Council Plan - Q2 2009/10 - Monitoring Report



Action Status	PI Status	Trend Arrows
Completed.	This PI is significantly below target.	The performance of this PI has improved compared to previous data.
On target for completion to schedule.	This PI is slightly below target.	The performance of this PI has worsened compared to previous data.
Slightly off target but mitigating actions in place.	This PI is on target.	The performance of this PI is similar to previous data.
Off track and no clear remedial action in place.	No target has been set and therefore this PI cannot be assessed.	The trend for this PI cannot be assessed.
	This PI is data only.	

1. Priority: A Clean and Green Environment

Rating:



1.1. Outcome: Manage, protect, conserve and invest in our open spaces to create parks that can be enjoyed by all.

Community Services Portfolio; Customer First, Democracy & Governance (AD)

Rating:



Ref	Action	Progress Update in Quarter 2	Status
CP 1.1.1	Refurbish Gillingham Park	Heritage Lottery Fund Stage 1 Application for Gillingham Park unsuccessful – primarily as a result of the funding programme being oversubscribed. Revised funding model for Gillingham park identified and submitted for consideration as part of the 2010-11 Budget Build.	
CP 1.1.1.1	Secure Heritage Lottery Funding 2010	Stage 1 application submitted September 08 to the Heritage Lottery Fund - Parks for People Programme. A revised scheme has been drawn up to support a funding bid to the Council Capital Programme as part of the budget setting process for 2010-11.	
CP 1.1.2	Improve Play Quality	Progress this quarter: Pottery Road Toddlers Play Area (Project Completed) Wigmore Park Play Area (Project Completed) Albermarle Road Play Area (Contract on Site) Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGA's) at: Princess Park (Design Stage) Barnfield Recreation Ground (Planning Consent Stage) The Barnfield Recreation Ground MUGA has secured £5K match funding from Kent Police.	
CP 1.1.2.1	Complete the Big Lottery Play Programme 2010	Contracts awarded for Riverside Country Park & Jackson's Recreation Ground and both projects are on target to be completed by Dec 09. As a result of no response to the ITT for Cozenton a grant extension has been requested from BIG to allow the project to be re-tendered.	
CP 1.1.2.2	Phase 1 Playbuilders 2010	Phase 1 of Playbuilder tendered and contracts (subject to OSP approval) are due to start in October with a completion date by the end of the financial year.	
CP 1.1.3	Retain Green Flag status for Riverside Country Park & the Vines, and apply for Hillyfields	Achieved in Q1.	②

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear	Q1 2009/10	Q2 2009/10	2009/10 YTD	2009/10	Bottom	Unitaries AVG 2008/09	TOP	Progress Update in Quarter 2	Trend	Traffic Light
PSAT7b No. of parks/open spaces achieving Green Flag	2	2	3	3	3	2		N/a			1	

1.2. Outcome: Manage Medway's waste sustainably, and reduce waste sent to landfill Front Line Services Portfolio; Frontline Services (AD)

Rating:



Ref	Action	Progress Update in Quarter 2	Status
CP 1.2.1	Work in partnership with our commercial partners to ensure that our waste services continue to:	The Council's current contractual arrangements were due to change in November 2009 but this has been delayed. The final evaluation is being repeated and as a result the award of the contract will be in the early spring of 2010 with a mobilisation date of late summer 2010.	
		The recycling rate is based on the total amount of dry recycling (kerbside and bring sites), green waste and recycling from the household waste recycling centres. At this time data is only available up to the end of august and are <i>provisional</i> and are subject to finalisation and audit. 37% recycling is estimated compared to the same 5-month period in 2008/9 of 35%. It should also be noted that the recycling rate at the end of the year will be lower then predicted for the first 5 months due to the seasonality of garden waste collections.	
CP 1.2.1.1	Increase recycling from 34.8%	The increase has been achieved by: The estimated number of bins that can be rolled out without the need for consulting residents is 1936. There are an estimated 1811 properties where it is proposed a reply-paid choice card will be issued as there is limited storage space for a brown bin. This approach will enable a larger quantity of garden waste to be diverted form landfill and also establish a collection service for the introduction of food waste during 2010/11.	
		An additional 56 developments have been assessed and recycling facilities installed. This equates to an extra 1,217 flats having bespoke schemes. This has been achieved by installing 79 bulk bins and arranging 18 collection zones. This brings the total number of flats with bespoke collection arrangements to over 8,300 from the 12,000 flats identified. A new processor for recycling timber has now been identified and in place following a change in recycling markets.	
		To reach the target for 2009/10, we must not exceed 68kg per household every month. Provisional figures for the first two quarters show that for the months of May-August we have been below 68kg per household, only marginally exceeding the monthly figure in April. The average kg per household over the first 5 months of 2009/10 is 64kg, compared to the same period in 2008/9 of 67kg.	
CP 1.2.1.2	Minimise waste to 742kg per household by 2011	To achieve this result a number of projects have been on going for example: - In April 2009 a new furniture reuse initiative was introduced to Medway in conjunction with a Sittingbourne based project, Neighbourhood furniture store. Between April and June 8 tonnes of materials have been diverted from landfill Home compost bin sales now total 10,880 since the scheme started in 2005/06. Using the compost bin calculator we are diverted over 1,600 tonnes each year from landfill The overall amount of waste collected nationally is also falling.	

Performance Indicator	2008/09		Q1 2009/10			Annual 2009/10 Target	AVG	Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update in Quarter 2	Trend	Traffic Light
NI 191 Residual household waste - kg per household (LAA)	759.0	N/a	205.6	190.9	396.5	818.0	N/a		See CP 1.2.1.2	1	
NI 192 Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting	33.5%	34.8%	35.7%	35.4%	35.5%	33.6%	N/a		Due to contractor reporting periods, the quarter 2 data includes estimated data for September. Trend data shows collection for garden waste is seasonal. Peak months for garden waste are April to June, dropping off during July and August and then, depending on the weather, a more gradual dropping off towards the winter. Progress is positive and looks set to achieve target.	•	

1.3. Outcome: Improving the local street scene

Community Safety & Enforcement Portfolio; Front Line Services Portfolio; Frontline Services (AD)

Rating



Ref	Action	Progress Update in Quarter 2	Status
CP 1.3.1	Continue to improve street cleansing standards.	As part of the work to improve customer satisfaction we have: 11 Community Clean up across the borough, resulting in the clearance of vegetation and rubbish from communal areas and areas of private land that are visible from the highway. A trial using skips company that can remove and recycle the waste started in August; the results of tonnages recycled vs landfilled are yet to be received, and will be reported in the next ADQ. "Clean Up Lordswood Day" including cleaning of graffiti from 11 sites and provided a waste disposal function for the clean up activity. Over the first five months of this year, the Graffiti Removal Team has removed over 843 instances of graffiti. Implemented a weed removal monitoring programme. Smoking related litter continues to be an issue, especially in the high street areas by shop entrances and outside pubs. Work has been carried out with Veolia to ensure this is removed and the graffiti team also have use of a cigarette removal vacuum machine that assists with difficult areas such as the cobbles in Rochester high street that are hard to remove by conventional methods. Installed or replaced 11 canine bins and 19 litter bins across the borough.	
CP 1.3.2	Active enforcement against privately owned land that is littered.	The environmental enforcement team have received 258 enquires about fly tipped or untidy land for quarter 2 and 79 have required enforcement activity. This compares to 330 enquiries in quarter 1, where 89 required enforcement activity. The team secured compliance in 78 cases without the need to serve notice – a 98.73% success rate. There were 35 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) served for signal crimes, out of which 16 have been paid. FPNs (SCO and EET) have generated £6350 of income compared with £4565 last quarter. The team have conducted four operations in quarter two which targeted commercial premises and illegal waste carriers. These operations yielded a total of 124 enforcement actions. 96 commercial premises were inspected for their trade waste arrangements, 23 premises did not have sufficient arrangements and therefore notice was served on the proprietor requiring them to enter into an arrangement with a licensed waste disposal company. 15 of these notices have been complied with and two FPNs were issued	
CP 1.3.3	Effective enforcement against environmental crimes on public land	Enforcement activities have increased substantially in quarter two. There were 52 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN) served by the Safer Communities Service in last quarter compared to 21 in the previous quarter. Out of the 52 FPNs served 27 have been paid, the remainder are either with the council's legal team or still in the paying period. FPNs (SCO and EET) have generated £6350 of income compared with £4565 last quarter.	
CP 1.3.4	Continue the removal of graffiti on public and private property	Over the first five months of this year, the team has removed over 843 instances of graffiti.	
CP 1.3.5	Develop the role of safer communities as custodians of the public realm	The Safer Communities Service has been re-organised to provide a 3 area Ward based service with an officer as a named contact for each Ward. Safer Communities Officers undertake regular road walks with the aim of walking all roads in the area every 4 months. They have targets for identifying areas of work proactively rather than waiting for a customer to raise an issue.	

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NI 195a Litter: Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of litter, detritus, graffiti and fly posting)	5%	N/a		8%	8%	5%				The results for this indicator are taken from visual surveys of the street. The first of three surveys has been carried out showing 8% of streets with littering, up from 5% in 2008/9. Two further surveys will be available around November and March. Officers from Community Safety, Enforcement and Waste Services have implemented a local environmental quality survey looking at all aspects of the street scene. Waste Management are currently working on a targeted inspection programme and are working with Community Safety managers to ensure both proactive and routine inspections are carried out. Next quarter Waste Services are working with Veolia Environmental Services to implement a change to the current street cleansing methods, with more emphasis on sweeping than just litter picking, to determine if this has a positive imp[act on the standard of cleansing being achieved. This will start in October 2009. All of these will help promote a safer, cleaner environment. A Front Line Service working group was convened in July to look at issues associated with perceptions of cleanliness. This group involves Waste Services, Safer Communities officers, Environmental Enforcement Team and Communications. This improvement plan is being developed to ensure we are engaged with the local community to improve cleanliness and get to the heart of reasons for negative perceptions.	•	
NI 195b Detritus: Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of litter, detritus, graffiti and fly posting)	8%	N/a		14%	14%	8%				Performance has fallen from 8% to 14%. Please see above for reasons and action being taken	-	
NI 195c Graffiti: Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of litter, detritus, graffiti and fly posting)	4%	2%		6%	6%	4%	6%	5%	1%	In the first quarter survey this year, most types of land use had low levels of graffiti, but due to high levels in alleyways, on bridges and in recreation grounds, the overall score has been higher than targeted. Due to this, the Graffiti Service has been tasked with concentrating on bringing these areas up to standard ahead of the next survey.	•	
NI 195d Fly-posting: Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of litter, detritus, graffiti and fly posting)	0%	0%		0%	0%	2%	1%	1%	0%	Fly posting is minimal and the SCO waste teams remove instances quickly	_	

	96a Number of fly tipping dents	4061	2028	1060	942	2002			Fly tipping incidents for the first two quarters has dropped compared to the same period last year which saw over 1000 incidents in each of the first two quarters.	1	
NI 1 acti	96b Number of enforcement ons against fly tipping	1193	N/a	330	397	727			Enforcement action is dependent upon evidence, either physically found in the flytipped material or through witness statements and image capture using CCTV. Therefore, if there is a lack of evidence, there are often more incidents of flytipping than enforcement. If none of the above criteria are met, the flytip is removed by our waste contractor.	1	*

1.4. Outcome: Reduce the carbon footprint and foster sustainable development in Medway

Communications, Performance & Partnerships (AD); Customer First & Corporate Services Portfolio; Housing & Corporate Services (AD); Organisational Services (AD) Rating



Ref	Action	Progress Update in Quarter 2	Status
CP 1.4.1	partners to engage our local community in reducing carbon emissions from the local area by 13,9% by 2011	The focus has been on continued engagement with the Energy Saving Trust's 1-1 support programme. The programme is an intense period of consultancy work over two years to develop a comprehensive action plan to reduce the carbon footprint of the local area. The draft report and recommendations were completed during quarter 2 and will be considered in quarter 3 to prioritise actions. Medway has also continued to participate in the pilot of the VantagePoint software, which allows the council to test various scenarios for tackling carbon emissions, and the benefits that they might bring. We will be modeling options in quarter 3. To date a 2.7% reduction in the carbon footprint of the local area has been seen for the latest data available for 2007, released in September. This includes a 2.8% reduction seen in domestic emissions, reflect the impact of our Medway Our Planet campaign to support residents to take up grant funding and install home insulation measures to reduce their energy consumption, preventing the release of some 93,000 tonnes of carbon, surpassing the campaign's target of 82,000.	
	fund to reduce the emissions from our own estate by 10% by 2011 from a 2004/5	A significant proportion of work this quarter has involved the calculation of the council's carbon footprint according to the new National Indicator 185 methodology. The overall carbon footprint of the council is calculated as 38,796 tonnes, which is a 6% reduction from the previous calculation of 41,200. Whilst the methodologies are slightly different, the bulk of our emissions (85%) continue to be from buildings. During September the new Energy Manager joined the council, bringing expertise and capacity that the council has not previously had, and will lead on this area in the future. The Energy Manager is currently evaluating the position on the carbon trust standard.	

2. Priority: Safer Communities

Rating



2.1. Outcome: Build strong communities by improving community cohesion

Communications, Performance & Partnerships (AD); Community Safety & Enforcement Portfolio



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 2.1.1	Continue to develop the role of the Equality and Community Cohesion Group to lead and coordinate partnership work to improve community cohesion.	The group has not met since the last quarter, two meetings are planned for the next quarter, one will be looking at performance and one at a specific issue. This will be decided at the performance meeting. More resource is required to support the group, this will be realised in part when the Senior R&R officer for Equality and Cohesion takes up their post. However, the recruitment of the community cohesion officer in the social regeneration team will have even more of an impact. This recruitment is imminent.	
CP 2.1.2	Produce a welcome pack for new arrivals to Medway in partnership with other public sector providers to signpost them to services	The 'Welcome Pack' will be another area of work that will be further developed through the work of the community cohesion officer. During the next quarter we will be identifying ways of promoting it more widely to newcomers to the area.	
CP 2.1.3	Following consultation with young people, deliver actions they think will improve community cohesion.	No further update/progress on this at this time during Q2. A meeting is taking place on 22 nd October to progress this.	
CP 2.1.4	Assess and review mechanisms for decision making, and identify and implement best practice to increase local involvement	The action plan for this indicator is being updated. Additional funding will help give capacity to the VOICE which could provide significant input to supporting this indicator. The team continues to support increasing local involvement in community cohesion through supporting Black History Month and Holocaust Memorial Day.	

Performance Indicator	2008/0	2008/0 9 MidYe ar	Q1 2009/1 0		2009/10 YTD	2009/10	Unitaries Bottom 2008/09	AVG	Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
BV174 Racial Incidents Recorded per 100,000 population	52.34	N/a	8.68	8.28	16.96					There has been a substantial drop in racial incidents reported by schools. This indicator is not RAG rated as there is no desirable change – it is desirable to reduce racial incidents, it is also desirable to increase reporting. Guidance is being reissued.	•	

2.2. Outcome: Reduce antisocial behaviour, criminal damage and youth crime

Children's Services Portfolio; Community Safety & Enforcement Portfolio; Front Line Services Portfolio; Frontline Services (AD); Inclusion (AD)

Rating



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 2.2.1	Coordinate partnership action and response through the multi agency partnership office at Medway Police station.	The Partnership Office has been operational since the beginning of this year. Weekly meetings are undertaken to deal with partnership issues. Recording of activity through the partnership offices has now started. 4 Task and Finish Groups have been set up to deal with issues in Canal Road, Victoria Gardens, Acom Wharf and Great Lines.	
CP 2.2.2	Maintain and develop our existing Alcohol Control Zones to reduce alcohol related crime & disorder	Medway now has zones in Rochester, Chatham and the most recent in Gillingham. Enforcement is carried out by Neighbourhood Police units. A dialogue will continue to see if other areas of Medway would benefit from the introduction of further zones. A yearly evaluation is done as part of the strategic assessment process.	
CP 2.2.3	Deliver effective noise nuisance services to combat this form of antisocial behaviour	The environmental protection team have received 630 noise complaints in the last quarter compared with 344 complaints in quarter. Of the 630 complaints approximately 20% were related to anti social behaviour. Due to the way that the M3 system has been set up it is not possible to ascertain the exact number of noise complaints that have been received relating to anti social behaviour. The number of complaints does not reflect the 'effectiveness' of the noise nuisance service on ASB. A better measurement to use would be the amount of referrals to the community safety partnership office, where Kent Police officers have the relevant powers to deal with noise nuisance ASB.	
CP 2.2.4	Use physical initiatives such as alley gating schemes to reduce antisocial behaviour in response to community need.	During this quarter, the team received 51 enquiries from the public and from members requesting alleyways to be gated. 2 enquiries were rejected as the gating was not viable, and 4 were rejected as there was insufficient evidence of anti social behaviour. This is in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act. 45 public consultations took place which resulted in a further 2 enquiries being dropped as there was insufficient support for the project from the local community. Of the remaining 43 enquiries, 10 alley gating schemes have been completed and 33 are ongoing.	
CP 2.2.5	Increase diversionary activities for young people in partnership with Children's Services	Young Commissioners have been consulting with their peers on what they get up to on Friday/Saturday nights. This information will be used to inform ITY and Youth Matters board in developing service provision.	

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear	Q1 2009/10	Q2 2009/10		2009/10	Bottom		Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
NI 17L Perceptions of anti-social behaviour (LAA proxy measure from KCVS)	9.8%	15%	9.2%	8%	8%			N/a		The 7 Strands of Anti Social Behaviour measure is now 9.2% against 15%in September 2008. This is a reduction since September 2008 of -7%. This measures the perception that the following are a big or fairly big problem in the local area: Teenagers hanging around; People drunk or rowdy in public; Vandalism, graffiti or deliberate damage; Rubbish or litter lying around; Noisy neighbours or loud parties; People using or dealing drugs and Abandoned or burnt out cars.	•	
NI 19 Rate of proven re- offending by young offenders (LAA)	0.90	0.58	0.18	N/a	0.18	1.13		N/a		Good progress continues in respect of the rate of re offending. The yearly outturn for 2008/09 has now been confirmed.	1	
NI 195Local Incidents of graffiti removed	1,611	N/a		843	843			N/a		The graffiti service has removed more than 840 incidents of graffiti than in the first half of the year	1	

2.3. Outcome: Reduce the fear of crime and improve public confidence

Community Safety & Enforcement Portfolio; Frontline Services (AD)

Rating:



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 2.3.1	Increase public awareness about crime and disorder reduction initiatives and provide an accessible Partnership to tackle the perception of crime	The Community Safety Partnership has developed a communication strategy; one of the actions in this plan is to increase awareness of the partnership. During quarter 2, a multi agency working group has been planning the Confidence and Reassurance Conference, which is taking place at the end of November. Other initiatives include ward specific newsletters, a CSP perceptions campaign and coordination of roadshows. This will be measured through the Kent Crime Victimisation Survey and British Crime Survey. The existing Community Safety Television system is being developed through further filming opportunities. The contract is being re-let and the hope is to extend the system beyond the current 14 plasma screens. (This follows on from a successful external evaluation of the scheme last autumn). Currently the Community safety partnership has agreed a 3 month extension whilst contract negotiations are conducted.	
CP 2.3.2	Support the PACT (Partners and Communities Together) process to involve residents in tackling local crime and antisocial behaviour concerns	The Partners and Communities Together (PACTs) are operating in Medway, To ensure the PACTs continue to operate most effectively, the Partnership Manager, before January 2010, is investigating into the most appropriate method of sharing information, who to share with and how this information will be used. This will ensure the continuous flow of information regarding the community's concerns to the safer communities officers who can then be tasked with appropriate action.	
	Increase public feelings of safety by maintaining a dedicated safer communities officer in each ward.	The team is resourced to have 1 SCO in each ward. Due to long term absence from the service, some officers are covering 2 Wards. However, the team structure allows the workload to be managed successfully. Communications list has been developed to include Police contacts. These are to be communicated to the community via newsletters, websites, contact points etc.	

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear		Q2 2009/10	2009/10 YTD	2009/10	 AVG	Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
NI 21L Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime issues by the local council and police (proxy measure)	72.3%	71.6%	72.0%	72.0%	72.0%		N/a		This is the rolling year to date figure available quarterly from the Police CDRP data pack and serves as a proxy measure for the Place Survey indicator NI 21. Performance remains around 72%.	•	

2.4. Outcome: Reduce repeat occurrences of violent crime, such as repeat offenders, location and victims

Community Safety & Enforcement Portfolio; Frontline Services (AD)

Rating:



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 2.4.1	Reduce domestic violence	Tackling repeat business of violent crime is one of the Community Safety Partnership's priorities for 2009-2012, which includes domestic violence. A multi agency Kent and Medway domestic violence forum and Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference continues to operate to delivery against this priority. Alongside this a multi agency violent crime forum has been developed to ensure that there is an effective tactical delivery plan in place, which includes domestic violence. Medway Council's Safer Communities department are members of both forums and actively support implementing actions to improve outcomes.	
11.12/4/	Tackle night time disorder in partnership with the night time economy and Safer Medway Partnership	The Community Safety Partnership has formed a Violent Crime Partnership to tackle disorder in the night time economy. This group is chaired by the chief inspector for partnerships. The Community Safety Partnership launched an SOS bus in May 2009 to provide a safe haven and early intervention for visitors to the Medway night time economy. This is based on similar schemes in Ipswich, Norwich and Southend. A Street Pastors scheme has launched in Rochester to supplement this.	
CP 2.4.3	Roll out gun and knife education pack to all secondary schools	The roll out of the gun and knife education pacts is in the initial stages. To date pacts have been distributed to New Brompton College, Silverbank and Green Acre School and no incident report forms have been submitted to Kent Police.	

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear		Q2 2009/10	2009/10 YTD	2009/10	Bottom	Unitaries AVG 2008/09	Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
NI 15 Serious violent crime rate per 1000 population (LAA)	0.9	N/a	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.9				This figure represents the rolling year to date	1	
NI 16 Serious acquisitive crime rate per 1000 population (LAA)	14.7	15.9	13.9	12.6	12.6	17.2				This figure represents the rolling year to date	1	
NI 30L Re:offending rate of prolific and other priority offenders (PROXY MEASURE) (LAA)	112.5%	106.2%	39.1%	-52.7%	-52.7%	-25.0%				This represents the percentage change in offences observed against offences predicted in a cohort of 42 prolific and priority offenders over the previous 6 month period. This is used as a proxy measure for NI 30 which is only available annually. This demonstrates a level of offending significantly below the expected rate and, performance is ahead of the same point in the previous year.	•	
NI 32Local Repeat victims of domestic violence (PROXY MEASURE) (LAA)	22.1%	35.7%	36.2%	28.3%	28.3%					705 incidents in the first six months of 2008/9 dropped to 618 notifiable offences in the first six months of 2009/10. Alongside this the proportion of repeat incidents (incidents in which the victim has been a victim of an incident previously) remains stable and the number of repeat victims, whilst showing an increase from 22% at the end of 2008/9, has dropped from 36% in the same period in the previous year.	•	

2.5. Outcome: Reduce substance misuse including alcohol Community Safety & Enforcement Portfolio; Frontline Services (AD) Rating:

Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 2.5.1	Improve access, engagement and retention of drug users in the drug treatment system, with a 7% increase in the numbers in effective treatment by 2011.	Tackling drugs week was a successful and raised the profile of the SOS Bus and the brand new Medway DAAT.	
CP 2.5.2	Increase awareness raising initiatives about the dangers of substance misuse.	Training programmes have been established for staff and more members of the Inclusion Division are now using DISP. 2 young men referred to drugs intervention projects by the youth service are successfully being helped to give them up (KCA and Turning Point).	
CP 2.5.3	Test purchase operations to be run to ensure alcohol is not sold to under 18s	In quarter 2, 4 test purchase operations carried out involving 32 premises. For the year to date this is 9 operations involving 76 premises. There were 21 underage sales in quarter 2, however the majority of these were for underage sales for tobacco, followed by funding to carry out test purchasing on vending machines. All licensing applications considered within timescale with 20 applications this quarter, or 37 for the year to date.	

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear		Q2 2009/10	2009/10	Unitaries Bottom 2008/09	AVG	Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
NI 38 Drug related (Class A) offending rate	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a			N/a				
NI 41L Perceptions of drunk or rowdy behaviour as a problem (proxy)	19.2%	25.0%	17.0%	16.0%			N/a		This is a proxy measure taken from the CDRP pack. No target has been set.	•	
NI 42L Perceptions of drug use or drug dealing as a problem - proxy measure from KCVS	19.3%	27.0%	16.0%	13.0%	16.0%		N/a			•	

3. Priority: Children and Young People having the best start in life

Rating:



3.1. Outcome: Children and young people are safe and cared for

Children's Care (AD); Children's Services Portfolio; Children's Social Care Portfolio; Learning & Achievement (AD) Rating:



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 3.1.1	Ensure all safeguarding practices meet/exceed national requirements	In response to the Laming Audit, Cabinet Members have agreed to several new posts and to revise the pay and grade for Children's Social Workers. Monthly QA reports, prepared by the Independent Reviewing Officer service ensure that Kent and Medway Safeguarding Children procedures are adhered to and that good practice is developed.	
CP 3.1.1.1	Improve quality and timeliness of assessment and monitoring of children's care needs, so that by 2011	Initial assessments (NI59) is on target. The duty teams have continued to struggle to meet the LAA target for completing core assessments (NI60) within timescale due to the continued rise in referrals and stretched resources – particularly in the Chatham IAT where the increase in demand has been particularly marked. The NI60 result for the first 2 quarters is significantly off it's LAA target. Additional staffing capacity is being put in place, however it is unlikely that NI60 can now achieve target by the end of the year due to the amount of catch up required. Although struggling, staff are continuing to ensure that all referrals are allocated. The rise in referrals has been confirmed as a common picture throughout the south east.	
CP 3.1.1.2	Enhance quality assurance of practice through regular independent review, case file audit, practice review and user feedback	The director, AD and lead member have carried out monthly case file audits and have been assured of sound systems and safeguarding practice. Senior practitioners and team managers are regularly auditing and reviewing case files. Ongoing consultation with looked after children is being used to revise the forms used to seek young people's views to maximize their participation in their reviews.	
CP 3.1.1.3	Further develop the Local Safeguarding Board to ensure effective independent scrutiny and quality assurance of child protection arrangements	The Safeguarding board's quality assurance framework continues to be developed. Monthly QA reports are produced and presented to the Director of Children's Services and Children's Care Management Team.	
CP 3.1.1.4	Respond to national changes in policy and practice	In response to our Laming audit, Cabinet members agreed to several new posts, and to revise the pay and grade for children's social workers, to help us to protect children. Work has been carried out to determine the impact of the Southwark judgement on Looked After Children numbers and liaison with Housing to ensure appropriate accommodation is available. The Mumby judgment has resulted in an increase in parent and child placements and residential care.	
CP 3.1.2	Improve outcomes for disabled children	The Aiming High Partnership Board is starting to develop a comprehensive programme of activity and clarify lines of responsibility in relation to existing groups supporting work with disabled children.	
CP 3.1.2.1	Develop a single point of entry for disabled children and their families for assessment and access to the full range of health and social care services	The issue of a Single Point of Access needs to be considered by the Aiming High Board.	
CP 3.1.2.2	Increase the quality, flexibility and availability of respite breaks	A Strategic Transition Group has been set up and is currently mapping services to identify gaps and work is underway to increase short breaks. A providers information event was held in July and expressions of interest by providers for short break activities and website development have been collated. We will continue to develop the market for Short Breaks, to enable us to have a wide selection of organisations and activities for disabled children in Medway. Summer activity schemes over the school holidays for disabled children and their families proved to be a success with schemes operating in local schools, playgroups and youth centres.	
CP 3.1.2.3	Improve participation of disabled children and their parents and carers in service design, care planning and service evaluation	We continue to use a variety of approaches to gather the views from children and their families A regular Newsletter helps to inform the parents and Young People. Tender for the Web site based Brokerage Scheme which will soon assist with disseminating information about Short Break activities and services will be let in October.	
CP 3.1.3	Roll out 6 additional sure start children's centres across Medway bringing the total to 20 by March 2010 so that all families have easy access to family support services	St Margaret's at Troy Town SSCC now complete & opened. Contracts issued for construction at 5 other SSCCs. Expected completion January - March 2010 respectively.	

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear	Q1 2009/10	Q2 2009/10	2009/10 YTD	Annual 2009/10 Target	Unitaries Bottom 2008/09	Unitaries AVG 2008/09	Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
NI 67 Percentage of child protection cases which were reviewed within required timescales	100.0%	98.0%	93.7%	94.5%	94.5%	100.0%				In quarter 2, one conference was held out of time. A total of 9 children have had late reviews for the year to date, by a matter of days each time. Their safety was not compromised. The service continues to manage a very high caseload, and additional locum support has been recruited.	•	
LCH2 Number of unallocated referrals	21	20	24	24	24	30				Referral rates continue to be higher than the same period last year yet we have maintained performance and remain below target.	•	
NI 109 Delivery of Sure Start Children's Centres	70.0%	70.0%	70.0%	75.0%	75.0%	70.0%				On track to achieve target by March 2010 St Margaret's at Troy Town SSCC (Wave 3) opened October 2009 5 Further Wave 3 SSCCs on schedule for completion by March 2010	•	
NI 59 Percentage of initial assessments for children's social care carried out within 7 working days of referral (LAA)	73.4%	69.0%	78.1%	74.9%	76.4%	73.0%				Referral rates continue to be higher than the same period last year yet we have maintained performance and remain above target.	•	
NI 60 Percentage of core assessments for children's social care that were carried out within 35 working days of their commencement (LAA)	82.5%	86.0%	71.8%	69.7%	70.7%	79.0%				The continued rise in referrals is impacting on Duty teams' ability to meet the statutory timescale for this indicator. The pressure has been most acute in the Chatham and Rochester IAT, which has always had the highest numbers of referrals of the three IATs. Referrals were diverted to another IAT for a short period in October to enable the Chatham team to process their back log of work. Then on Oct 26th, boundaries were redrawn between IATs to equalise referrals and resources. Rochester referrals will now be served by the Rochester, Strood and Hoo IAT. In addition, extra staffing has been funded for the Children's Care division, which should improve the outturn for this indicator in quarter 4.	•	
NI 65 Percentage of children becoming the subject of Child Protection Plan for a second or subsequent time (LAA)	10.5%	9.0%	16.9%	22.9%	20.3%	14.0%				The number of children becoming subject of a CP Plan for a second or subsequent time is increasing. Relatively small numbers do mean this indicator can be quite volatile. The cases have been audited and there is no evidence of children being removed from plans prematurely or that the decision to cease a plan was incorrect. The children and young people continue to receive support from Social Services for an average of 8 months after they ceased to have a CP plan.	•	
NI 66 Looked after children cases which were reviewed within required timescales	93.2%	98.0%	97.3%	94.5%	94.5%	95.0%				The increase in numbers of children being taken into care has impacted upon service capacity to undertake reviews in time. Action has taken place to minimise the number of postponements to reviews with all postponements now requiring service manager approval.	•	

3.2. Outcome: Children and Young people succeed in learning

Children's Services Portfolio; Learning & Achievement (AD)

Rating:



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 3.2.1	Raise educational attainment including:		
CP 3.2.1.1	Improving performance at Foundation stage and further narrowing the gap between the average and the lowest achieving 20%	Provisional data indicates that performance has improved for the 4th year running and that we have met the target for narrowing the gap for the lowest achieving children.	
CP 3.2.1.1.1	Improve the quality of teaching and learning at the foundation stage	A programme of targeted and intensive LA support and challenge to schools and settings in place. Provisional data indicates that performance has improved for the fourth successive year.	
CP 3.2.1.1.2	Target support on those pupils at risk of underperformance	Targeted support programmes of early literacy and language have been aimed at children living in the most disadvantaged areas. Provisional 2009 data indicates that we continue to narrow the gap between the lowest achieving 20% and the median score for the whole cohort.	
CP 3.2.1.2	Raising achievement at Key Stage Two		
CP 3.2.1.2.1	Deliver the primary strategy for change which will bring new investment in primary schools	Primary Strategy for change accepted by DCSF and funding confirmed. There are some outstanding clarification areas for future years funding. An updated Primary Strategy is to submitted to the department shortly.	
CP 3.2.1.2.2	Reduce the number of school changes for primary school children, whilst improving results and securing the future of our schools	The consultation on school closures is completed and statutory notices proposing closure will now be issued. Consultations for a number of proposed amalgamations continue.	
CP 3.2.1.2.3	Improve the quality of teaching and learning at key stage two	A continued professional development programme has been developed to meet key priorities in raising achievement, including assessing pupil progress, 1-2-1 tuition and subject leader development. A detailed analysis of provisional results has been used to review the level of support and challenge schools receive from school improvement partners (SIP) and the wider school improvement team, the levels of support provided is now aligned more closely to need.	
CP 3.2.1.3	Raising achievement at GCSE, specifically on 5+ GCSEs at A*-C including maths and English	Provisional data for 2009 indicates that performance in KS4 has improved on last year. Targets have been met we remain above the national average.	<u></u>
CP 3.2.1.3.1	Continuing to develop proposals for academies at the sites of Chapter School, Medway Community College and New Brompton College in consultation with our residents	Strood Academy now open, Chapter and Temple schools closed. Principal designates for The Bishop of Rochester Academy (Medway Community College, and Gillingham Academy (New Brompton College) appointed.	
CP 3.2.1.3.2	Continue to work with secondary schools to raise achievement and encourage pupils to stay on beyond age sixteen	The proportion of young people achieving level 3 post 16 programmes increase to 39% for those who were in Year 11 in 2007.	
CP 3.2.2	Improve outcomes for children with special educational needs by		
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Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 3.2.2.1	Developing and implementing a range of support available to mainstream schools	The inclusion team and the Onside team at Silverbank have worked to identify pupils with challenging behaviour who are at risk of exclusion. The team has challenged schools to support pupils and have developed individualised packages of support to enable managed moves without the need of exclusion. As a result there were 8 permanent exclusions during the last academic year compared to 40 in the previous year	
CP 3.2.2.2	Increase and enhance provision within Medway (including action 3.2.2.2.1)	Additional capacity has been created for ASD at a secondary school enabling a cohort of year 7 students to be retained in Medway provision. Additional SEN provision has been created across all phases: 10 for Early Years, 8 for primary and 7 for secondary.	
CP 3.2.2.2.1	Implement and evaluate the Targeted Mental Health Support in Schools pilot to deliver joint support across partners for those children who are at risk of experiencing mental health problems	Training in supporting young people with mental health needs being rolled out to primary schools.	
CP 3.2.3	Improve educational outcomes for children in care and narrow the gap between their achievement and Medway results as a whole	All schools now have a designated LAC teacher (DLACT). Training has been rolled out to DLACT's explaining the role and accountabilities. A LAC consultant has been employed to support and monitor provision for LAC, including quality of personal education plans. Attainment and progress data is collected and tracked and where appropriate 1-2-1 tuition is provided.	
CP 3.2.3.1	Improve tracking of progress made by children in care	Looked after children have their progress tracked by the designated LAC teacher who report achievements and progress. The virtual head maintains records for all looked after children including those placed in Medway Schools by other local authorities.	
CP 3.2.3.2	Develop high quality personal education plans for all children in care which effectively target their educational allowance to deliver improved educational outcomes	The LAC consultant is responsible for monitoring the quality of Personal Education plans. Recent training for DLACT's and IRO's has resulted in an improvement in quality of PEPs. The number of looked after children with up to date, good quality PEPs still needs to be improved.	
CP 3.2.3.3	Designated teachers with responsibility for children in care to be in place in every school, actively ensuring the needs of children in care are met	Named designated LAC teachers now in place in every school. Training has been provided on roles, accountabilities and quality PEPS.	
CP 3.2.3.4	Work with the Children in Care Council to identify and overcome obstacles to increasing their attainment	The key focus for this quarter has been the involvement of children in care in the selection process for the new Asst. Director of Children's Social Care.	

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear		Q2 2009/10	2009/10	2009/10	AVG	TOP	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
NI 103a Special Educational Needs – statements issued within 26 weeks excluding exceptions	58.4%	54.8%	46.2%	72.9%	63.5%	60.0%			Effective management action has resulted in improved administration of SEN Statements, as a result a higher	1	
NI 103b Special Educational Needs – statements issued within 26 weeks including exceptions	56.5%	54.8%	54.5%	71.6%	64.9%	60.0%			percentage of Statements are being completed within timescales.		

3.3. Outcome: Children and young people thrive

Children's Care (AD); Children's Services Portfolio; Community Safety Portfolio; Customer First, Democracy & Governance (AD); Frontline Services (AD); Housing & Corporate Services (AD); Inclusion (AD); Learning & Achievement (AD); Leisure & Culture Portfolio

Rating:



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 3.3.1	Reduce teenage conception rates to half the 1998 baseline by 2011 by		
CP 3.3.1.1	Improving our sexual health services	A relationships and sex education (SRE) policy has been approved by the Children's Trust Board and published. HYP HOP training continues to be rolled out to staff who work directly with young people. A teenage pregnancy screening tool has been developed to identify high-risk young people so that we are able to target intervention for those at risk of teenage pregnancy. On site CASH Services in education settings progressing well, with 7 sites now offering services. The main focus of these services will be sexual health and supporting access to contraception.	
CP 3.3.1.2	Targeting our work with young people most at risk	5 secondary schools and two other settings (CAP and Mid Kent College) are offering on site health services. The enhanced healthy schools model will enable us to target more schools for teenage pregnancy prevention work.	
CP 3.3.2	The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Implementation Plan 2009-10 will deliver the recommendations of the Fundamental Review of CAMHS to improve the reach and effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health services by	Final version of the CAMHS strategy was agreed by Medway Council Cabinet and NHS Medway in September.	
CP 3.3.2.1	Improve CAMHS commissioning and governance arrangements	Final version of the CAMHS strategy was agreed by Medway Council Cabinet and NHS Medway in September. A draft needs assessment is currently out for consultation. A single point of access was launched in September 2009 with all CAMHs referrals screened by CAST team (Tier 2 service). Provision of tier 2 services has been extended to support this change.	
CP 3.3.2.2	Ensure we meet the National Service Framework standard for children with mental health needs.	The CAMHS strategy has been developed to ensure compliance with the National Service Framework standard. We have undertaken a number of service improvement initiatives across all tiers to improve standards	
CP 3.3.3	Increase the number of places to go and things to do for young people in Medway	The summer activities programme was well attended, feedback from young people and carers was very positive. Young commissioners have been consulting their peers on what they got up to on Friday/Saturday nights the information will be used to inform the ITY and Youth Matters board in developing service provision. More work to be done in developing more services for disabled young people.	
CP 3.3.3.1	Web based directory available and regularly updated so that young people are informed about what is available	Mixitonline is available and constantly under review to ensure it is up to date.	
CP 3.3.3.2	Use the youth opportunity fund and the youth capital fund, allowing young people to influence decision making to further develop provision	Process is now in place and Young people undertake responsibility for assessing applications and approving them.	
CP 3.3.3.3	Empower young people so that they can be involved in decisions on future youth provision in Medway	The Medway Youth Parliament continues to play a key role within youth service work. 2 MYP members sit on the Children's Trust Board another 2 members have seats on the overview and scrutiny committee.	

Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 3.3.4	Promote healthy lifestyles	78% of schools hold healthy schools status. The government have launched an enhanced healthy schools model. 12 schools will participate in the first tranche. These schools will maintain their basic NHSS status while they work to a 3 year action plan around 2 key targets.	
CP 3.3.4.1	Reduce obesity levels to 18.5% by 2011 through delivery of the healthy schools programme and increased participation in sport and leisure	19 MEND programmes, which aim to address healthy eating and exercise, have been completed. A MEND graduate programme allows those young people who have completed the programme to continue to have access to exercise and support. The Our Medway project has been awarded a London 2012 Inspire mark in recognition of "an innovative and exceptional project". A Change4life implementation Group has been established. Membership includes representatives from Communications, Olympic 2012 team, Infant Feeding Co-ordinator, Children's Centres, Healthy Schools, Integrated Transport team, MEND and Health Trainers the aim of the group is to disseminate C4L information to all groups working with families with children under the age of 11.	
	Monitor and review the success and take-up of the initial trial period of free swimming for under 16s	Swimming for juniors shows an increase of 134% compared to this time last year.	
CP 3.3.4.3	Facilitate and encourage children in care to access council facilities, such as free access to our leisure centres	Discussions have taken place at the Children in Care Council on 8 September 2009 and the process has been streamlined as a result, enabling easy and straightforward access to our leisure facilities for our looked after children.	
CP 3.3.4.4	Reduce smoking levels through preventative and advice campaigns	The first quarter of 2009/10 saw the launch of the SmokefreeMedway website at Priestfield Stadium. An event was held at Omni park Dental Practice for National Smile Week to inform young people about the dangers of smoking and oral health. Medway Trust has signed up to be an 'early adopter unit' for the 'Stop Smoking Interventions in Secondary Care'.	
	Reduce young people's access to alcohol in shops through targeting illegal under age sales	Trading standards have continued to reduce the accessibility of alcohol to young people through test purchase operations. To date the team have already carried out 23 test purchase operations (against 35 annual target) whereby 4 visits have resulted in further investigation.	
CP 3.3.5	Ensuring young people are appropriately engaged in employment, education and training by:	The level of young people who are NEET has climbed during the quarter, however a provisional result of 8.7% against a target of 5.5% not in education, Employment or Training is a significant achievement. in the current economic conditions. The youth service have been working alongside Connexions and have set up NEET surgeries in Chatham	
	Continue to expand our diploma programme to ensure young people are prepared for the workplace	The 14-19 Diploma programme commenced in the 08/09 academic is progressing well, with more diploma subjects on offer than in most local authorities locally.	
	Work with secondary schools to prevent exclusion and reduce the numbers of days lost to 6%.	We have been successful in reducing the level of permanent exclusions to its lowest level. 8 children were permanently excluded in the 08/09 academic year compared to 40 in the previous year.	
CP 3.3.5.3	Commission the Connexions service from the Medway Youth Trust to ensure that vulnerable groups of Young People have access to intensive Connexions Personal Advisor support	The Connexions service is delivered by the Medway Youth Trust has continued to show a reduction in the level of NEET but from a baseline which was higher than last year. MYT has been working with the resettlement team at Cookham Wood to embed effective Connexions services for young offenders.	
CP 3.3.6	Tackle youth homelessness	Engagement continues. Consideration for the development of SLA between Housing and Sure Start. Housing leaflets to be available at Sure Start centres w/e November 09	
CP 3.3.6.1	Assist young people to access safe, suitable and affordable housing that meets their needs, with an additional focus on the most vulnerable	During quarter 2 work continue to reduce the use of bed and breakfast for 16/17 year olds. The review of youth and teenage pregnancy accommodation completed. A new Rough Sleepers Initiative working group has been implemented and client focus groups around Street Homelessness and Sofa Surfing. Work with Integrated Youth Strategic Support Partnership, Teenage Pregnancy Partnership and Reignite Partnership continues to support the outcomes of the Children's Trust, Regeneration and relevant strategies	
CP 3.3.6.2	Support families where parents and adolescents are not getting on to	The Family Intervention Project (FIP) works with families known to the youth justice system. The FIP will work with 10-12 high risk families to reduce the risk of crime, antisocial behaviour and negative outcomes for young people in the family. In addition the Parenting Early	

Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
	prevent youth homelessness	Intervention Programme (PEIP) will work with lower risk families with children aged 8-13 delivering family workshops to support relationships.	
CP 3.3.6		During quarter 2 we set up of the substance mis-use and ex-offenders client focus groups and working group. Performance for this indicator (NI46) is up from 92.6% in quarter 1 to 95.2% in quarter 2, making progress towards the 96% target.	

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear		Q2 2009/10	2009/10	Annual 2009/10 Target	Bottom	AVG	Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
NI 113a Prevalence of Chlamydia - Part 1 - Percentage of resident 15-24 population accepting screens/tests (LAA)	15.6%	4.6%	4.2%	N/a	4.2%	25.0%		N/a		Data is collected quarterly but is only available in arrears.	•	
NI 114 Rate of permanent exclusions from school	0.10%	N/a	0.00%	N/a	0.00%	1.00%		N/a		As we approach the end of the academic year there have been only 8 permanent exclusions, as compared to 40 at the same time last year. In order to achieve this, the Inclusion Team and the Onside (therapeutic) team at Silverbank have worked to identify pupils at risk, have challenged schools to support pupils and have developed individualised packages of support to enable managed moves to succeed.	•	
NI 147 Care leavers in suitable accommodation	87.9%	N/a	85.7%	100.0%	92.3%	88.0%				We are achieving target on this indicator.	1	②
NI 148 Care leavers in education, employment or training	39.4%	33.0%	71.4%	33.3%	53.8%	60.0%				This is below target mainly due to the number of young people who have recently completed post 16 education and are yet to find employment or training.	•	

3.4. Outcome: Effective multi agency partnerships delivering improved outcomes for children

Children's Services Portfolio; Strategy & Commissioning (AD)

Rating:



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 3.4.1	Improved outcomes for children		
CP 3.4.1.1	Children's Trust board has active oversight of the deliver of the Children's and Young Peoples Plan	The Children's Trust was launched last quarter and good partnerships are developing between the commissioning team and the relevant partnership boards. The printed version of the Children and Young People's Plan is in the process of being distributed, together with the DVD introducing the Children's Trust. Leaflets summarising the CYPP have been produced for children and young people. The boards are developing comprehensive programmes of activity to drive forward CYPP priorities.	
CP 3.4.1.2	Multi agency resources are aligned with agreed and shared priorities in the Children & Young People's Plan 2009-11	We are undertaking the Commissioing self evaluation process with support form the National Commissioning Programme this will inform the development of a Commissioing Improvement programme for the Children's Trust to be completed by December 2009.	
CP 3.4.1.3	Information from the common assessment framework (CAF) is used commission preventative services to meet needs	There have been 30 CAF referrals for the quarter which gives a total of 78 for the year to date. The CAF co-ordinator has developed a data capture pro-forma to record unmet need evidenced during the CAF process, this has been circulated to all schools	

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear	Q1 2009/10		2009/10	2009/10	Bottom	Unitaries AVG 2008/09	Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
NI 111 First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10- 17 per 100,000 population	480	276	101	123	224	514				YISP continues to have an important effect in driving down potential first time entrants into the YOT. We estimate a possible 10% reduction in both reprimands and final warnings.	•	
NI 43 Young people within the Youth Justice System receiving a conviction in court who are sentenced to custody	7.9%	N/a	5.3%	9.0%	7.2%	5.0%				Custody levels remain stubbornly high, mainly due to the seriousness of the crime. Approx. 30% of cases are caused by breaches of other orders.	•	
NI 45 Young offenders' engagement in suitable education, training and employment	80.2%	86.6%	77.1%	82.7%	80.5%	78.0%				The increase is partly due to the post 16's increase at the end of the school year. IT remains a priority that all post 16 receive an offer of training or continued education	1	
NI 46 Young Offenders' access to suitable accommodation	94.6%	95.7%	92.7%	95.2%	94.1%	96.0%				Performance has improved during the quarter. Improved links with housing is supporting this indicator.		

4. Priority: Older and vulnerable people maintaining their independence

Rating:



4.1. Outcome: Transform our services so that social care is personalised and self directed to meet the needs of individuals

Adult Services Portfolio; Social Care (AD)

Rating:

Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status				
CP 4.1.1	7% of individuals to be receiving support under their control by the end of 2009/10	Detailing planning within teams is on track to ensure 10% achievement by end of year.					
	100% of individuals to be receiving support under their control by the end of 2010/11						

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear	Q1 2009/10	Q2 2009/10	2009/10	2009/10	Unitaries Bottom 2008/09	AVG	Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
NI 130L Social care clients receiving Self Directed Support (proxy measure)	343	343	363	425	425	640				See CP 4.1.1	•	
NI 132 proxy a Individual Needs Portrayal – average time from start to finish (days)				14	14							
NI 132 proxy b Individual Needs Portrayal from start to finish - % completed within 4 weeks				91%	91%							

4.2. Outcome: Work in partnership with NHS Medway (the PCT) where appropriate to provide a seamless service to individuals

Adult Services Portfolio; Social Care (AD)



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 4.2.1	Continue the integration of learning disabilities services and older adults services	Adults and Children Services have established a strategic transitional group, which brings together senior managers from both parts of the directorate including looked after and 16 plus teams	
CP 4.2.2	Explore options for working with the NHS Medway to provide joined up support for people with long term conditions e.g. through the provision of equipment, with the aim of 69% of vulnerable people achieving independent living by 2011.	The integration of the core community equipment for people with long term conditions started in April 2009 whereby the PCT deliver and install the equipment on our behalf from the Community Equipment Loan Store based in Rochester	
CP 4.2.3	Continue to develop joint commissioning strategies with NHS Medway	The OPP Strategic Plan will journey the necessary governance arrangements. The SP strategy is delayed due to public consultation not yet taking place and the EoL strategy is being updated following comments from SCMT.	
CP 4.2.4	Set up the Carers Partnership Board to ensure shared planning of services and involve carers and those they care for in the way services are delivered.	ToR being finalised and date being agreed with Rose for inaugural meeting	
CP 4.2.5	Ensure every carer is offered an assessment of their needs which is implemented and regularly reviewed.	The CPB needs to be inaugurated to ensure that the Council delivers this item in the Action plan. This issue is echoed in the CQC inspection.	

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear		Q2 2009/10	2009/10		AVG	Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
NI 131 Delayed transfers of care			N/a	44	44	30				-	
NI 141 Percentage of vulnerable people achieving independent living (LAA)		85.16%	81.20%	85.33%	83.52%	84.00%				-	②
NI 142 Percentage of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living		96.75%	93.09%	95.42%	94.25%	97.20%				•	

4.3. Outcome: For those with disabilities to attain economic wellbeing	Adult Services Portfolio; Social Care (AD)	Rating:		
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Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 4.3.1	Centre Plus to support people with learning disabilities to access mainstream jobsearch support	The cross-directorate and multi-agency Getting A Life Project has been cited as national best practice in the new June 2009 cross-government employment strategy for people with a learning disability entitled 'Valuing Employment Now'. There has been numerous project activity in this period including the Getting A Life project facilitating, in partnership with the Medway Aiming High work stream, a four-day person centred review training course for practitioners and families and an Inclusion Web training course (a tool for organisations to support monitoring social inclusion, that was run by the National Development Team for Social Inclusion). Both of these courses successfully brought together delegates from schools, colleges, self-advocates, and Council directorates.	
CP 4.3.2		The benefits take up campaign will be launched in the Autumn of this year. The campaign is a cross-sector effort involving a number of organisations that provide welfare benefits information or advice. The Welfare Benefits Team are using the Welfare Benefits Forum as an engine to drive forward the necessary coordination of services to maximise the impact for Carers.	

4.4. Outcome: Maintain the safety and dignity of vulnerable adults who need to receive care in a way that removes their liberty

Adult Services Portfolio; Social Care (AD)

Rating:



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
	appropriate part of their care (e.g. placed	The delivery of training for Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS), from awareness raising to competency based for Social Care (Children and Adults), housing, and independent sector staff has continued throughout Q1. Emphasis has been placed upon the Assessment of Mental Capacity (Level Two) for practitioners within adult social care, and DOLS awareness for Managing Authority staff.	

4.5. Outcome: Improve the health of Medway's residents and promote healthy lifestyles

Adult Services Portfolio; Community Services Portfolio; Customer First, Democracy & Governance (AD); Development, Economy and Transport (AD); Front Line Services Portfolio

Rating:



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 4.5.1	maintain a healthy weight through active lifestyles including increased participation in leisure and sport, e.g. through free swimming for the over 60s, and increased walking and	Participation in sport is low at 14.1%, as measured by NI8 (Sport England Survey 2008). However, as we had serious concerns marks over the quality of research conducted for the Active People survey, given that figures are based on only 500 adults, using a telephone survey, we commissioned our own survey based on a more reliable 2,000 adults interviewed through a range of street surveys and telephone surveys. The survey asked the same basic questions as the Active People survey, as well as adding an additional question to identify what percentage of the population were undertaking more than 90 minutes sport and physical activity per week (but not necessarily 3x30 minutes per week). Headline figures indicate 45% of the population do 30 minutes of sport or active recreation on at least three days per week. That figure rises to 68% when the question is rephrased to ask about 90 minutes of sport and active recreation per week. Swimming for the over 60s show an increase of 143% compared to this time last year (from 7069 to 17194).	
	effective collaboration between public health team and council staff who have regular contact with the	Effective partnership working with the PCT is leading to a steady growth in the number of Referrals to 'Tipping the Balance' which is the community-based clinic delivered by the Supporting Healthy Weight team. The clinic is designed to help patients lead a healthier lifestyle and prevent the development of co-morbidities associated with overweight and obesity. Medway Stop Smoking service is above target for 4 week quits and is the top performing service in south east coast region for 2008/09. A patient involvement group has been set in order to inform ongoing service development. A tender has been submitted for social marketing Organization to identify how best to engage with routine and manual workers. The Service is exploring recruiting further members of staff to deliver support in additional languages. Polish and Asian staff engaging well with the communities, with service users from those communities setting quit dates. Further promotional events are being explored.	

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear	Q1 2009/10	Q2 2009/10	2009/10 YTD	2009/10	Bottom	Unitaries AVG 2008/09	TOP	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
NI 123 Stopping smoking (LAA)	839	839	219	N/A	219	570				Data is collected quarterly but is only available in arrears.		

5. Priority: People travelling easily and safely in Medway

Rating:



5.1. Outcome: Limit the growth of traffic and tackle congestion, responding to the travel demands resulting from regeneration

Development, Economy and Transport (AD); Front Line Services Portfolio; Frontline Services (AD); Leader's Portfolio; Medway Renaissance (AD)



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 5.1.01	Deliver the second phase of the reconfiguration of the Chatham Road Network, including a new dynamic bus facility, to pave the way for further development in Chatham	The new bus route is proceeding well. Tenders have been received and assessed for Union Street. Works are expected to start after Christmas. The design and relocation of the Bus Station are being reviewed and a planning application will be submitted with a decision expected early in the new year.	
CP 5.1.02	Deliver network improvements to bus services including stop enhancements disabled access improvements and better real time timetable information by 2012, increasing access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling to 100%.	Accessibility to 33 bus stops have been improved by provision of bus boarders. Outline design complete and detailed design commenced for engineering works for the Quality Public Transport Corridor projects. Procurement of bus shelter framework contract, with contract procured and decision to appoint made (contract award due 1 October 2009). Procurement of real-time passenger information system in partnership with KCC is progressing well with the tendering and evaluation complete, with recommendations formed.	
CP 5.1.03	Install a new Urban Traffic Management and Control system by 2012	The new Urban Traffic Management Control system will increase the traffic capacity of Medway's strategic roads by linking traffic lights together over a wide area to allow traffic flow to be managed by computer. The scoping exercise was completed in quarter 2 and a report submitted to the procurement board to let the works contract. The delivery programme is being prepared setting out the preferred method of achieving works on the ground.	
CP 5.1.04	Deliver phase 2 improvements to the A228	To assist in the regeneration of the Hoo Peninsular planning applications have been submitted for the A228 Phase 2 for Fenn Corner and A228 Phase 2 for Stoke Crossing, to enhance the A228 to provide better access primarily for commercial activities to the Hoo Peninsular	
CP 5.1.05	Enhance the existing 100km cycle network by identifying key strategic gaps in the cycle network to supplement the existing routes.	Length of cycle network - LTP target by 2010/11 - 100km Current length 110.1km - Target achieved. Although the target has been achieved this will be reviewed as part of the development of LTP3 which will be operational from April 2011.	O
CP 5.1.06	Work with developers to provide cycling facilities within new developments.	Provided transport advice on the planning application for Temple Marsh; the development incorporates a mix of residential, retail, employment and community land uses, with up to 620 residential units. Negotiation resulted in securing the provision of cycle facilities, which included the main boulevard passing through the site incorporating a footway/cycleway alongside it, together with a riverside walk/cycle track along the frontage of the site, both of which will connect to the wider network.	
CP 5.1.07	Work with train companies to increase and improve cycle parking at stations.	Rochester and Strood stations: Mott MacDonald have been commissioned to provide an appraisal of the relative merits of the current Rochester station location and the proposed new location in corporation street. Appraisal completion anticipated for 20/11/09. Strood station remains to be commissioned due to Motts ability to deliver and the higher priority associated to the Rochester scheme.	
CP 5.1.08	Maintain effective parking enforcement to minimise congestion	To reduce congestion and maker it safe for people to travel in and around Medway a second CCTV vehicle was purchased in spring 2009 to provide a more cost effective and flexible enforcement tool for the highways. The second vehicle has issued 1300 PCN's for quarter 2. Both CCTV vehicles have issued a total of 2793 PCN's and foot patrol officers have issued 4366 PCN's this equates to a total of 7159 PCNs issued for quarter 2.	

Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
		To ensure parking provisions are kept to a maximum the parking enforcement team have issued 3507 PCN's for quarter 2.	
CP 5.1.09	Maintain a programme of risk assessed highway repairs and effectively manage road works to reduce congestion to maintain average journey time at 3min 30 per mile in town centres.	The programme, which was developed for implementation from April onwards is based on structural surveys with the roads in worst condition receiving the highest priority for remedial works. Volker, Medway's Term Contractor partner for highways maintenance from April 09 has completed planned maintenance of 15 footway schemes and 15 carriageway schemes to the agreed project plan.	
CP 5.1.10	Encourage active travel in adults and children by		
	Delivery of Green Grid initiatives to create a network of open spaces.	Snodhurst Bottom <i>Green Grid</i> scheme has been completed on site and it is anticipated that the final outturn will be below budget. Hoo village centre scheme is currently on site and on programme. The North Kent Walking Festival took place over a six week period, there was a programme of 110 walks and 1253 people took part. Delivered by a partnership of 30 organisations and groups (many as volunteers)	
CP 5.1.10.2	Implement a range of school travel initiatives including Walking Buses, walking Bug and bikeability	As at July 2009, there were 40 walking bus routes with 695 pupils participating. This is an increase of 4 routes and 53 children since the last quarter. Next quarterly Walking Bus figures to be published end of November 2009. We are now accredited to Bikeability, Level 3 allowing us to train to a higher level with an expected increased in modal shift. As of September 2009, twenty-one schools in Medway are signed up to the KM Green Footsteps walk to school initiatives. This includes the 'Walk on Wednesday' [WOW] and the Walking Bug initiatives.	
	Support each school to develop a school travel plan by 2010.	The number of approved School Travel Plans in Medway has increased again in 2009, with 102 out of a possible 118 schools possessing one. This figure equates to 86.4% of all schools in Medway, including non-LEA establishments. The School Travel Plan submission process to Government] takes place annually and therefore these figures will now remain the same until March 2010.	
CP 5.1.4.1	Roundabout at Fenn Corner, 2009	The Planning Application has been submitted. Alterations were made as a result of the original public information letter.	
CP 5.1.4.2	Bridge Stoke Level Crossing early 2011	National Grid have now agreed to submit a planning application that will provide the required funding. The Options report on the bridge has been received and is being reviewed.	

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear	Q1 2009/10	Q2 2009/10	2009/10 YTD	Annual 2009/10 Target	Bottom	Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
NI 177 Local bus and light rail passenger journeys originating in the authority area	9,261,81 2	N/a	2,028,69 9	N/a	2,028,69 9	9,880,00	5,583,97 5	 14,924,1 60	Passenger use varies over the year. Various factors including this and increased young people bus usage via the enhanced concessionary fares scheme should enable the target to be achieved at the end of the year. Data shown is for quarter 1 and is provisional only.	4	
LTP2.3 Numbers using the primary cycle route network	200483	N/a	131171	139621	270792	252000			This activity is seasonal and weather dependent. Winter months show a slight decrease in usage, but cycle movements increase during summer months. As such performance varies each quarter. The target is calculated as an average from quart 4 2008/9 and quarter 1 of 2009/10. We are working with the Safer Routes to school team, links with Active Travel Coordinator in the Health team, and a new cycle map will be issued Oct/Nov 09.	•	

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear	Q1 2009/10	Q2 2009/10	2009/10 YTD	Annual 2009/10 Target	Bottom	Unitaries AVG 2008/09	Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
NI 167 Congestion – average journey time per mile during the morning peak (LAA)	N/a	N/a	N/a	2.68	2.68	4.00		N/a		System now operational. Proxy value for September is 2.68	-	
NI 175 Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling (LAA)	100.0%	100.0%	N/a	100.0%	100%	100.0%		N/a		Qualifying development: Former Ancaster garage, Station Road, Strood - 68 units. Site fully conforms with accessibility criteria	1	②

5.2. Outcome: Keep people safe on our roads and reduce the number killed & seriously injured in road crashes

Front Line Services Portfolio; Frontline Services (AD)

Rating:



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 5.2.1	Raising and maintaining the importance of road safety to the wider community via. publicity campaigns, targeted information to high risk groups and education through campaigns in education establishments	We are now accredited to Bikeability, Level 3 allowing us to train to a higher level with an expected increased in modal shift. Based on the 2009 school census data, there has been an overall 1.5% decrease in the number of Medway pupils aged 5-16 years travelling to school by car compared to the 2008 data, from 32.0% to 30.5%.	
CP 5.2.2	Deliver road safety audits across Medway in a risk-based approach and analyse road traffic incident data to ensure our roads are designed to minimise road safety risks.	Road safety audits continue to be carried out for all significant changes to the public highway. For quarter two 24 safety audits have been completed. Of these 24 safety audits, three where for S278 Schemes, two for pre-planning submissions and the remainder were for internal schemes. There are no practical measures of the effectiveness of individual audits and therefore no conclusions can be drawn from this information. However safety audit performance is reviewed annually with year on year comparisons.	
CP 5.2.3	Work with partners such as the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership and the emergency services for delivering and enforcing Road safety initiatives, including focus at accident hotspots	Medway Council's partnership with the Kent and Medway Walk to School Charity continues to prove successful. Walking Bus figures for July 2009 have indicated 40 walking bus routes in Medway with 695 pupils participating. This is an increase of 4 routes and 53 children since the previous quarter. As of September 2009, twenty-one schools in Medway are signed up to the KM Green Footsteps walk to school initiatives. This includes the 'Walk on Wednesday' [WOW] and the Walking Bug initiatives.	

Performance Indicator		2008/09 MidYear		Q2 2009/10	2009/10 YTD	2009/10	AVG	Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
NI 47L People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents (number)		N/a	9	19	28	78	N/a		Whilst data is currently provisional, the trend is positive.		
NI 48L Children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents (number)	10	N/a	0	4	4	16	N/a		Whilst data is currently provisional, the trend is positive.		

6. Priority: Everyone benefiting from the area's regeneration

Rating:



6.1. Outcome: Decent homes and living environments for all

Community Services Portfolio; Development, Economy and Transport (AD); Housing & Corporate Services (AD)

Rating:



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 6.1.1	Maximise the supply of suitable and affordable housing and meet housing need, including:	Final figures are still awaited from the Homes and Communities Agency on the provision of affordable housing for schemes for the year to date but information indicates that the down turn in the housing market is having a definite effect, and number of large schemes that had been planned to deliver additional units this year have not progressed. However, by working actively with affordable housing providers we have been able to identify additional opportunities and our work with developers to facilitate schemes that would otherwise not have progress is showing results. In summary, progress is being made and despite the downturn we expect to meet our national indicator for affordably housing. Whilst some opportunities to deliver additional units are no longer available additional opportunities are being developed to help continue provision. With the number of sites being delivered through s106 sites reducing we are working to develop additional affordable housing schemes to help fill the gap. This work includes the renegotiation of s106 agreements and additional flexibility on our standards. Further work is also underway with Medway Renaissance on ensuring that as and when the market conditions improve the Council is best placed to take advantage of the situation	<u> </u>
CP 6.1.1.1	Increasing housing supply by an additional 1565 by 2011	914 completions achieved in 2008/09, significantly exceeding the target despite the economic downturn. Following report to Medway Regeneration Partnership Board agreed to retain target despite most authorities renegotiating with Government.	
CP 6.1.1.2	Maximise the proportion of new homes that are affordable, with a minimum of 25% of new homes to be affordable, and at least 440 affordable homes by 2011.	Medway is currently exceeding the LAA target for the delivery of affordable housing. £11m investment in affordable homes has been secured in Medway for the current year, and more than £10m of investment as been achieved in completed addition homes for the year to date. Sub-regionally the North Kent MAA has been signed and work is on-going with partners and stakeholders to take this forward. Whilst, the Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Economic Viability Tool Kit are nearing completion with drafts currently being discussed with partners. Medway is also leading on the development of a new Affordable Housing provider eligibility Framework, which is currently with partners for comment. The 90% satisfaction target continues to be exceeded for the residents of new affordable housing schemes, and we continue to ensure that 25% of new homes are affordable.110 affordable housing units delivered so far.	
CP 6.1.1.3	Work through the NorthKent Housing Partnership to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of affordable housing delivery,	The North Kent MAA has been signed and work is on-going with partners and stakeholders to take this forward. Whilst, the Strategic Housing Market Assessment and Economic Viability Tool Kit are nearing completion with drafts currently being discussed with partners. Medway is also leading on the development of a new Affordable Housing provider eligibility Framework, which is currently with partners for comment.	
CP 6.1.1.4	Ensure all new homes meet minimum quality standards, and maximise the quality and occupancy of existing homes	We are finalising work on Rural Housing need. All new affordable housing is designed to meet strict design and quality standards set out by the Homes and Communities Agency in addition to which where specialist accommodation is required that is designed to higher standards e.g. wheelchair accessible, extra care. A staggered mail out has been carried out to all suspected empty homes, resulting in 97 being identified as occupied and the details of these have been passed to the Council Tax team. Those now confirmed as empty are being prioritised for action.	
CP 6.1.1.5	Continue to help people to secure homes through Homebuy	Continue to work in partnership with housing providers. Information and advice on Homebuy now available for applicants approaching the council in hard and electronic formats.	
CP 6.1.2	Improving the quality and efficiency of housing, by	See sub actions below.	

Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 6.1.2.1	Use of targeted initiatives and interventions to bring about improvements in housing conditions with a focus on the private sector	The Housing Strategy identified the Chatham and the Gillingham South wards as priority neighbourhoods for targeted action by Private Sector Housing. In response a 2 –day surgery has been set up to take place at the Sunlight Centre Gillingham to promote the full range of help and assistance available from the Private Sector Housing team. First empty property improvement loan completed and property now occupied.	
CP 6.1.2.2	Supporting landlords through the Houses in Multiple Occupation licensing process	The Landlord scheduled for September 26 th has now taken place with a second forum held on the following Wednesday evening to allow more landlords to attend. The feed back from both forums was very positive (published on the PSH web pages and a decision has been taken to continue with an evening forum in addition to the Saturday forum to encourage the maximum number of landlords to attend. A survey of all non-licensable HMOs now underway A revision of the service standards has taken place to include empty properties and improved monitoring for HMOs. These new standards have	
CP 6.1.2.3	Work through the North & West Kent & Medway Private Sector Renewal Partnership to increase the investment in improved housing conditions.	been incorporated into the monthly Performance Matters reports. Private Sector Housing has been working with its counterparts in the Regional Housing Board partnership to undertake an EU procurement for a Managing Agent for their energy efficiency schemes. The procurement process has now been completed and contracts have been to the Managing Agent for signature.	
CP 6.1.2.4	Work with residents to improve energy efficiency and tackle fuel poverty	Worked with the Energy Savings Trust Advice Centre to achieve a 42% increase in households receiving energy efficiency advice and target the most vulnerable neighbourhoods through the 'In Focus' project. Continued to work with stakeholders to develop the 'In Focus' project for neighbourhood renewal.	
CP 6.1.3	Ensure everyone benefits from regeneration, develop sustainable communities and promote neighbourhood renewal by:	See sub actions below.	
CP 6.1.3.1	Implement a private housing renewal programme that benefits target neighbourhoods	The Housing Strategy identified the Chatham and the Gillingham South wards as priority neighbourhoods for targeted action by Private Sector Housing. In response a 2 –day surgery has been set up to take place at the Sunlight Centre Gillingham to promote the full range of help and assistance available from the Private Sector Housing team.	
CP 6.1.3.2	Bringing at least 85 empty homes back into use by 2011, and maintain the proportion of private sector homes vacant for 6 months at under 3%	The number of long term empty properties is 1.5% below our target of 1.6%, despite the down turn in the housing	
CP 6.1.3.3	Designing and commence neighbourhood transport improvement actions	This action is being planned as part of the preparations for the 3rd Local Transport Plan which will be published in 2011.	
CP 6.1.3.4	Identifying locations and securing resources in partnership with Primary Care Trust for a new healthy living centre serving Chatham.	Medway Council is providing support to NHS Medway in their search for a site for a healthy living center in Chatham. NHS Medway are investigating the feasibility of sites close to the centre of Chatham and are working closely with Medway Council to ascertain their viability.	

Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 6.1.3.5	Modway's most disadvantaged	Achieved. A total of nine outreach facilities operational either directly via Council premises or indirectly via community venues run by voluntary and community sector organisations - five such voluntary sector led neighbourhood facilities already operational. These are at All Saints, St Francis of Assisi- Strood, Holy Trinity- Twydall, New Arts Centre - Chatham, Melville & Brompton Resource Centre. Three community learning outreach facilities have been established at White Road Community Centre, Chattenden Community Centre and Hook Meadow Community Centre. Luton library is being prepared for use as an outreach facility for the delivery of Flexible New Deal employment support services, which start in November.	
CP 6.1.4		A peer review of the HRA service was undertaken in quarter 2, with the outcomes of the review forming a HRA Improvement Plan and HRA Improvement Board in place to monitor progress. Preparation for the Housing Re-Inspection in quarter 3 is underway as the main progress check on our improvement.	

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear			2009/10 YTD	Annual 2009/10 Target	Bottom	AVG	Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
NI 157a Processing of planning applications: Major applications	70.5%	76.0%	66.7%	68.2%	67.6%	65.0%	62.7%	69.5%	77.7%	Performance to date: Whilst we are exceeding nationally set targets, we are in the bottom quartile when compared with other local authorities. However, Quarter 1, Quarter 2 and YTD figures indicate that we have now exceeded the local targets across the three indicators.	•	
NI 157b Processing of planning applications: Minor applications	75.4%	73.4%	83.1%	80.2%	81.4%	70.0%		N/a		see NI 157a	1	
NI 157c Processing of planning applications: Other applications	88.4%	87.6%	94.1%	90.8%	92.3%	85.0%	82.3%	86.6%	90.6%	see NI 157a	-	
BV64 No of private sector vacant dwellings that are returned into occupation or demolished	124	N/a	4	47	47	55	43	122	177	We are on course to exceed this target. By working closely with private landlords and Housing Associations we have been able to increase the number of properties being returned back to use. A survey of owners of empty properties has commenced and is being followed up by a series of street surveys to ascertain that the properties are empty and validate the Council tax data.	•	
H16 Repeat homelessness	0.54%	N/a	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.50%		N/a		To date no homelessness cases have been accepted which were previously accepted as homeless.	1	②
H18 Percentage of total private sector homes vacant for more than 6 months	1.6%	N/a	1.6%	1.5%	1.5%	1.6%		N/a		The number has remained stable despite the downturn in the market. See BV64 for work in this area.	1	
H4 Urgent repairs in time	99.0%	98.2%	98.3%	97.9%	98.1%	98.0%		N/a		This slight dip in performance has been raised with the main contractor Mears and will be discussed further at the next monthly contract meeting	•	

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear			2009/10 YTD	Annual 2009/10 Target	Bottom	Unitaries AVG 2008/09	Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
H5 Average time for non-urgent repairs (days)	15.1	14.8	16.0	18.4	17.3	12.0		N/a		Whilst this indicator shows a decline in performance, it is not a true reflection of actual performance in September. A data quality exercise was undertaken to with a number of queried cases on the Academy system, resulting in some older cases being able to be closed. These cases are therefore now filtering into this indicator and inflating the average. As this exercise is completed, performance can be expected to improve.	•	
H8 Average time taken to re-let council dwellings (days)	29.9	29.2	31.7	35.9	34.1	21.0		N/a		Performance has worsened on last quarter. A full investigation into voids outside of target in August has been carried out. This will bring about improved performance for the rest of the year.	•	
HC1 Homelessness decision cases decided within 33 working days	43.76%	45.43%	57.90%	55.93%	56.90%	90.00%		N/a		Number of cases remains of a static level - prevention of homelessness increased. Very high levels of sickness levels have impacted on performance	1	
NI 156 Number of households living in temporary accommodation (LAA)	151	269	142	132	132	280				Number of households remains within target.		

6.2. Outcome: Medway as a 21st century riverside city and destination of choice

Leader's Portfolio; Medway Renaissance (AD) Rating:



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 6.2.1	Continue the Regeneration of Medway, including:		
CP 6.2.1.1	Construction of the first 600 homes on the Rochester Riverside site	As anticipated the progress on Rochester Riverside continues to be affected by the economic downturn. Meetings continue to review how to address current funding gaps.	
CP 6.2.2	Create vibrant town centres, including		
CP 6.2.2.1	Deliver the Chatham infrastructure programme by 2011, including road network improvements and a dynamic new bus facility	The new bus route is proceeding well. tenders have been received and assessed for Union Street. Works are expected to start after Christmas. The design and relocation of the Bus Station are being reviewed a planning application will be submitted with a decision expected early in the new year.	
CP 6.2.2.2	Upgrade Gillingham Station in partnership with train companies by 2011	Community Infrastructure Funding has been secured for improvements at and around Gillingham station. Network Rail and South Eastern trains have also allocated funding for station improvements and the total sum identified is in the region of £3million. Medway and Network Rail have been working in partnership to bring forward options for the Station building and the forecourt area to the front of the station. Proposals are being developed for a new glass fronted canopy to the main station entrance as a well as improvements to the second entrance and the public realm area to the front of the railway station. A planning application will be submitted by Network Rail later this year, following consultation.	
CP 6.2.2.3	Improvements to Strood town centre by 2011	A draft master plan for Strood has been prepared and will be consulted on in October 2009.	

6.3. Outcome: Quality jobs for local people

Development, Economy and Transport (AD); Strategic Development & Economic Growth Portfolio

Rating:



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 6.3.1	Complete and populate with business tenants Phase 2 of the Medway Innovation Centre	Seventeen tenants have moved in and building up and running, fully operational. The target is 35% occupation by the end of financial year 2009-2010 and we have met this target. The overall target is to fill the building by March 2012.	
CP 6.3.2	Implement an active programme of inward investment in partnership with Locate in Kent to attract new business investment and jobs	105 business investments have occurred in Medway this year as at end June 2009 (latest figures). This is the largest number of business investments in any borough area of Kent and Medway. This has created 400 jobs in the Medway area. Our target is 350 business investments with 1500 jobs being created by the end of 2009-2010. We are on track to achieve this target.	
CP 6.3.3	Expand our business support services and implement new business start up schemes	2 business start up applications approved in this quarter. Approximately 20 more business start up applications currently being progressed. We are on track to achieve our target of 25 start up initiatives in 2009-2010. One partners for growth loan has been awarded to date. Further work required to boost numbers of applications. Other counter-recessionary measures include apprenticeships scheme, a graduate work placement scheme and the expansion of our Partners for Growth scheme to support business growth. Data on these other schemes available by December.	
CP 6.3.4	Support the refurbishment and expansion of the Pentagon shopping centre and the attraction of new retail investors into Medway.	Retail Champions event planned for 5th November. Retail Ambassadors training scheme for local retail sector planned to follow that. Programme of retail workforce skills training to be implemented from January 2010 onwards. New retail investments ongoing - Primark superstore to be opened officially in December. Retail sector responsible still responsible for the creation of around one third of new jobs in Medway.	
CP 6.3.5	Focus support on target sectors such as the creative, tourism, hospitality and manufacturing sectors, dependent on need.	The Employ Medway program will offer local recruitment support services to businesses from these priority sectors. This program is due to commence in August. In the Autumn we will also be employing a dedicated business support officer for creative industries.	
CP 6.3.6	Launching the Employ Medway programme	The Employ Medway Advice Centre was opened in August 2009 and the team of seven staff are receiving visits from around 40 clients per day for 1-2-1 interviews, computer based job search, general advice and access to complementary services delivered on site such as from the Next Steps Careers Advice service. The target of 185 unemployed people benefiting from the scheme will be significantly exceeded by end March 2010. A total of 40 businesses are to benefit from Employ Medway as the programme will assist them to undertake local recruitment.	

6.4. Outcome: Realising everyone's potential

Development, Economy and Transport (AD); Housing & Corporate Services (AD); Organisational Services (AD); Strategic Development & Economic Growth Portfolio

Rating:



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 6.4.1	Improve the employability and skills levels of the local workforce by:	We have to date secured £3.1 million of external funding resources in support of employability and skills programmes. £2.6 million of this represents the total value of funding secured for the 420 temporary six month jobs to be created in Medway thanks to the Future Jobs Fund programme. The target for 2009-2010 was £2 million. This has been exceeded.	
CP 6.4.1.1	Launching the Medway Employ programme	The Employ Medway Advice Centre was opened in August 2009 and the team of seven staff are receiving visits from around 40 clients per day for 1-2-1 interviews, computer based job search, general advice and access to complementary services delivered on site such as from the Next Steps Careers Advice service. The target of 185 unemployed people benefiting from the scheme will be significantly exceeded by end March 2010. A total of 40 businesses are to benefit from Employ Medway as the programme will assist them to undertake local recruitment.	
CP 6.4.1.2	Assisting 1,200 local people into employment	A total of 112 clients have benefited from the REIGNITE service as at end July 2009. A further 150 local people have received direct employment support assistance from the Employ Medway programme. The Future Jobs Fund programme commences in October and through this 140 local unemployed people in Medway will gain access to temporary six month jobs to assist their employability. We are on track to meet the target of 1,200 people assisted by March 2012.	
CP 6.4.1.3	Equipping 350 residents with Level 2 qualifications	We are currently exploring additional funding options in order to set up new vocational and workforce development programmes to run alongside our employment support programmes. This will enable us to meet this target by March 2012.	
CP 6.4.1.4	Strengthen the workforce development in and support 140 local businesses	We have secured European Social Fund resources for the Eco-Advantage programme which will benefit a target number of 60 local businesses, assisting them to adapt their workforce and businesses to benefit from the challenges posed by global climate change. Through Employ Medway programme we are aiming to assist up to 40 businesses to access training funds to assist in workforce development. Progress data will be available for the next quarter.	
CP 6.4.1.5	Levering in £550,000 of external funding to enable delivery of workforce skills development	We have to date secured £280,000 of European Social Fund resources to enable implementation of the Eco-Advantage programme. We are seeking further training funding from ESF and domestic sources. We are also looking to make use of some of the £2.6 million of resources secured from the Future Jobs Fund to allocate to workforce skills training. More information to be provided in the next quarter.	
CP 6.4.1.6	Enabling delivery of community learning programmes that equip 270 disadvantaged residents with Level 1 qualifications	We are working with voluntary and community sector partners to support draw down of funding from the NLDC and ESF Community Grants schemes to implement new community learning programmes. Over £300,000 of external funding has been secured. Awaiting feedback from voluntary sector partners on progress with delivery of Level 1 courses and qualifications. In addition we are working closely with Medway Adult Community Learning Service to secure further external funding.	
CP 6.4.2	Use our role as a local employer to support people into employment, such as through apprenticeship and work experience schemes	The council is using its own role as an employer to help young people beat the recession and find employment. The number of apprenticeships within the council is 20, with a further 21 apprenticeships in the pipeline. This is a total of 41, up from 35 in the last quarter.	

6.5. Outcome: Culture & leisure for all

Community Services Portfolio; Customer First, Democracy & Governance (AD); Development, Economy and Transport (AD)

Rating:



Action	Progress Update	Status
Ensure our cultural offer is widely accessible and continue to develop Medway as a tourist destination and increase the number of visitors by 8% from 2007/8, and the income from tourism by 5% for Medway by:	Visitor numbers to Medway attractions for the second quarter in 2009 are up 1% on the same quarter last year (268,539 visitors in 2009 compared to 267,025 visitors). Although the recession has resulted in more 'staycations' (UK visitors staying in the UK) it has strongly affected spend per head and business tourism. The coach market is on a par with 2008. The good weather over this quarter has been to the benefit of the outdoor attractions such as the castles. For example Rochester Castle is 16% up on the same quarter last year, and Upnor is 7% up.	
Seek to secure investment of £5m to enable the development of a new cultural venue at Eastgate House in Rochester	Following the unsuccessful outcome of our Eastgate House bid, work has begun on a revised scheme, comprising conservation work on the house itself, restoration of the gardens and the possibility of a private sector café / restaurant. This will add to the offer provided through the Library and Adult Education Centre, building a cultural quarter on Rochester High Street.	
Secure the future of Rochester and Upnor castles by agreeing a new long term management agreement to allow the council to continue to manage the castles for English Heritage.	Visits to Rochester Castle up by 16% on same quarter last year. Visits to Upnor Castle up by 7% on same quarter last year. Medieval Merriment and Tudors at Upnor events were both very well attended and secured very positive press coverage.	
Achieve national accreditation for the Guildhall Museum and its collection in 2009 and increase usage through development, exhibition and marketing initiatives	Preparations for the museum's national accreditation inspection (due spring 2010) will be completed by December 2009. We achieved a successful bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for £50,000 for the "Opening the Doors" project which is a capital project to develop a new public entrance and orientation gallery, these funds match EU Interreg funding which we have already received. In addition to the onsite schools facilitation at the museum, the Education Officer has taken his outreach service to over 600 local school pupils this quarter.	
Continue our extensive festival programme, such as the Fuse and Sweeps festival and the Under Siege and Castle concerts and raise participation and satisfaction rates.	Three 5 day drama workshops at The Brook involving 120 young people (600 day sessions) to audiences of 350. Evaluation shows 96% satisfaction. Under Siege took place in July, giving local young people the opportunity to perform on the same stage as used at Glastonbury, supported by world class sound / technical equipment. Audience of approximately 2,500. Outdoor Shakespeare drew audiences of 700 at Upnor and Rochester Castle, despite bad weather. Customer feedback excellent. Evaluation of the Fuse Festival shows that 20,000 people attended with 85% satisfaction, and 70% were visiting Fuse for the first time. Dance for Life project has added 50+ dance classes at Hook Meadow and Rainham, extending our geographic reach. Castle Concerts delivered, and came in on budget. 14,000 attendance, with 97% satisfaction. Will Adams delivered at Gillingham Park. Changed venue meant attendances of between 4-5,000, compared to 1,500 last year with 96% satisfaction. New gallery has seen 12% increase in footfall, compared to same period last year. Almost 12,000 visits since it opened in its new location. Evaluation ongoing.	
	Ensure our cultural offer is widely accessible and continue to develop Medway as a tourist destination and increase the number of visitors by 8% from 2007/8, and the income from tourism by 5% for Medway by: Seek to secure investment of £5m to enable the development of a new cultural venue at Eastgate House in Rochester Secure the future of Rochester and Upnor castles by agreeing a new long term management agreement to allow the council to continue to manage the castles for English Heritage. Achieve national accreditation for the Guildhall Museum and its collection in 2009 and increase usage through development, exhibition and marketing initiatives Continue our extensive festival programme, such as the Fuse and Sweeps festival and the Under Siege and Castle concerts and raise	Ensure our cultural offer is widely accessible and continue to develop Medway as a tourist deshination and increase the number of visitors by 8% from 20078, and the income from tourism by 5% for Medway by: Seek to secure investment of £5m to enable the development of a new cultural venue at Eastgate House in Month and the mode of the outdoor attractions such as the castles. For example Rochester Castle is 16% up on the same quarter last year, and Upnor is 7% up. Following the unsuccessful outcome of our Eastgate House bid, work has begun on a revised scheme, comprising conservation work on the house itself, restoration of the gardens and the possibility of a private sector cafe / restaurant. This will add to the offer provided through the Library and Adult Education Centre, building a cultural quarter on Rochester High Street. Following the unsuccessful outcome of our Eastgate House bid, work has begun on a revised scheme, comprising conservation work on the house itself, restoration of the gardens and the possibility of a private sector cafe / restaurant. This will add to the offer provided through the Library and Adult Education Centre, building a cultural quarter on Rochester High Street. Following the unsuccessful outcome of our Eastgate House bid, work has begun on a revised scheme, comprising conservation work on the house itself, restoration of the gardens and the possibility of a private sector cafe / restaurant. This will add to the offer provided through the Library and Adult Education Centre, building a cultural quarter on Rochester High Street. Visits to Rochester Castle up by 16% on same quarter last year. Visits to Upnor Castle up by 7% on same quarter last year. Medieval Merriment and Tudors at Upnor events were both very well attended and secured very positive press coverage. Achieve national accreditation for the Guildhall Museum and its collection in 2009 and increase usage through development, exhibition and marketing initiatives Continue our extensive festival provided dassistance and

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CP 6.5.1.5	Establish a new centre for archives and local studies to increase the accessibility of Medway's heritage	Options being finalised for the new location for the Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre, to be renamed the Medway History Centre. Key considerations will be the visitor experience, synergy with neighbouring facilities / opportunities and cost.	
CP 6.5.1.6	Promote Medway as a tourist destination by supporting the development of new hotels.	Due to the economic climate hotel development projects have been delayed. Planning consent is in place for two new limited service hotels in Gillingham and Strood. Site works for these new hotels are now expected to begin in Feb/March 2010.	
CP 6.5.1.7	Assess the feasibility and business case for options for a new regional cultural centre	Initial proposals for the development of a new theatre / arts complex in Chatham (WACx) undertaken with external consultant.	
CP 6.5.2	Continue to deliver and excellent library service, increasing the number of physical visits to 4,770 per 1000 population, by:	Performance increased to 1142 visits per 1000 population from 1010 last quarter. The total for the year to date is 2152, ahead of the position of 2134 at the same point last year. However, there is still some way to go to hit the year end target of 4759.	
CP 6.5.2.1	Create a mix of high quality cultural facilities, with our main libraries developing a wider programme of arts, cultural events and learning opportunities	Plans have been finalised for the establishment of first community hub at Rochester, combining Adult Education, Library Service, Contact Point offer. It will mean a thriving, vibrant and dynamic service offer, allowing access to multiple services at a single site. Costed proposals have been submitted through the budget setting process to establish community hubs at Rochester, Wigmore and Strood.	
CP 6.5.2.2	Expand the reach of the library service and number of active borrowers by identifying options for replacing the aging mobile library and consultation on its future use.	All Baby Bounce and Rhyme attendees are now members of the library service, and book users have increased as a result. Attendees at all library events are being joined to the Library service. Extra classes and an extra school has been added to the children's mobile route. Mobile library procurement proceeding in accordance with project plan. A successful summer events programme was completed and is currently being evaluated.	
CP 6.5.2.3	Improve the customer experience and customer satisfaction with Medway libraries, such as through online registration, electronic cataloguing, and more self service machines.	Work started in quarter 2 on redesigning library web pages to enhance customer experience. Work has also started on Customer Service Excellence Accreditation, to assure our customer service.	
CP 6.5.2.4	Introduction of a new library card, allowing use in any library across Kent and Medway		
CP 6.5.3	Delivery of our World Heritage Site bid for Chatham Dockyard and its Defences	The bid document is now substantially complete following public consultation throughout the summer and will be presented to Cabinet on 15 December 2009.	
CP 6.5.3.1	Deliver the Great Lines Heritage Park:	Works on the Great Lines Heritage Park will commence in November 2009.	
CP 6.5.3.1.1	Lower Lines by Winter 2009	The Lower Lines Park will open to the public on 4 December 2009.	
CP 6.5.3.1.2	Deliver improved access and restoration, by March 2011	The first phase of works which is due to start in November will include new pathways and new and improved entrances.	

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CP 6.5.4	Increase participation in sport by developing Medway as a regional centre of excellence, with access to good quality leisure facilities for all, by:		
CP 6.5.4.1	Maximising the benefit of the London 2012 Olympics	Pre-Games training camp meetings held with host of countries and organisations including China, the African National Olympic Committee Association (representing 53 countries), and the Caribbean National Olympic Committee Association. Discussions ongoing. Medway Gets Active website operational. Two adult participation officers in post and implementing projects. Marketing campaign scheduled for January 2010. Our Medway schools curriculum into second year with increased number of schools involved. Museum exhibition has proved so popular it has been extended until January 2010. Medway Sporting Academy launched and operational, with co-ordinated training programme for 80 talented 10 and 11-year-olds from across Medway. Medway Park regional centre of sporting excellence on schedule for completion in spring 2010. Extensive interest from a number of sport national governing bodies, who are looking to work on joint ventures with Medway.	
CP 6.5.4.2	Host the modern pentathlon world cup in 2010	Programme on schedule for delivery of world cup in April 2010. Pentathlon GB board have visited site, as well as event directors. Medway operations team established and implementing programme of activity. Completion of Medway Park on schedule to host event. Pentathlon GB to establish modern pentathlon performance centre in Medway park for ongoing development of pentathletes. Medway Park also hosting regional pentathlon in March 2010 as tester event for world cup, and will also host national tetrathlon championships in June. Schools programme developed with introduction of biathlon (swimming and running). Medway athletes completed in biathlon at Crystal Palace in August and in regional biathlon in September, winning a number of age-groups.	

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear	Q1 2009/10	Q2 2009/10	2009/10 YTD	2009/10	AVG	TOP	Progress Update	Trend	Traff ic Light
LIB2 Active borrowers as % of population	19.0%	19.0%	19.5%	19.7%	19.7%	20.3%					

Performance Indicator	2008/09		Q1 2009/10		2009/10 YTD	Annual 2009/10 Target	Bottom	Unitaries AVG 2008/09	TOP	Progress Update	Trend	Traff ic Light
LRCC1 Number of visitors to tourist attractions in Medway	728,417	488,500	265,551	532,551	532,551	750,000		N/a		The seasonal drop of visitor numbers from August to September is due to the school holidays ending and people returning to work after summer holidays. June July and August tend to be our busiest months at the attractions with September/October referred to as the 'shoulder period'. 2009/10 has been a comparable year to 2008/09. The recession has both attracted and deterred visitors. The recession has deterred some visitors (local and overseas) from visiting and spending money, but has also attracted others such as UK visitors taking a "staycation." We have also had many more Belgian and Dutch visitors than in recent years due to the exchange rate. We have also have some coach cancellations from France and Germany due to fears about Swine Flu in the UK. The good weather over the summer has benefited some of the more outdoor attractions such as the castles, but not helped more of the indoor attractions such as the Museums.		
NI 10L Visits to and usages of museums per 1,000 population	280.2	156.1	82.7	153.0	153.0	285.0					1	
NI 9L The number of physical visits per 1,000 population to public library premises	4159	2134	1010	1142	2152	4759					1	

7. Core Value: Putting our customers at the centre of everything we do

Rating:



7.1. Outcome: Continue to deliver our services in a fair and equal manner, recognising the diversity of our local population

Communications, Performance & Partnerships (AD); Customer First & Corporate Services Portfolio



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 7.1.1		The council will have a final draft of the Single Equality Scheme by the end of November. The appropriate actions will then be rolled out to ensure the actions are reflected in service plans as necessary. The consultation has taken place with representatives from 40 organisations, not all of the information received is relevant to the Single Equality Schemes, but it is relevant to services in their planning and it will be disseminated accordingly.	
CP 7.1.2	Standard at the heart of our	Appointed a senior research and review officer (equality and cohesion) to support this work. Identified that we need to demonstrate more effectively how we know our community. The work of the R&I group will assist with that, but it has been agreed by CMT that this will be supplemented by a information gathering exercise from all services to clarify exactly what monitoring is taking place and how it is being used.	

7.2. Outcome: Continue to improve the customer experience and deliver value for money.

Customer First & Corporate Services Portfolio; Customer First, Democracy & Governance (AD); Housing & Corporate Services (AD)



Ref	Action	Progress Update	Status
CP 7.2.1		Customer First has begun the handling of Electoral Services calls and commenced training for the Routeways to Employment service. The handling of calls responding to the Benefits Take Up campaign has also begun. The Smartpoint system is now being used to give a view of the pupil database, so that more school meals and school transport enquiries can be handled by the contact centre.	
CP 7.2.2	Develop Medway's web presence, increasing the number of customers accessing services electronically	Work is under way on the new website project (Web3) – initial work has focussed on agreeing the role and purpose of the new site as well as delivering content quality improvements on the current live website	
CP 7.2.3	Relocating Rochester Contact Point to Rochester Library, to improve access to services	The Rochester contactpoint move has been completed successfully.	
CP 7.2.4	Assess the feasibility of a virtual contact centre across East Kent.		
CP 7.2.5		During quarter 2 the proportion of enquiries dealt with on a one and done basis at Riverside surpassed the 65% target to 67.4%, combined with a further reduction of waiting times to an average of 15 minutes	

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear		Q2 2009/10	2009/10 YTD	Annual 2009/10 Target	Bottom	AVG	Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
HOU3 Cases dealt with on a one & done basis at Riverside	41.1%	N/a	56.1%	67.4%	62.0%	65.0%		N/a		During quarter 2 the proportion of enquiries dealt with on a one and done basis at Riverside surpassed the 65% target to 67.4%, combined with a further reduction of waiting times to an average of 15 minutes	•	
LX2 Percentage of letters answered within 10 days	89.4%	90.7%	93.3%	94.4%	93.9%	95.0%		N/a		Improvement from previous quarter, and only marginally behind target.	1	
LX3 Number of Ombudsman complaints	56	27	27	14	41			N/a		Targets are not set as the council uses LGO complaint levels as a service monitoring tool and are less concerned with the volume of complaints than how they are dealt with. 45 Ombudsman complaints were received in 2007/08	•	
LX4A Percentage of Stage 1 complaints responded to within target timescales	87.7%	87.5%	88.5%	90.8%	89.7%	96.0%		N/a		Whilst still behind target, and improvement by 2.3% has been seen this quarter.	1	

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear			2009/10 YTD	Annual 2009/10 Target	Bottom	Unitaries AVG 2008/09	Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
LX4B Percentage of stage 2 complaints responded to within timescales	64.3%	65.0%	76.2%	86.4%	83.1%	90.0%		N/a		One complaint about consultation on the scope of the Black Lion redevelopment took 31 days to answer because of the large amount of data needing to be collated to respond. The other one was 1 day overdue because of admin delay.	•	
LX4cASC Number of complaints received by Adult Social Care			7	25	32						1	
LX4cCSC Number of complaints received by Children's Social Care			14	15	29						1	
LX8 Percentage of emails answered within 5 working days	98.7%	98.7%	99.5%	99.5%	99.5%	99.0%		N/a		Showing improvement towards target	-	
NI 14 Avoidable contact: the proportion of customer contact that is of low or no value to the customer	30.0%	30.0%	24.7%	49.5%	36.8%	28.0%		N/a		See CP 7.2.1	•	

8. Core Value: Giving Value for Money

3.1. Oı	utcome: Improve efficien	cy and deliver value for money for our residents	Chief Finance Officer; Customer First & Corporate Services Portfolio; Finance & Deputy Leader's Portfolio; Organisational Services (AD)			
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CP 8.1.1	Deliver the £16.5m efficiency saving target by March 2011	Efficiencies achieved this quarter includes a number of improvements to the way creditors are paid, such as better processes with social care providers and issuing electronic payments and payment advice. e-recruitment has been developed to automate the recruitment process and is expected to be implemented during quarter 3. The business case for electronic employee self-serve is being developed to increase the efficiency of dealing with day-to-day personnel issues. ICT are also currently testing a new processor, which, if suitable will reduce the purchase cost of a PC. In addition, old PC's which are not suitable for high processing requirements are being re-used to provide lower specification services	
CP 8.1.2	Introduce systematic value for money assessments as part of service planning and monitoring.	During the second quarter a Value-for-Money Strategy was adopted by the council, and PWC have been engaged to provide a benchmark analysis of Council performance. An Executive Member Performance and Efficiency Group has been established to oversee continued improvements.	
	Seek to work proactively with partners to share services for greater efficiency.	During quarter two the design of the extension to the contact centre was progressed, to enable the contact centre to handle switchboard enquiries for a range of NHS Medway services from quarter 3. All Medway Council servers have now been relocated from the Civic Centre site to Gun Wharf and we are now exploring the potential use of the data centre by other public sector organisations	

Performance Indicator	2008/09	2008/09 MidYear		Q2 2009/10	2009/10 YTD	Annual 2009/10 Target	Bottom	AVG	Unitaries TOP 2008/09	Progress Update	Trend	Traffic Light
H6 Percentage of rent collected	97.5%	95.3%	91.2%	94.1%	94.1%	98.4%		N/a		Current rent arrears is being affected by the Housing Benefit Claim delays. Delays are currently running at approx 8 weeks and will affect al new tenants claims for benefit and those tenants whose claims have changed. Further information has been requested from HB regarding the rent that is overdue on these accounts.	•	
LX5 Working days lost due to sickness absence	8.17	2.42	1.71	2.33	2.33	8.00	10.41	9.46	8.68	Current data for staff sickness relates to July, due to the time delay in confirming sickness returns. This shows that the number of days sickness per employee is 2.3 days, an improvement from 2.4 at the same point in the previous year.	•	
NI 14 Avoidable contact: the proportion of customer contact that is of low or no value to the customer	30.0%	N/a	24.7%	49.5%	36.8%	28.0%		N/a		See CP 7.2.1	•	

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NI 181 Time taken to process Housing Benefit/Council Tax Benefit new claims and change events	17.2	16.7	29.2	34.9	32.2	17.0	N/a		Although time taken to process benefit claims is still underperforming due to an increase in applications, the rate of increase is greatly reduced from the first quarter. Additional funding has been granted by the DWP to assist Benefits sections faced with increased workloads during the current recession and this has enabled new staff to be recruited in August the new staff are beginning to have an impact although real improvement will not be seen until the second half of the year.	•	
NI 182 Satisfaction of business with local authority regulation services	81.0%	78.0%	73.0%	67.1%		85.0%	N/a			•	