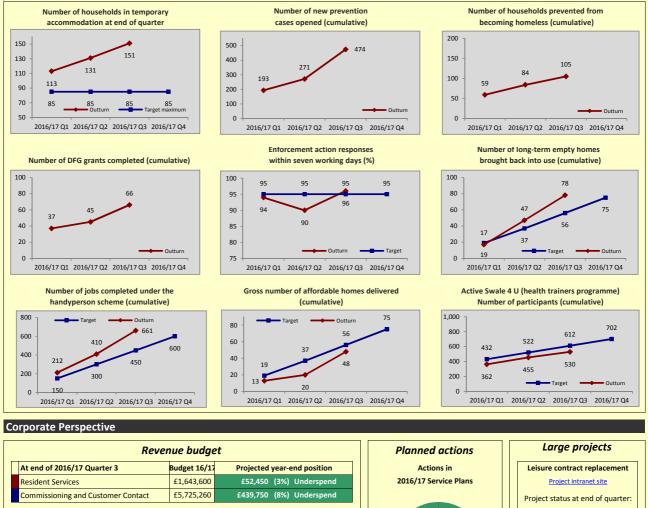
Customer Perspective



Summary from the Policy and Performance Team

This scorecard gives an overview of council performance on the Housing and Wellbeing portfolio at the end of the third quarter of 2016/17. The number of households in temporary accommodation has continued to increase and remains significantly above the target maximum; however, homelessness has been prevented for over 100 households over the course of the year, in spite of the difficulties experienced by the Housing team placing vulnerable families into the overheated private rented sector. The team is actively pursuing options to keep numbers in TA as low as possible, but given the dearth of suitable move-on accommodation, the focus is on securing the lowest-cost, best-quality TA within the borough and minimising the use of B&B accommodation. Projects and actions within this portfolio continue to be well managed, and no adverse audit opinions were received during the quarter. Complaint levels are stable, although timeliness in responding to them is below the target of 90% within ten days.

Service Perspective

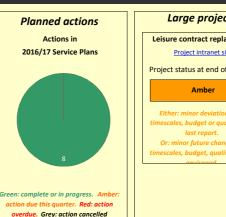


Page 9 of 16

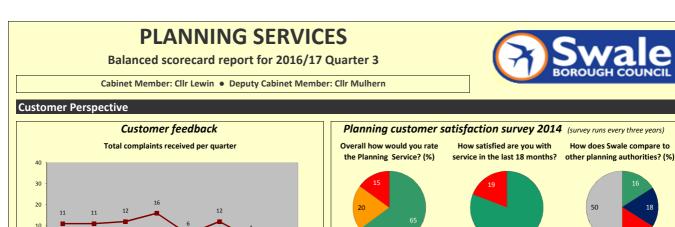
Capital expenditure

ſ	At end of 2016/17 Quarter 3	Budget 16/17	Actual sp	end		
	Resident Services	£1,943,130	£1,130,835 (58%)			
	Commissioning and Customer Contact	£1,038,050	£127,488	(12%)		
_						
	Adverse audit opinions					
	Number of poor or weak control opinions received during 2016/17 Quarter 3: 0					
	Where adverse opinions are received, details are provided here.					

No adverse opinions were received in 2016/17 Quarter 3.



<i>List of Exceptions for 2016/17 Quarter 3</i> Housing and Wellbeing				
Ref	Title/Description	Why is this red on the scorecard?		
Performance i	indicators			
NI 156	Number of households living in temporary accommodation.	Red against target (target maximum: 85 households; outturn at end of 2016/17 Q3: 151 households). Year-on-year deterioration (2015/16 Q3: 78 households; 2016/17 Q3: 151 households).		
Planned action	ns			
[No exceptions]	-			
]			



Green: good or very good. Ambe Red: po

Based on 212 responses.

or or very poor

Green: very or fairly satisfied.

Red: very or fairly dissatisfied

Based on 210 responses.

This scorecard gives an overview of council performance on the Planning Services portfolio at the end of the third quarter of 2016/17. All eight corporate performance indicators are either meeting

target or within 5% of it, six of them are improved from this time last year (with two showing no change), and three of the four indicators for which national comparators are available are

additional planning fee income, and is the result largely of unforeseen appeal costs and additional staffing costs. Complaints are at their lowest level for some time, and large projects and service-

plan actions continue to be well managed. A 'weak' audit opinion was received in respect of the

performing above the national median. The significant forecast overspend comes in spite of

planning enforcement service during the quarter, and action is ongoing to implement the

Summary from the Policy and Performance Team

Green: Swale better. Blue: Both the

Grey: Don't know. 159 response

same. Red: Sv

2015/16

2016/17 Quarter 3

6

5

Development Services

2015/16

2015/16

9

2015/16 2016/17 2016/17 04 01 02

Complaints responded to within 10 working days (target: 90%)

One complaint was referred to the Local Government Ombudsman during the guarter

Self-build and custom housebuilding register

Number of applicants on the register at the end of each quarter

16/17 Q1 16/17 Q2 16/17 Q3 16/17 Q4 17/18 Q1 17/18 Q2 17/18 Q3 17/18 Q4

2016/17 03

No. rec'd No. timely % timely

4

4

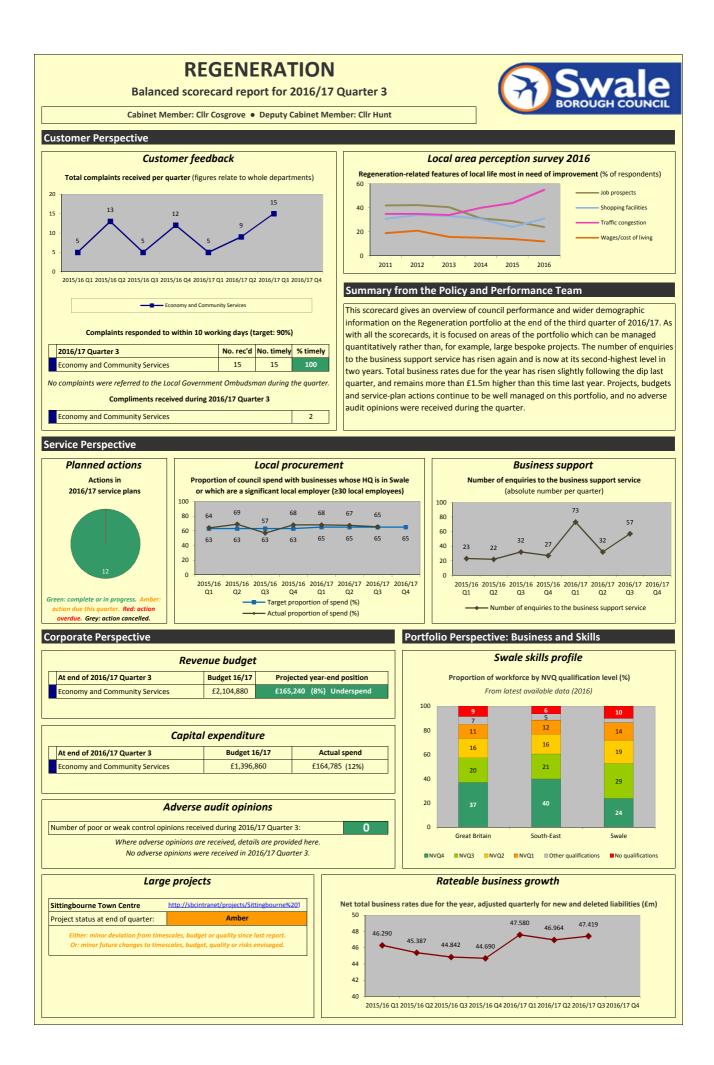
2016/17

100

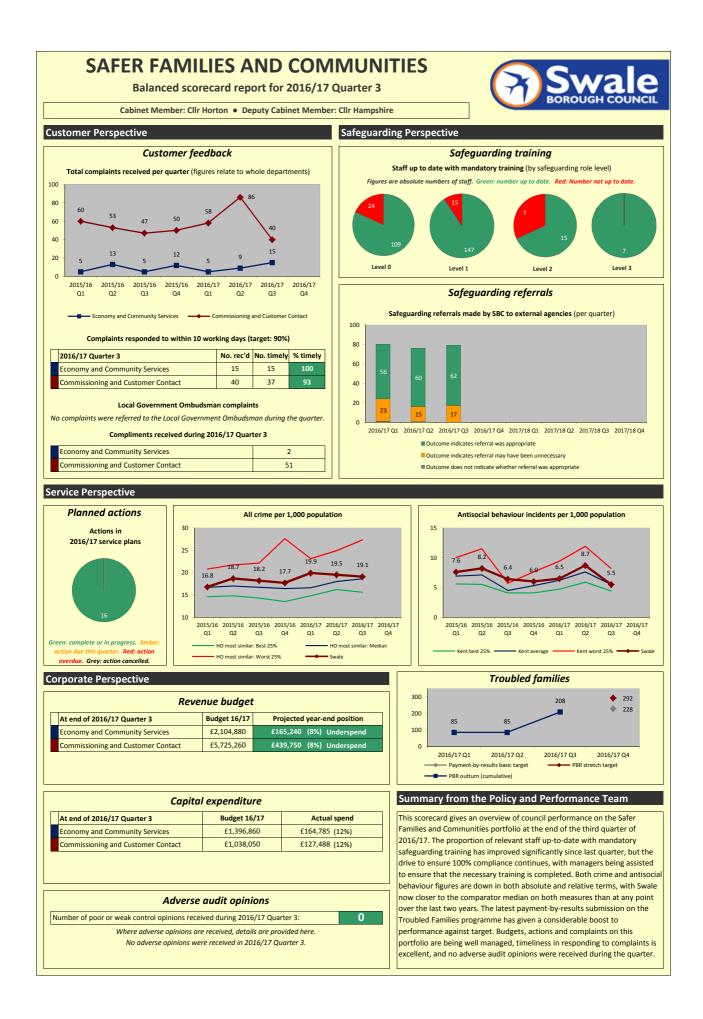
recommendations made Service Perspective Planned actions All corporate performance indicators Planning enforcement Indicators and targets Actions in Indicators improved or Indicator quartile positions Cases where complainant is informed (RAG) 2016/17 service plans deteriorated from 2015/16 Q3 in latest available data of outcome within 21 days (%) 100 80 60 Target 40 Green: complete or in progress. An Green: improved. Red Green: best 25%. Blue: above Green: target achieved ted. Grey: static or no median. due. Grey: action cancelled. Grey: no data or no target. comparator data 25%. Grey: no data Housing land supply Timeliness of processing applications Planning fee income 2016/17 Five-year supply at 11/2016 £800.00 100 Targe Dwelling Five-year requirement*: 4,192 £600.000 Supply to 2020/21: 4,492 80 £400.000 Equivalent years of supply 5.4 Supply as proportion of requirement 60 £200,000 117.2% und und set and the att att at a start at a *As per the Liverpool calculation, the 2016/17 Q1 2016/17 Q2 2016/17 Q3 2016/17 Q4 requirement consists of the Local Plan Percentage processed in 13 weeks (majors) or eight weeks (minors/others) requirement, plus recovery of shortfall to date, plus a 5% buffer. Brown: majors. Grey: minors. Blue: others. Dashes: targets. Bars: outturns **Corporate Perspective Budget monitoring** Revenue budget Capital expenditure



<i>List of Exceptions for 2016/17 Quarter 3</i> Planning Services				
Ref	Title/Description	Why is this red on the scorecard?		
Performance ind	icators			
LI/DC/DCE/004	Percentage of decisions delegated to officers	Worst quartile nationally (Swale outturn: 88%. National 25th percentile: 91%). Note that this indicator remains Green against the target minimum of 87%.		
	-			
Planned actions				
[No exceptions]				



List of Exe Regenera	<i>ceptions for 2016/17 Quarter</i> tion	r 3	
Ref	Title/Description	Why is this red on the scorecard?	
Performance	e indicators		
[No exception	ns]		
Planned acti	ions		
[No exception	ns]		
l			



Ref	Title/Description	Why is this red on the scorecard?
Performance in	ndicators	
CSP/0001	All crime per 1,000 population	Red against target (target: 61.7 crimes for the rolling year to end- December; outturn: 75.7 crimes for the rolling year). Year-on-year deterioration (2015/16 Q3: 67.7 crimes for the rolling year). (Note: Crime figures on the scorecard are provided on a discrete quarterly basis for ease of visual comprehension, but the corporate performance indicator is based on rolling years.)
LI/PS/0003	Parking penalty charge notice recovery rate	Year-on-year deterioration (2015/16 Q3: 66.5%; 2016/17 Q3: 63.1%). Note that this indicator is Amber against target (65%).
Planned action	s	
[No exceptions]		