

07 DEVELOP OUR ASSETS AND RESOURCES HOW ARE WE DOING?

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Council Tax - In Year Collection Level	CP07-P001aP How much Council Tax is collected in a particular year?	57.15%	 How are we performing: £30.8 million of the £53.9 million net debit has been collected giving a collection rate of 57.15%, 0.19% below target. Actions we are taking to improve/maintain performance: The number of customers paying over 12 months has increased to 25.71% from 21.69% at the same time last year which will result in increased collection within the last quarter of the year. Council Tax reduction has reduced by over £80,000 in 2017/18, increasing the net Council Tax to be collected. This has been identified as a national trend. We are looking at ways to encourage Council Tax Reduction take up and Council Tax payment levels. There is currently an unusually high volume of outstanding correspondence at this time which we are working to reduce. When achieved this should help towards meeting forthcoming targets. 		Jenni Craig

Priority 7: Assets and Resources- Executive Quarterly PIs

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Occupancy Rates of Industrial and Commercial Units	CP07-P001bP What % of industrial & commercial properties, owned by the Council, are occupied? 90% 87.5% 85% 82.5% 80% 77.5% 75% 72.5	86.6%	How we are performing: Berwickshire: 72.9%. (Q1 76.3%) Cheviot: 92.3%. (Q1 92.3%) Eildon: 87.5%. (Q1 88.5%) Teviot & Liddesdale: 92.3%. (Q1 88.5%) Tweeddale: 93.3%. (93.3%) Total number of new leases within this quarter: 7. Actions that we are taking to improve/maintain performance: In addition to a national marketing campaign that covers the area of the Borders Railway corridor, we are also marketing commercial and industrial properties across the whole region through our website and by taking out adverts in the national property press.		Bryan McGrath
Capital Receipts Generated (cumulative)	CP07-P001cP How much has the Council received for selling its fixed assets (e.g. buildings), shares or debt? (cumulative) £1,500,000.00 £1,250,000.00 £1,000,000.00 £1,000,000.00 £1,000,000.00 £1,000,000.00 £500,000.00 £481,516.00 £250,000.00 £173,000.00 £10,000,000.00 £173,000.00 £10,000,000.00 £235,238.00 £250,000.00 £173,000.00 £0.00 £173,000.00 £10,000 £235,238.00 £250,000.00 £173,000.00 £0.00 £173,000.00 £10,000 £235,238.00 £250,000.00 £173,000.00 £250,000.00 £173,000.00 £250,000.00 £173,000.00 £250,000.00 £173,000.00 £250,000.00 £173,000.00 £250,000.00 £173,000.00 £20,000.00 £235,238.00 £20,000.00 £235,238.00 £20,000.00 £235,238.00 £20,000.00 £235,238.00 £20,000.00 £235,238.00 £20,000.00 </td <td>£235,238.00</td> <td> How are we performing: There has been little movement in the cumulative total in Q2. The only sale has been a small area of industrial land to an adjoining owner. Actions we are taking to improve/maintain performance: Estates and Legal Services continue to pursue sales to a conclusion with purchasers and their agents and significant receipts are expected in the next 3 to 6 months to reach our target. Discussions with agents indicate that the market in the Borders is still very slow with little signs of any major recovery. </td> <td></td> <td>Neil Hastie</td>	£235,238.00	 How are we performing: There has been little movement in the cumulative total in Q2. The only sale has been a small area of industrial land to an adjoining owner. Actions we are taking to improve/maintain performance: Estates and Legal Services continue to pursue sales to a conclusion with purchasers and their agents and significant receipts are expected in the next 3 to 6 months to reach our target. Discussions with agents indicate that the market in the Borders is still very slow with little signs of any major recovery. 		Neil Hastie

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Total no. of properties surplus to requirements	Executive - Properties no longer required	23	Observations: 23 properties are currently surplus to the Councils requirements. 7 are either being marketed or are about to be marketed by our selling agents. A further 9 properties are under offer following marketing or through Community Groups. A number are reaching critical long stop dates for conclusion which will result in significant capital receipts in Q3 and Q4. Further properties are currently under consideration for disposal through on-going work on titles and development appraisals with our Legal Service and Architects Service.	2	Neil Hastie
Total no. of properties actively being marketed		7			Neil Hastie
Total no. of properties under offer	10 8 5 2 0 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4 4	9			Neil Hastie
Electricity Consumption (KWh) – Quarterly	CP07-P001gP How much electricity in kilowatt hours does the Council use? - Quarterly 3,250,000 2,750,000 2,550,000 2,550,000 2,000,000 1,750,000 1,550,000 1,250,000 2,500,000 2	1,387,507	See comments below		Martin Joyce





Note: Q1 Electricity Consumption and Costs figures have been updated. When originally published these had contained an element of estimate due to a delay in billing.

How are we performing?

Our total energy consumption this year to date is 7% less than the same period last year (from 6.45m kWh in 16/17 to 6.0m kWh this year) with an associated cost reduction of 3% (£485k to £471k) (based on 26 key sites which are monitored ½ hourly).

Electricity

So far this year we have seen an 8% decrease in electricity consumption and a 4% decrease in cost compared to the same period last year as our LED lighting programme continue to deliver savings.

Gas

So far this year we have reduced our gas consumption by 6% compared to the same period last year. However our costs have risen by 2% due to increases in gas tariffs. Although in Quarter 1 we saw a 17% reduction in gas consumption, Quarter 2 has been 20% cooler (with September being 32% cooler) than the same period last year which has led to a slightly earlier onset of the heating season this year with an associated gas increase of 27% in Quarter 2. There was also gas consumption associated with the commissioning of the new Duns Primary School.

Actions we are taking to improve our performance

As part of the transformation programme of works the Energy Efficiency Programme is focussed on delivering cost effective energy reductions that represent best value for money while reducing the our energy consumption and costs as much as possible.

As part of this programme last year we:

- Completed LED lighting upgrades on 19 sites.
- Completed boiler room insulation upgrades at 19 sites.

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So far this year we: Completed LED upg Completed boiler re Completed a bench Other Actions Being Taken: Progressing plans t Performing boiler r Undertaking LED lig Identifying and pla Working closely wit Continue to ensure	rade of the life expired windows on our Headquarters to grades on a further 13 sites. com insulation upgrades at a further 21 sites. marking process to identify our most inefficient proper to install Solar Panels at 12 of our sites. oom insulation upgrades at a further 3 sites. ghting projects at a further 5 sites. nning priority work at our most inefficient properties. th our managed services partners to identify and implet new buildings are run as efficiently as possible. uilding projects at design concept stage to ensure our r	ties. ment efficienc		inits.	
Total Number of Contracts Awarded with Community Benefit Clauses (CBC) included	CP07-P002aP Total Number of Contracts Awarded with Community Benefit Clauses (CBC) included	6	 How are we performing During the reporting period, the following contracts were awarded which included a community benefit requirement; Walter Scott House Hawick High School Windows Artificial Sport Pitch Maintenance Hawick Flood Protection Consultant St Boswells Primary School Short term Vehicle Hire Actions we are taking to improve/maintain performance: Each contract opportunity is fully considered for added value. It should be noted that the number of the contracts awarded and start dates of those contracts will be subject to natural variation dependant on the timing of contract award, scope and scale of contract opportunities from the Council. It is therefore not possible to trend this indicator on a short term basis. 		Kathryn Dickson; Shona Smith

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Number of new Employment and Skills opportunities delivered as a result of Community Benefit Clauses (CBC)	CP07-P002bP Number of new Employment and Skills opportunities delivered as a result of Community Benefit Clauses (CBC) 17.5 15 12.5 10 7.5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	8	 How are we performing: During this period a further 32 opportunities have been delivered, including. 5 new jobs being created; 3 work experience opportunities. Further benefits created through Council contracts include; 10 staff from Cemex (a supplier on the Roads Aggregates Framework) spent a day painting stables at Stable Life in Ashkirk A portion of the wider Path Vegetation Clearance contract was awarded to Green Works, a local social enterprise based at Tweedbank Actions we are taking to improve/maintain performance: Monitoring of all contracted community benefit clauses is in place to ensure delivery is achieved.		Kathryn Dickson; Shona Smith

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Number of Capital Projects where RAG status is "Green"		15	NOTE: this PI is now only monitoring the "top 20" Capital Projects (as opposed to the whole capital programme) Observations: Of the "top 20" capital projects being managed by SBC: 15 have been assessed as "green" in terms of progress being made to deliver the project (time,	~	
Number of Capital Projects where RAG status is "Amber"		4			
Number of Capital Projects where RAG status is "Red"	Executive - Capital Projects	1	 projects being induct to deriver the project (time, 'aquality, & budget) A have been assessed as "amber", namely: Lowood Bridge - issues relating to co-ordination of other works to be undertaken by Amey and to Borders General Hospital are affecting the timing of this project Reston Station- there are issues around the timing of Scottish Government's funding (from the Scottish Stations Fund) in relation to this project Sir Walter Scott Courthouse (Selkirk) Phase 2 - with the completion of Phase 1 (upgrading the external fabric of the building), detailed proposals for Phase 2 of the project are now being worked up, for the major redevelopment of the Courthouse and adjacent building Wilton Lodge Park - this project is still to complete 1 has been assessed "red": Union Chain Bridge (Fishwick)- SBC, along with other partners, has committed significant funding to this project. However, there are now serious concerns around the Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) contribution which would impact on partner contributions. Details of the full capital programme are presented to Executive Committee on a quarterly basis, on the same agenda as this performance report 		Martin Joyce