

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL CORPORATE PRIORITIES SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE Q3 2016/17 HOW ARE WE DOING?

In 2013, we published our Corporate Plan, with eight priorities to work towards over a five year period. This summary provides an overview of performance during Q3 2016/17, under each of the 8 Corporate Priorities. We continue to make significant progress across a number of key areas such as the economy and education, but recognise that there are ongoing challenges to face in the coming years. Reviewing performance information regularly is a vital part of ensuring we stay focused on what is important; *ensuring the best quality of life for everyone in the Scottish Borders, prosperity for our businesses and good health and resilience for all our communities.*

KEY

A mixture of performance information is provided under each priority:

The top half of each page contains high level performance indicators that show, for example, the general health of the economy. For comparison we have included last years figure and any Scottish data (where applicable). While the Council may have influence over these indicators, they are largely contextual in nature, and the information is displayed within a grey box.		EMPLOYMENT RATE 76.2% of people aged between 16-64 are now in employment		08 SERVICE EXCELLENCE Develop more online services, respond to demand, increase accessibility ASSETS AND RESOURCES Spend to save, energy 28
		Scotland	73.1 %	Close the attainment gap, focus on
		SB last year	78.3 %	
APPRENTICESHIPS 42 apprentices are employed with SBC as of Q1 2016/17 (up from 25 in Q1 15/16)	nance indicators that we have more rocess planning applications. hin a white box above a coloured le) will be either Green, Amber or Red or reduced against the previous year .		WORKFORCE Develop staff, build skills, create flexibility 06 ENVIRONMENT Protect our networks reduce waste Communities 06 ENVIRONMENT Drotect our networks reduce waste Communities 05 04	

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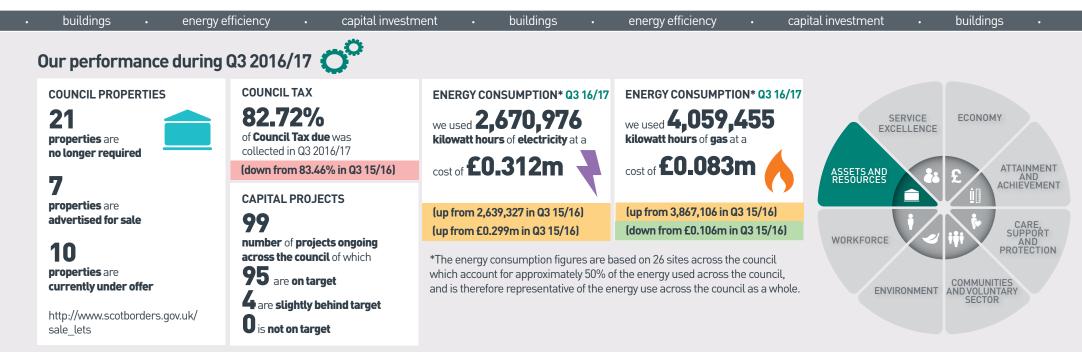
OUR CORPORATE PRIORITIES



07 DEVELOP OUR ASSETS AND RESOURCES HOW ARE WE DOING?

October 2016 - December 2016:

E wa	APITAL RECEIPTS	lling our	OCCUPANCY RATES 89% of industrial and comm properties owned by the were occupied as of Jur December 2016	e council	Asset Transfer Legislation On 23rd January legislation under Part 5 of the Community Empowerment [Scotland] Act 2016 came into force meaning community groups that meet certain criteria can request to buy, lease or use any land or buildings owned by Scottish Borders Council, NHS Borders or Police Scotland. Each public authority is required to publish a register of all their assets. For ease of use the asset register for Scottish	Cheviot, Eildon, Teviot & Liddesdale and Tweeddale). There is a history of successful asset transfers in the Borders with successful community groups in Chirnside, Melrose and Coldingham among those that have bought, or are leasing property, from the Council. More information, including the assets registers are available
SB	Q3 2015/16	£433,489	SB Q3 2015/16	93 %	Borders Council has been split into five areas (Berwickshire,	at www.scotborders.gov.uk/assettransfer



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Short Name	Trend Chart	Value	Commentary	Compared to same time last year	Status against Target	Managed By
Council Tax - In Year Collection Level	CP07-P001 aP How much Council Tax is collected in a particular year?	82.72%	How are we performing: Collection is 0.96% down on 2016/17 target. Actions we are taking to improve/maintain performance: Customer Services continue to analyse the payment profile and are confident that the end of year figures will be equivalent to 2015/16. Staff are monitoring the situation closely and work is ongoing to meet the expected target. With customers now able to pay over 12 months (instead of 10), and Council Tax increasing next year, targets for 2017/18 will be revised to reflect this change in payment profile for council tax , which is a hugely important source of income for the ongoing provision of high quality services	Ņ		Jenni Craig
Occupancy Rates of Industrial and Commercial Units	CP07-P001bP What % of industrial & commercial properties, owned by the Council, are occupied?	89%	 Observations: Occupancy rates increased from last quarter with 9 new leases being made lifting the occupancy rate above target to 89%. A breakdown by locality is shown below to give a better understanding of where the availability is. Berwickshire: 79.7% (12 units currently vacant at Meeks Yard, Eyemouth) Cheviot: 92.9% (Premises under offer, awaiting change of use application being approved) Eildon: 93.1% Teviot & Liddesdale: 81.3% (two premises currently under offer, waiting to agree a date of entry) Tweeddale: 96.7% 	Ņ	©	Bryan McGrath

Priority 7: Assets and Resources- Executive Quarterly PIs

