

Appendix A:

Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee Qtr 4

Local Performance Plan 2006/07 Report-back

Environment and Safety – Local Performance Plan Update 2006/07

Target 1 - Work with partner agencies and communities to implement the Government's Respect Agenda, to tackle anti social behaviour and its causes more robustly and effectively and enhance the quality of life and environment for residents

Corporate Plan Part III

Were awarded 'Respect Action Area' status due to our strong track record of working with the Police and other agencies to tackle anti social behaviour and improve the quality of life for residents through prevention, intervention and enforcement.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

Hastings Borough Council Community Wardens, Environmental Health and Licensing Officers have continued to work closely with Sussex Police and other partner to tackle antisocial behaviour and quality of life issues blighting local peoples lives. During the last year the main catalyst for this has been the Neighbourhood Renewal Team led Multi Agency Tasking Teams (MATTs).

The granting of 'Respect Action Area' status to the town has brought with it funding of £50k to appoint a 'Parenting Expert'; £93k to start an 'Intensive Family Support Programme' and £125k to run parenting training programmes in the Grove, Filsham Valley and Hillcrest senior schools in the coming year. The 'Crime Reduction Initiative' (CRI) have been commissioned to run these services locally. These programmes will seek to tackle the root cause of behavioural problems leading to crime and anti social activity.

Qtr 3 Progress - On target

In Q3 the Warden Service continued to serve Fixed Penalty Notices in relation to dog fouling & littering offences, & the Environmental Protection Team continued to increase enforcement action in relation to noise nuisance - see Target 4 for more details.

Qtr 2 Progress - On target

This work continues on a routine basis. 10 further fixed penalty notices have been served. Further examples of such work include an occasion where police/ warden co-operation resulted in an improved police response to a rapidly developing incident.

Qtr 1 Progress

This is a core activity for the HBC Wardens, Environmental Protection Officers and other front line staff. Examples of this include the issuing of fixed penalty notices for things like littering and dog fouling, 14 were served in

quarter 1. Statements are also routinely provided in support of antisocial behaviour order applications

Target 2 - Work with Sussex Police and other partners to ensure effective “Neighbourhood Policing” in Hastings and St. Leonards, working through multi- agency and area co-ordination teams to further reduce crime, anti social behaviour, enviro-crime and community engagement.

Corporate Plan Part III

Worked as part of a multi agency team, including the Wardens, Environmental Health and Licensing Officers, with the police and others to tackle environmental and crime hotspots, closely targeting resources at local priorities driven by neighbourhood and community needs.

Quarter 4 Progress : Achieved.

The new District Commander has made refinements to local ‘Neighbourhood Policing’. One Inspector is now responsible for the delivery of community policing across the whole of Hastings & St Leonards. He is supported by 2 sergeants, and 8 Neighbourhood Specialist Officers (NSO’s). Each of these has responsibility for providing public reassurance patrols and partnership problem solving in two wards.

The burden of carrying a heavy case-load of up to 20 crime investigations has largely been removed from them. They are supported by 16 Police Community Support Officers, this enabling one to be allocated to each voting ward in the town.

Community surgeries are regularly being held and the NSO’s have each been engaging with their local communities to identify the 3 key community safety problems in their area. They are then tasked with developing partnership problem solving initiative to tackle these. Support from other agencies is co-ordinated through the MATT’s and the problems they raise are included on the action plans

Quarter 3 – On target

In Q3 the Warden Service continued to work well with Sussex Police & other partners in relation to crime and disorder and enviro-crime issues.

The following 2 examples are a good illustration of the added value the Warden Service provides:-

- The town centre Santa was assaulted and the persons responsible were identified and detained by the local Wardens, enabling the Police to make arrests;
- Using a description of an alleged pick-pocket, the local Wardens visited the vicinity of the crime, identified the alleged offender &

followed them until the Police were able to attend and make an arrest.

Work will continue on the long term strategic options regarding CCTV provision in Hastings

The North St Leonards MATT meetings are now fully functional and will follow the same processes as the other three in future. In general it is felt that the MATT meetings are proving effective and it is evidenced by the minutes and action plans being produced. Attendance from other agencies is generally good and the only noticeable absence has been the Fire and rescue Service. There are ongoing issues regarding the circulation of confidential information in the action plans but work is in progress to try to resolve data protection issues. The PAPOs are proving effective in delivering actions in response to issues raised at the MATT meetings and this is proving extremely favourable with the communities involved. The linkage between the SHP and the NR Team has been strengthened by the current working arrangements.

Quarter 2 On Target

MATT meetings are taking place in 3 out of 4 neighbourhood coordination areas each month. The first MATT meeting for North St Leonards (encompassing Hollington) will take place in December 2006. These are well attended by agencies and are largely addressing ASB and quality of life issues in the neighbourhoods. Focussed action plans are produced. These are progress chased by the two Priority Areas Project Officers (PAPO's). Links between these meetings, the Safer Hastings Partnership (SHP) chair these meetings and input from Police Tactical Tasking meetings being developed.

Links continue with daily intelligence meetings between the wardens and the police. 2 arrests (for street mugging and drug related) are directly attributable to Warden's involvement.

The General Manager for Environmental Health is to review exactly what will be required for the Warden Service to become "accredited" and what the advantages of such accreditation would be. This research will be completed by the end of Quarter 4.

The issue of the HBC control room being able to monitor Sussex Police Airwave radio communications has not been resolved, and is a national issue. We have forced the issue to a point where the topic of 'non blue light' organisations having access to Airwave is being discussed at a national level. In the short term, we are arranging for a Special Constable to be based in the Control Room with access to Police radio systems during evenings and extended CCTV monitoring at weekends.

Quarter 1

Strong links have been established between the HBC warden team and Police / PCSO's in the four emerging local Neighbourhood Policing Teams. Wardens and other front line HBC staff continue to attend Multi Agency Tasking Team meetings and pick up specific actions relating to tackling antisocial behaviour and environmental problems. This frees up Police Staff for other neighbourhood duties. Consideration is to be

given to the HBC Wardens becoming Community Safety Accredited Persons. The fact that the HBC CCTV / Control room can no longer monitor Sussex Police radio communications remains an issue. Discussions are continuing with Sussex Police to agree more effective communication links.

Target 3 - Implement a full range of crime reduction initiatives to meet targets in the Safer Hastings Strategy, to further reduce the fear of crime and make people feel safer in their communities.

To reduce crime by 23.5% by 2008 based on 2003/4 baseline.

Corporate Plan Part III

Worked as part of the Safer Hastings Partnership implementing a full range of community safety initiatives which included dealing with crime and fear of crime against foreign students, redesigning the Safer Hastings Partnership website and holding an art competition for young people to illustrate examples of antisocial behaviour.

Quarter 4 Progress : Achieved in part

The last quarter has been a very busy one in terms of partnership activity to reduce the fear of crime in the town. Our Communications Manager and other key members of staff organised a very successful art competition with local senior schools and colleges to obtain images to include in a publication to raise the awareness of young people about the antisocial behaviour enforcement process. This attracted a great deal of local interest and nearly 200 entries were received.

A further two of our Hastings Observer 'four page spreads' were published giving an outline of the partners work and countering other more negative material sometimes in the paper.

The partnership website has been completing redesigned during the last couple of months and the good practise this contains is attracting both national and international interest with thousands of 'hits'.

A recent example of this was that Hastings was identified as an area of good practice' in dealing with crime and the fear of crime, against visiting international language students. In particular, the work conducted as part of Operation Columbus and Hastings Borough Council work in developing 'Standards' for English Schools that were not affiliated with the British Council or English UK. As a result the Partnership was invited to give a presentation at a conference on these issues in Naples. The Partnership's presentation was extremely well received and Hastings was highlighted as an ideal place for the Italian market to send students in future academic years.

During the last quarter 7,500 booklets outlining the partnerships work to reduce crime and fear of crime has been circulated to homes in Hastings and St Leonards.

Two 'Meet the People' events were held both in collaboration with the Councils Neighbourhood Renewal Team. The last of these in the central indoor area of the Priory Meadow Shopping Centre was particularly successful. A large amount of crime prevention material like property marking kits and personal attack alarms were handed out. Very positive feedback was received from local people and visitors to the town with 276 public perception questionnaires being completed.

In relation to our very ambitious performance target to reduce crime by 23.5 % Figure 1 below shows the progress on British Crime Survey (BCS) basket of crime types from the strategy baseline year of 03/04 at the end of March 2007. Common Assault is still an issue and makes up a large proportion of the total of this basket. Due to the large numbers of criminal damage offences, criminal damage is also threatening the achievement of the targets. The second table under figure 1 shows how the overall picture would look if common assault were taken out of the equation, and also if both common assault and criminal damage were.

Figure 1 – Progress on Baseline

Hastings Progress up to End of March 2007				
British Crime Survey (BCS) Crime Types	Baseline Figures (April 2003 - March 2004)	No of Crimes in the Last 12 Month Period	Current Percentage Change	Strategy Targets (by 2008)
Theft of a Vehicle	524	336	-36%	30%
Theft from a Vehicle	1641	828	-50%	40%
Vehicle Interference	214	94	-56%	30%
Domestic burglary	963	554	-42%	40%
Theft of a Cycle	120	145	21%	0%
Theft from Person	268	255	-5%	15%
Criminal Damage	2483	2539	2%	25%
Common Assault	424	1139	169%	5%
Woundings (ABH/GBH)	1375	1295	-6%	5%
Robbery of Person	211	121	-43%	5%
Total BCS Crimes	8223	7306	-11.2%	23.5%

Target Reduction by March 2007
17.6%

Reduction Achieved by Current Figures
11.2%

BCS Crimes (excluding Common Assault)	7799	6167	-20.9%
BCS Crimes (excluding Common Assault and Criminal Damage)	5316	3628	-31.8%

As is shown in the table below, common assault continues to rise. However, there has been a decrease in criminal damage in the last year.

Figure 2 – Comparison of Year to End March 06 with current Rolling Year to End March 07

	Current 12 Months Total	Same Period Last Year	Change No	% Change
Theft of a Vehicle	336	354	-18	-5.1%
Theft from a Vehicle	828	955	-127	-13.3%
Vehicle Interference	94	127	-33	-26.0%
Domestic burglary	554	714	-160	-22.4%
Theft of a Cycle	145	135	10	7.4%
Theft from Person	255	229	26	11.4%
Criminal Damage	2539	2674	-135	-5.0%
Common Assault	1139	854	285	33.4%
Woundings (ABH/GBH)	1295	1413	-118	-8.4%
Robbery of Person	121	128	-7	-5.5%
Total BCS Crimes	7306	7583	-277	-3.7%

The commentary under individual crime types from quarter 3 remains relevant

Quarter 3 – on target

There has been a decrease in public place violent crime in the Town centre. Application for funding is being made to Neighbourhood Renewal for additional funding in 2007/8. Below is information about the Safer Hastings Partnership crime targets:

Vehicle Crime : A variety of factors have contributed to the big reductions in car crime. These include much improved security in council car parks, target hardening / improved security to vehicles and campaigns re reduce valuable property being left in cars and works vans.

Domestic burglary : Reductions in burglary are largely attributable to the targeting of drug addicted prolific burglars, particularly following prison release. Re arrests for breach of release conditions are increasing significantly.

Thefts of cycles : Trends for cycle thefts have shown an increase in thefts from public ways of multi-tenanted property where outer doors are left insecure and from those delivering papers. The small numbers mean this is not a priority but control measures are being put in place i.e. free cycle locks distributed.

Theft from the Person : No particular factors can be attributed to this reduction other than the targeting of those committing acquisitive crime to feed drug habits

Criminal Damage : The rise in reported incidents of criminal damage does give cause for concern particularly given that this accounts for over one third of all recorded crime. These are however difficult to prevent and detect given their spontaneous nature, often unobserved late at night. Control measures largely take the form of preventative patrols and a range of intervention to tackle antisocial behaviour and diversion of offenders.

Common Assault : At first sight the increase looks alarming but this is largely due to changes in Home Office counting rules which result in verbal abuse not resulting in physical contact now counting as common assault. Matters like breaches of ASBOs also now count as a violent crime

British Crime Survey (BCS) Crime Types	Baseline Figures (Apr 2003 - Mar 2004)	No. Crimes in the Last 12 Month Period	Current Percentage Change	Strategy Targets (by 2008)
Theft of a Vehicle	524	343	-35%	30%
Theft from a Vehicle	1641	916	-44%	40%
Vehicle Interference	214	90	-58%	30%
Domestic burglary	963	640	-34%	40%
Theft of a Cycle	120	149	24%	0%
Theft from Person	268	246	-8%	15%
Criminal Damage	2483	2590	4%	25%
Common Assault	424	1092	158%	5%
Woundings (ABH/GBH)	1375	1260	-8%	5%
Robbery of Person	211	130	-38%	5%
Total BCS Crimes	8223	7456	-9.3%	23.5%

Wounding : The reduction in more serious assaults is welcome and a better reflection of reductions in assaults resulting in physical harm to the victim.

Robbery : This type of crime where threats are made to steal property from the person are often committed by drug users. This big reduction is again thought to be attributed to proactive interventions resulting in imprisonment of repeat offenders

Total crime : A very ambitious reduction target of 23.5% was set for 2008. Good progress has been made towards this. The changes in the common assault counting rules will however make this very difficult to achieve

Quarter 2 - On Target

Work is continuing with other agencies and town centre businesses to address the issue of public place violent crime through the Safer Socialising, Bar Watch and Shop Watch schemes and linking them more effectively to the CCTV monitoring room by the addition of the Special Constable (see Target 2 above). Increase Parking Attendant presence in the town centre on evenings and weekends is also beginning to have some impact. With the exception of Criminal damage and Common Assaults all targets appear to be on line to be achieved.

Quarter 1

Ongoing work includes: -

- CCTV in car parks and town centre streets
- Active Warden Team support for Shop and Pub watch initiatives.
- Proactive removal of abandoned and untaxed motor vehicles.
- Youth restoration.
- Numerous other programmes

Target 4 - Strengthen our enforcement and environmental protection teams to make them a deterrent and so reduce the incidents of 'enviro crime', particularly fly tipping of trade and household waste and ensuring offenders are penalised.

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Issued over 60 fixed penalty notices on people dropping litter, businesses dumping rubbish and people allowing their dogs to foul the highway. We also successfully prosecuted eight people for noise nuisance and seized 10 stereos from persistent offenders. It is hoped that this will lead to less noise nuisance in the future.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

In quarter 4, 31 fixed penalty notices were served (25 for littering and 6 for dog fouling). 2 were quashed and to date 15 have been paid.

There were also 3 prosecutions (1 for litter, 1 for fly tipping and 1 for dog fouling). The Environmental Protection Team ended the year with 2 successful prosecutions for non-compliance with noise abatement notices, both resulted in fines and costs being awarded to the Council. 1 fine was relatively high for this type of offence, being £2,000.

Compared with previous years, this is a significant increase in prosecutions for noise nuisance and it is hoped it will lead to less noise nuisance in the future.

Quarter 3 – On target

In Q3 19 Fixed Penalty Notices were served for dog fouling & littering offences. Of them, 8 have been paid to date; 4 were not known at address/ quashed.

Historically, a relatively high proportion of the complaints received by the Environmental Health Division relate to noise from domestic premises. As a result the Environmental Protection Team has been

serving more Noise Abatement Notices, seizing stereos & taking action in the local Magistrates Court for non-compliance. In Q3 there were 5 prosecutions & in each case the Court also awarded a Forfeiture Order in relation to the stereos the Team had seized as a result of further complaints.

The new Waste Enforcement Officer who started in late October, has already been involved in several investigations linked to the On Street Collection of Refuse Stores (OSCORS) located in Central St Leonards, as well as meeting with some of the residents & traders concerned with the storage of trade waste in George Street in the Old Town.

Quarter 2 - On target

11 Fixed Penalty Notices were served by the Warden Service in Quarter 2. Although this is slightly less than in previous quarters this is due to holiday, sickness and vacant posts in Quarter 2 (the vacant posts have now been filled). 3 of the Notices had to be quashed in the light of mitigation submitted by the persons served. 4 have so far been paid. 1 was returned as not known at that address.

Quarter 2 was another difficult period for the Waste Services Team due to vacant posts and sickness absence. However, all posts in the restructured team were filled by mid October. The new Waste Enforcement Officer commenced on 23 October. The new Waste Services Manager is due to commence on 11 December.

Quarter 1

The Warden Service continues to serve Fixed Penalty Notices & to raise the Council's profile in this area of enforcement. Staff shortages in the Waste Team are currently affecting their contribution to this activity. Offers have however been made and accepted for most of the posts within the Waste Team and new employees will be in post during October. Closing date for the latest Waste Manager advertisement was 18 September and interviews will be held shortly. Success with respect to the Wardens but also a risk in relation to recruitment of new Waste Services Team staff. Adverts placed & interviews scheduled for July. Good response to second round of advertisements

Target 5 - Introduce a new fully integrated refuse collection, recycling and street cleansing contract, designed to help the public increase recycling and reduce the excess waste that has to be disposed in landfill.

Corporate Plan Part III

Awarded a new integrated waste contract to Veolia Environmental Services for the management of waste, recycling and street cleansing and appointed a Project Manager to commence the introduction of wheeled bins designed to help the public increase recycling and reduce the amount of waste that has to go to landfill.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

The implementation of the Twin Bin scheme will be completed by December 2007. The Project Manager is now in place and recruitment is underway for the rest of the Project Team. Street cleansing continues to improve as our BVPI results show an improvement within all areas, overall score being 22%

Quarter 3 – on target with risks identified

Roll out of new recycling and refuse service now delayed to Autumn 2007. Project Manager appointed. Project Plan being developed and Project Team to be recruited early 2007.

Improved contract monitoring in place and default procedures being applied. Independent verification of BV199 (an assessment of the standard of street cleanliness) indicates an improvement from 31% failure rate in the previous thirdile to 23% in the last thirdile which suggests that independent verification is proving effective in raising standards of contractor performance.

Quarter 2 - Slippage Possible

The new Cleansing, Refuse Collection and Recycling Contract commenced on 3 July and both the contractor and the Waste Services Team experienced teething problems with the implementation. These were compounded by problems caused by a particularly bad year for seagulls as they tore apart sacks put out by residents in many areas of the Borough. Later in Quarter 2 arrangements were introduced to reduce this problem whereby residents were encouraged to keep their refuse at the point of storage rather than moving it to the edge of curtilage on the morning of collection.

As reported to Cabinet on 9 October Quarter 2 also saw serious breakdown problems at the Council's Materials Reclamation Facility on the Ponswood Industrial Estate.

Quarter 1

Although the new contract did not start until 3rd July, much preparatory work took place with the contractor in the first quarter of the year. An interim Waste Manager is in place pending the appointment of a permanent postholder. Joint publicity with Veolia is planned for the second quarter and a project team is being established to manage the introduction of twin wheeled bin scheme in the Spring of 2007.

Although the new contract has commenced on time this is still an area of risk due to staffing issues and the high profile nature of the service.

Target 6 - Develop the Warden Service to deliver ‘local fit’ for the different communities within the borough, and work on a multi-agency and area basis.

Corporate Plan Part III

Continued to provide a visible, uniformed presence through our Warden Service, praised by visiting Home Office Staff as a “valuable service” to the community.

Quarter 4 progress – Achieved

The Warden Service management met with the Neighbourhood Renewal Team and community representatives in January. No substantial concerns were raised, and the service was generally complimented with respect to the work each of the area teams carried out.

Quarter 3 - On Target

During Q3 the Warden Service continued to work closely with the various communities they serve, through the Multi Agency Tasking Teams, & bodies such as the Special Interest Groups. An analysis of patrolling hours for Q3 showed that they have increased & are fairly consistent across the 4 new area co-ordination areas. Much of the patrolling is focussed on the most deprived Super Output Areas, in accordance with local priorities.

Feedback from the Neighbourhood Partnership Manager & his Area Co-ordination staff indicates that the community seem to be particularly happy with the Wardens in the new East Hastings Area. The Warden management are evaluating this, to identify what can be learned to benefit the operation of the other 3 Warden Teams.

Quarter 2 – on target

An informal visit by Home Office staff was extremely positive and resulted in the following positive comment “The wardens do provide a valuable service, and it was fantastic to see people stopping them and talking to them, especially young people and children saying hello to the wardens, talking and listening to what they had to say.” R Edwards, Home office fear of crime team.

Quarter 1

Following a recruitment initiative in March most of the 17 Warden posts are now filled & staff have undergone training. The Neighbourhood Partnership Manager has recently advised the Environmental Health General Manager that the local communities are now much happier with the service provided by the Wardens, & GOSE are interested in the way we have organised them into 4 area teams to match the borough wide multi-agency area co-ordination system.

Target 7 - Continue to support transport initiatives such as the Evening Transport Service from the Conquest Hospital and consult with the community on finding improvements for cyclists.

Corporate Plan Part III

Changes and Shortfalls

Although East Sussex County Council is primarily responsible for local transport, we have for the last 6 years supported the evening bus transport service. We have decided not to continue to subsidise this bus service after 31st March 2007. In relation to finding improvements for cyclists, we have

consulted with stakeholders on proposals to trial cycling in the Town Centre. The trial is due to start in early autumn 2007.

Quarter 4 Progress - Shortfall

Staff resources will be available to start work on developing the town centre cycling trial, when the Traffic Order review has been delivered. The Transport Planner attended a meeting to discuss the trial with the Seniors Forum, Hastings Urban Bikes, Age Concern and the Town Centre Management on 2 February. Concerns were discussed and all parties agreed to work together to help publicise the trial. A report updating Cllrs was heard at Traffic Management Committee on 25 January.

It was agreed at Budget Cabinet on 21 February that the funding for the Evening Transport Service should cease on 31 March. East Sussex County Council have withdrawn their funding for the Friday and Saturday service. The bus operator and passengers were informed and the Conquest Hospital and Ashdown House asked to display posters and leaflets to advise passengers that the service has ceased.

Quarter 3 - On Target with risks identified

Staff resources have been tied up with the Traffic Order review and the Controlled Parking Zone project for Central St Leonards. Work on this project will be delayed until these priority projects are complete. The scheme will then be designed, safety audited and the experimental Traffic Regulation Order advertised, in parallel to the scheme being introduced and publicised widely. A report updating Members was heard at Traffic Management Committee on 25 January.

Passenger figures for Evening Transport Service from Conquest Hospital: Quarter 3 476 (equates to approximately £8.00 per passenger per journey)

Quarter 2 - On Target

Consultation has been carried out on the cycle route through the town centre and an Experimental Order is being prepared to allow it for a trial period once issues regarding the "one way" Traffic order are resolved.

Passenger figures for evening transport service from Conquest Hospital:
Quarter 1520
Quarter 2523

Quarter 1

Another batch of 500 tickets was supplied to Hastings Area Community Transport Scheme for use on the Evening Transport Service. The Transport Planner attended a local cycle summit, organised by Sustrans and Hastings Urban Bikes (HUB) As a result of this a cycle forum will be established and include HUB, Sustrans, ESCC and HBC.

The scheme will need to be kept under review as falling passenger numbers increases unit costs (risk).

Target 8 - Launch a free travel scheme to enable elderly and disabled people to travel free by bus within Sussex.

Corporate Plan Part III

Launched the Sussex Countycard Scheme, part of a national initiative, to enable residents who are disabled or aged 60 and over, to travel for free across Sussex, after 9am weekdays and at anytime weekends and bank holidays.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

Quarter 3 - Achieved

Quarter 2 - Achieved

New County cards have been issued and the problems of drivers not accepting the old HBC cards have stopped.

Quarter 1

The Sussex Countycard scheme was launched on 1st April to enable residents who are disabled or aged 60 and over, to travel for free across Sussex, after 9am weekdays and at anytime weekends and bank holidays.

Over 1500 applications have been processed by the HIC to date

Target 9 - Work in partnership with East Sussex County Council as they develop a Local Area Transport Strategy (LATS) for Hastings & St Leonards. This will involve other local partners and include a medium and long term Access and Parking Strategy to support sustainable regeneration in the Hastings area.

Corporate Plan Part III

Changes and Shortfalls

Although we have worked in partnership with East Sussex County Council to prepare a draft Local Area Transport Strategy for Hastings and St. Leonards, East Sussex County Council have delayed carrying out the consultation until June/July 2007. The consultation will initially involve key organisations and groups on a strategic level. During late Summer/ Autumn, the consultation will then engage with local communities to develop a local action plan for Hastings and St. Leonards.

Quarter 4 Progress - Change

We are waiting for ESCC to start the consultation on the Draft LATS. When this starts, details will be posted in the 'current consultation' section on the HBC website.

Their staff resources are currently tied up with other projects and they were unable to give HBC any indication of timescale for when consultation may start.

Quarter 3 – on target with risks identified

ESCC has delayed consultation on the Hastings Local Area Transport Strategy (LATS) to avoid the consultation period on Rother and Hastings LDF Core Strategy's during November and December 2006. Draft LATS to be revised to ensure consistency with core strategies. ESCC advise consultation should commence in March for a 12 week period

Quarter 2 - On Target

The Officers Working Group met on 13th September to discuss the emerging strategy. The LATS Steering Group met on 17th July and 26th September. Further meeting held on 16 October final draft agreed for consultation. Consultation to begin in mid November for 12 weeks

Quarter 1

On 13th June, ESCC held a workshop for HBC officers to identify the key transport issues affecting Hastings and Bexhill as part of the process of developing a Local Area Transport Strategy. A steering group has now been established and a programme of meetings agreed. It is expected that the draft of the overarching strategy will be available in the new year. A further 12-18 months will then be required to develop the action plans which will be informed by both the Local Area Transport Strategy and the findings of the Accessibility Strategy Local Assessment.

Target 10 - Build on our successful service removing abandoned and untaxed vehicles, and explore opportunities to deal with uninsured vehicles in partnership with the Police.

Corporate Plan Part III

Continued to build on our successful record of removing abandoned and untaxed vehicles, dealing with 281 abandoned and 639 vehicles during 2006/07. We have also commenced discussions with Sussex Police on arrangements for the removal of uninsured vehicles from the public highway.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

A further 68 abandoned and 192 untaxed vehicles were removed between 1 January and 31 March 2007.

Totals for the year were 281 abandoned and 639 untaxed. Of these, 7% (20) abandoned vehicles and 36% (252) untaxed vehicles were reclaimed by their owners.

Since the scheme began in November 2002 a total of 2293 abandoned vehicles and 3832 untaxed vehicles have been removed from the streets. This has contributed to a major reduction in car arson (40+%) and a reduction in vandalism and anti social behaviour generally.

Quarter 3 - On Target

A further 63 abandoned and 158 untaxed vehicles were removed between 1 October and 31 December 2006. Discussions with Sussex Police continue regarding uninsured vehicles.

Quarter 2 - On Target

A further 64 abandoned and 141 untaxed vehicles were removed between 1 July to 30 September 2006. Discussions are underway with Sussex Police regarding the possibility of extended scheme to cover uninsured vehicles.

Quarter 1

Successfully dealt with the removal of abandoned and untaxed vehicles within our target of one working day to ensure that they do not blight our streets and open spaces. A total of 86 Abandoned and 148 untaxed vehicles were removed between 1st April 2006 and 30th June 2006.

Target 11 - Work with partners to achieve the year 1 milestones for 'Stronger and Safer Communities' contained within the 3 year East Sussex Local Area Agreement. To reduce crime by 23.5% by 2008 based on 2003/4 baseline

Corporate Plan Part III

Changes and shortfalls

During 2006/07 we worked with partners to achieve the year 1 milestones for Stronger and Safer Communities contained within the 3 year East Sussex Local Area Agreement. Although we have continued to play a strong role in driving down crime, reducing crime by 11.2%, changes in the way crime figures are recorded have affected our ability to meet the target of reducing crime 17.6% by March 2007. Common assault remains the main area of concern. Although a whole raft of interventions have been implemented to combat this, changes in Home Office counting rules, which have resulted in 'verbal abuse not resulting in physical contact', now also counting as common assault have increased the number of crimes recorded. Other factors like breaches of antisocial behaviour orders, and fixed penalty notices for disorder now count as recordable violent crime and are adding to this effect.

Quarter 4 Progress - Change

The exact position in relation to comparative performance in 2006/07 on recorded crime rates in Super Output Area's (SOAs) against the town average has yet to be fully determined. The commentary and content set out in the year end position section to question 3 of this report largely covers the material needed for this section and will not be duplicated here.

In general terms the partnership work being undertaken by a range of council staff including wardens, parking attendants, vehicle recovery team and others in the environment and licensing teams has over the

last year continued to play a big part in reducing crime and fear of crime in Hastings.

The Multi Agency Tasking Teams (MATTs) run by the Councils Neighbourhood Renewal staff remain the lead forum for co-ordinating joined up working with others like Police, Housing Associations, Antisocial Behaviour team and the Youth Development Service.

The Joint Agency Group (JAG) starting in April 2007, comprising of senior managers from the Council, Police and other organisations will provide more strategic direction and coordination of the four MATTs and link their work with the themed crime reduction partnerships groups and Police 'Tactical Tasking' meetings.

22.1.1 – % of abandoned cars removed within 24 hours.

Target – 57.8%

Actual – 99%

22.2 – recycling project team being recruited and project steering group established to monitor progress. Cabinet approval received for purchase of wheeled bins and it is now anticipated that the twin bin scheme will be introduced in September/October 2007.

23.11 – Reduce crime by 15% and further in high crime areas

Target - 5% on baseline (2005) and faster rate in SOAs

Total year-end BCS comparator crime is down 3.7% with a marked downturn in the last two quarters. Common assault remains the main area of concern. A whole raft of interventions to combat this, are in place as outlined in previous quarters. Increases in this area remain in many cases due to changes in Home Office counting rules which result in verbal abuse, not resulting in physical contact, now counting as common assault. Other factors like breaches of ASBOs, and fixed penalty notices for disorder counting as recordable violent crime, are also adding to this.

23.12 - To reassure the public and reduce the fear of crime and anti social behaviour – baseline for this target was the 2005 Citizens Panel.

Question : "How safe do you feel walking alone in the area which you live in during the day"

The percentage answering 'Fairly or Very safe'.

Target – 95%

Actual – 92.8% (latest Citizen Panel)

The partnership work being undertaken by a range of council staff including wardens, parking attendants, vehicle recovery team and others in the environment and licensing teams has over the last year

continued to play a big part in reducing crime and fear of crime in Hastings.

The Multi Agency Tasking Teams (MATTs) run by the Councils Neighbourhood Renewal staff remain the lead forum for co-ordinating joined up working with others like Police, Housing Associations, Antisocial Behaviour team and the Youth Development Service.

Quarter 3

22.1.1 - % of abandoned cars removed within 24 hours. Target - 57.8%, Actual - 99%

22.2 – recycling initiative delayed till Autumn 2007. Project initiation set up to provide two bins to 75% of residents. This will hopefully significantly increase our recycling and decrease diversion from landfill.

23.11 – Using NRF funding from the ‘Safer Socialising’ project, a Taxi Marshall Service was trialled at the Havelock Road rank prior to Xmas. Although the scheme has yet to be formally evaluated, anecdotal evidence from the Police & the trade is that it was very successful, & resulted in fewer crime & disorder incidents occurring on the rank. If the evaluation substantiates this, consideration may be given to implementing a long term scheme, perhaps with funding from local businesses & the taxi trade, & other key stakeholders.

On target – British Crime Survey (BSC) crime continues to fall.
See Target 3

Exhibition at House of Commons has proved very effective in showing the work of the partnership and will further the cause in Hastings on various issues. Baroness Scotland will endeavour to influence decision-making regarding Domestic Violence Courts and other issues of business engagement.

The recent results indicated that the percentage of people who felt safe walking alone in their neighbourhoods was:

Day time – 90%

Night time – 44%

This is an improvement on previous survey results in 2004 of 83% and 36% respectively.

Quarter 2 – on target with risks identified

22.1.1 - % of abandoned cars removed within 24 hours

Target - 57.8% Actual - 99%

22.2 - On target except non-biodegradable household waste. The Rethink Rubbish programme will be continued, encouraging residents to reduce, reuse and recycle their waste by carrying out education and information using the digestion units, compost doctor to ensure sustainable use by residents of units purchased, promoting mail preference, real nappies etc.

The Waste Forum Steering Group (WFSG) are discussing how to target the pump-priming funding, taking into account the consultation of the Municipal Waste Management Strategy draft, which closed in mid-October, and the DEFRA incentive scheme which has also now been completed, giving ideas on where we might be able to introduce local area projects with schools and residents to increase recycling and diversion from landfill on non biodegradable materials

23.11 reduce crime by 15% The Longer-term target should be achieved but slippage is possible year on year. With the exception of Criminal damage and Common assaults a 22.8% reduction in crime has been achieved.

Recent 'Citizens Panel' results for the 2006 survey indicate that 89% of residents said they felt either very safe or fairly safe walking in their neighbourhood during the day: More detailed results will be obtained from the current SHP questionnaire survey which is underway

A range of interventions are ongoing to provide public reassurance including :-

- 'Together Safer' meetings in each Neighbourhood Coordination area
- Four pages spreads and other media activity linked to the Hastings Observer
- Proactive press releases to counter negative press coverage
- Regular input on arrow FM
- Positive messages on the Community Safety television network
- Re launched 50 page SHP website
- Planned exhibition in House of Commons to influence key opinion formers.
- Training to HBC staff on how they can contribute to community safety
- Launch of new initiatives like the 'Taxi Marshalling' Scheme

Quarter 1

22.1.1 - % of abandoned cars removed within 24 hours

Target - 57.8%

Actual - 98%

22.2 - reduce the total levels of waste produced across East Sussex (ESCC)

23.11 - Reduce crime by 15% and further in high crime areas

Target - 5% on baseline (2005) and faster rate in SOAs

Total crime up 5.5% however this is

showing strong downward trends in 2006 due to interventions in burglary and other crime types

23.12 - To reassure the public and reduce the fear of crime and anti social behaviour – baseline for this target was the 2005 Citizens Panel.

Target – 95%

Actual – 89% (Citizen panel 2006)

Feel very safe or fairly safe walking in their neighbourhood during the day.

Target 12 - Deliver car crime reduction measures with our partners to further reduce car crime and seek longer term funding for the Car Crime Reduction Unit.

Corporate Plan Part III

Successfully reduced car crime, from a baseline set in 2003/04, through a range of preventative measures, reducing theft of vehicles by 36%, theft from vehicles by 50% and interference with vehicles by 56%.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

The below 2006/7 performance year figures set against a baseline of 2003/2004 represent a huge success in bringing down vehicle crime in the town.

Theft of vehicle down 36% (Target 30%)
Theft from vehicles down 50% (Target 40%)
Vehicle interference down 56% (Target 30%)

The HBC vehicle recovery team and car crime reduction coordinator have played a significant part in this. It is hoped that this position will not be damaged by no longer having a designated vehicle crime reduction post.

The imminent placement of static, 'Automatic Number Plate Reading' (ANPR) cameras on the main arterial roads into and out of the town should help in the prevention and detection of those involved in vehicle crime. It will also greatly assist in sustaining reductions in vehicle crime if the Council are able to work in partnership with Sussex Police in removing vehicles from uninsured drivers.

Quarter 3 – On target

Work is continuing with other agencies to deliver car crime reduction measures. External funding (Single Regeneration Budget) for Car Crime Reduction Co-Ordinator ends 31 March 2007. The Safer Hastings Partnership will be examining ways to maintain the momentum on car crime reduction for the future.

Quarter 2

Continuing to provide education and reminding public to remove valuables by leaflet and signage in retail units. Attending and responding to issues raised at the MATT meetings. Continue to provide new /young drivers with information pack. Overall car crime reduced by 43% since 2004/05. Target was 30%.

Quarter 1

Targeting prolific offenders.
Signing of car crime hotspot areas raising awareness.
Holding car crime awareness exhibition within the community.
Providing young drivers with information packs on preventative measures.

Providing community within tamper proof tax disc holders

Target 13 - Begin implementing the Air Quality Action Plan and continue monitoring air quality in the management area.

Corporate Plan Part III

Continued monitoring in the vicinity of the Air Quality Management Area as part of our Air Quality Action Plan and introduced measures to reduce air pollution such as washing the wheels of vehicles leaving the Pebsham Waste and Recycling site and increasing levels of street cleansing in this area.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

Further work on the source apportionment for PM₁₀ is being carried out and will hopefully be funded in part by a grant from DEFRA. We have also secured a condition on the recently approved planning consent for the Pebsham waste transfer site, requiring the site operator to fund a quality monitoring station in Freshfields Road, which will provide the Council with valuable additional data on air quality in this vicinity.

Quarter 3 – Slippage Possible

It should be noted that although the Council is the lead agency with respect to the Air Quality Management Area, in reality the Council's role is now largely to co-ordinate the implementation of the Action Plan. Most of the actions are actually outside the Council's direct control, and dependent upon other agencies such as East Sussex County Council in relation to transport infrastructure and reducing the use of cars, and the Environment Agency in relation to the regulation of existing and future waste management facilities in the immediate vicinity. The annual updating & screening assessment was submitted to Defra in November. Defra also requires a routine annual update on progress with the implementation of the Air Quality Action Plan. The Council's Environmental Protection Manager is liaising with other interested parties such as East Sussex County Council, with a view to completing & submitting the update report in Q1 of 2007/8.

Quarter 2 – Slippage possible

The Air Quality Monitoring is continuing and the Council's annual updating and screening assessment of air quality is being prepared for submission to DEFRA in October.

Quarter 1

Continuous air quality monitoring in the vicinity of the Air Quality Management Area is being carried out. Interim measures such as wheel washing at Pebsham & increased street cleansing have had a positive effect. However, the most significant improvement will result from the Bexhill to Hastings link road

Target 14 - Introduce a Controlled Parking Zone in the centre of St. Leonards for the benefit of the community, businesses and visitors to the town.

Corporate Plan Part III

Changes and Shortfalls

Although we had planned to introduce a Controlled Parking Zone in the centre of St. Leonards, following detailed consultation with local businesses and residents we have decided to commission a detailed Economic Impact Assessment to assess the true impact of these proposals on the overall regeneration of the area. This study will be completed by late Autumn.

Quarter 4 Progress - Change

A detailed Economic Impact Assessment is being carried out to highlight salient factors in the overall regeneration of the area. The brief for the assessment is currently being drafted by the Regeneration Team and will then be shared with businesses and community representatives before being finalised and tenders invited. It is anticipated that the study will be completed by the late autumn.

Quarter 3 – slippage possible

The Traffic Management Committee meeting on 30th November 2006 approved advertising of Traffic Regulations Order for the introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone in the centre of St. Leonards.

Quarter 2

A series of consultation meetings on the preliminary design have been held with businesses, Resident's forum and large employers. The feedback from these resulted in 3 options emerging. These options will be the subject of public exhibition on 20th and 21st October for further consultation.

Quarter 1

The result of consultation and conclusions reported. Agreed to proceed to Stage 2. Work started on preliminary design of the scheme. The design will be further consulted within residents and business community through postal and exhibition.

Target 15 - Implement the Government's new national liquor and entertainment licensing regime, working with partners e.g. the Police, to reduce the incidence of crime and disorder and nuisance activities associated with licensed premises.

Corporate Plan Part III

Implemented the government's new licensing regime and worked closely with the Police carrying out regular joint operational visits to licensed premises during evenings and weekends. Two seminars for the local licensed trade were held to review the impact of the new regime and to discuss how matters such as noise and disturbance associated with licensed premises can be

further improved.

Quarter 4 Progress – Achieved

Late night operational visits with the new Police Licensing Unit continued and two liquor licensing seminars were well received by the trade.

Quarter 3 – on target

The Licensing Team carried out joint visits with the Police & colleagues in the Environmental protection Team prior to the Xmas & the New Year festivities. Visits took place late at night during peak operational times for the town centre pubs and clubs. Compliance with the new liquor-licensing regime was generally found to be satisfactory.

2 seminars have been arranged for the local licensed trade in February, to discuss the new liquor licensing regime & any issues arising from it.

Quarter 2 On Target

The enforcement function is well developed and numerous joint visits have been and continue to be made to raise the profile of the new legislation including a special operation over the World Cup. We continue to receive new licence applications and many variations, all have been dealt with within our performance targets and inside the timescales from central government

Quarter 1

Following successful transfer of the licensing function from the Magistrates Court to the Council, work is now underway to enforce the new regime. The Council's Licensing Team has carried out several joint initiatives with the Police in order to raise the profile of the new regime with local licensed premises. This has included joint late night operational inspections of some popular licensed premises to assess compliance with conditions.

Target 16 - Develop a Hastings and St. Leonards Gambling Policy within the Government's new Gambling regime timetable and introduce systems for determining applications for licensed gambling premises.

Corporate Plan Part III

Agreed and published, following consultation, a new Gambling Policy for Hastings and St. Leonards in accordance with the Government's new Gambling regulations.

Quarter 4 Progress – Achieved

Local fees for the new Gambling Act applications were in place in time for the new regime which commenced on 21 May.

Quarter 3 – on target

The Gambling Act Statement of Principles was reported at Cabinet & Full Council in December, & subsequently published in accordance with the statutory timeframe. Detailed administrative systems & fees will be developed in Q4 in accordance with Government guidance.

Quarter 2 On Target

The consultation is now complete and the statement has been amended in line with the comments received. The amended statement is being reported to cabinet in December. Officer/Member training has now started.

Quarter 1

Draft Gambling Policy produced, agreed with Lead Member & public consultation commenced. The results of the consultation process will be reported to Cabinet in October & Council will be asked to adopt the new Gambling Policy.

Target 17 - Improve Hastings and Rother Council's emergency planning partnership to ensure a co-ordinated approach to Civil Protection and develop strategies and practical advice to inform the public of civil emergencies.

Corporate Plan Part III

Raised public awareness of emergency planning by launching new pages on our website and held three training exercises to increase our emergency response and management capability.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

Two combined training events and one combined exercise have been completed this year which has further integrated our Emergency Response and Management Capability.

The Emergency Planning Web Page has been developed to raise public awareness and add confidence in an emergency. Articles have been written for and published in About giving practical advice to all residents within the Borough and a number of interviews have been conducted with Arrow FM concerning our planning for specific risks of flooding and Flu Pandemic.

Assistance to develop a corporate Business Continuity Plan has been given to the Chief Execs PA and Director responsible and this document is nearing completion.

Quarter 3 - On Target

Joint Training sessions with Hastings BC and Rother DC staff volunteers have been completed. Interviews with Arrow FM giving advice to residents on local risks and responses completed. Simple

civil protection advice published to each household in the Conquer Waste document. Work to promote business continuity planning in the private sector continues and internally work is underway to strengthen the Council's resilience and business continuity plans.

Quarter 2 - On Target

Joint planning completed with Primary Care Trust for Flu Pandemic

Outbreak and Plans in place to deal with an Avian Flu Outbreak

New Rest centre documentation completed and modified Guidelines issued to Silver Commanders

Training Programme includes Volunteer staff training course to meet CCA duties next course 24 October

Quarter 1

New Web Pages developed with the same information for residents of both authorities. Training courses in civil protection/rest centre operations are being developed. Business continuity advice distributed to all SMEs in both authorities. Training course pilot run in Rother June 06, further developed course for rollout in Hastings August 06.

b) Local Performance Plan 2005-06: Shortfalls Update – Environment and Safety

1. Expanded our Kerbside Recycling Scheme to include cardboard, plastics and cans and extended the scheme to include nearly 95% of households in the Borough. However there have been problems with the ongoing delivery of this service, which resulted in a significant overspend, and impacted on our ability to achieve the 18% target. Investigations are underway to enable us to learn from the difficulties encountered and make positive changes in the context of the introduction of revised and enhanced waste, cleansing and recycling services during 2006.

Year-end position

See target 5 above.

Quarter 3 – on target

See target 5 above

2. Carried out an initial consultation with residents and businesses on the introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone in Central St Leonards to help to support changes to the way people travel and improve residential parking facilities. There will be further opportunity for consultation once the design of the scheme is completed.

Year-end position

See target 14 above.

Quarter 3 – on target

See target 14 above

- 3. Completed the enhancement of the towns key car parks by Autumn 2005, resulting in a major reduction in car crime within car parks and being awarded 12 'Safer Car Parks Awards'.**

Year-end position

Maintained all twelve awards, due for annual inspection by the awarding body in April 2007.

Quarter 3 - Target achieved and maintained

- 4. The introduction of 24 hour CCTV Monitoring of existing cameras has been delayed as the council is exploring the best and most cost effective delivery of the service in order to improve detection of crime and reduce the fear of crime in support of the evening economy and extended licensing hours.**

Year-end position

We are exploring funding options to extend the current operational hours to 24 hours for a period of one year.

Quarter 3

The introduction of 24 hour CCTV Monitoring service was put forward as part of the budget process, however it was agreed that the introduction of 24 hour CCTV monitoring is no longer a high priority for the council. Broader long term solutions for fully integrated CCTV monitoring being explored.

Housing Communities Neighbourhoods

Local Performance Plan update - 2006/07

Target 1 - Implement the new duties associated with the 2004 Housing Act in relation to Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) Licensing and the new Health and Safety Hazard rating system.

Corporate Plan Part III

Implemented the new duties under the 2004 Housing Act regarding Houses in Multiple Occupation and the new Safety Hazard rating system. We issued 28 licences/registrations to owners/managers of HMO's who were able to demonstrate that they and their properties met strict criteria and standards.

Year-end position - Achieved

Have implemented the new duties under the 2004 Housing Act for HMO's and issued 28 licences/registrations have been issued for this year which is 4 short of the annual target we set ourselves. As anticipated the volume of applications received increased significantly in qtr 4, however for a variety of reasons, such as incomplete forms or the failure to submit the required documentation in support of the application, etc, it was not always possible to issue Licences by year-end. Officers are working closely with these applicants to ensure that their applications ensure that applications conform to requirements and can be processed early in the new financial year.

Qtr 3 Progress - On Target

To date 23 licences/registrations have been issued. A further 19 applications have been received, which will be issued this year, exceeding the annual target of 32.

Qtr 2 Progress - On Target

The 2001 HMO Registration Scheme has now been passported into Additional HMO Licensing. To date 22 Licenses/registrations have been issued. Work is progressing well on the existing IT software, with appropriate training delivered. Factsheets have been sent to letting agents and landlords on the new Act and information delivered at the landlord's forums. Work is beginning on developing a partnership with an external agent to facilitate the use of management orders, including Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMO's).

Qtr 1 Progress

Significant progress has been made. All Officers are trained with regards to the new powers, Mandatory HMO licensing has been introduced and new application packs sent out. Enforcement provisions, including the ability to carry out works in default are in place. The councils existing IT software (MVM) is being further developed to aid with implementation of the Act.

Target 2 - Introduced additional licensing requirements in Castle ward, similar to those currently operating in Central St. Leonards, in order to improve housing standards for private tenants.

Corporate Plan Part III - Changes and Shortfalls

Although we were aiming to extend the licensing of buildings converted into flats into Castle Ward, Central Government has delayed issuing the relevant regulations to local authorities that would enable the development of an additional licensing scheme to take place. These are now anticipated in October 2007.

Year-end position - Change

The Government's delay in issuing the relevant regulations pertaining to buildings converted into flats, which is a necessary requirement for this target to be achieved, continues. The CLG have confirmed that the relevant government regulations will not be issued in April 2007 as expected, but will be further delayed. The regulations are not now expected until October 2007. It is therefore likely that this target will not be met for 07/08. This is entirely due to circumstances outside of the Council's control.

Qtr 3 Progress - Will not meet target

There have been a series of delays by central government in issuing the relevant guidance as to how the councils existing registration schemes can be passported into licensing. Government Regulations pertaining to buildings converted into flats are now expected to be issued by the DCLG until April 2007, which means that the Central St. Leonards Registration Scheme cannot be passported until after this date. It is likely that any extension of licensing into Castle ward will require that a new or separate additional licensing scheme be formally adopted. Therefore, it will not be possible to meet this target this year.

Qtr 2 Progress - Will not meet target

As stated in Qtr 1, Government Regulations pertaining to buildings converted into flats were expected in October 2006. The issuing of these Government Regulations has again been delayed by the DCLG, until April 2007.

Qtr 1 Progress

There have been delays by central government in issuing the relevant guidance as to how the councils existing registration schemes can be passported into licensing. Government Regulations pertaining to buildings converted into flats are now expected in Oct 06, which means that the Central St. Leonards Registration Scheme cannot be passported until after this date. It is likely that any extension of licensing into Castle ward will require that a new or separate additional licensing scheme be formally adopted. Therefore, it will not be possible to meet this target this year. This is entirely due to circumstances outside of the Council's control.

Target 3 - Continue to work with our preferred partner Registered Social Landlords, the Hastings and Bexhill Taskforce and other housing providers to deliver 70 affordable homes.

Corporate Plan Part III

With our partners successfully delivered 84 affordable homes, exceeding our target of 70 for the second consecutive year.

Year-end position - Achieved

A total of 84 affordable homes have been delivered this year, exceeding the target of 70 homes for the 2nd consecutive year
12 units of accommodation at Gillsmans Green, 12 units at 73 Filsham Road, 11 street acquisitions in Central St Leonards and 48 units at Lovat Mead. All these units are 1 and 2 bedroom accommodation. In addition Moat assisted 1 key worker household into affordable housing through Home Buy.

Qtr 3 Progress - On Target

12 affordable homes delivered this year. No further homes delivered in Q3. Projection is still that the target will be met in full, with a possible 70 units delivered in Q4. (48 units Orbit, 10 units Amicus, 12 units HCHA)

Qtr 2 Progress - On Target

No further units delivered in Q2. Projection is still that year end target will be achieved

Qtr 1 Progress

In quarter 1, 12 new affordable homes were delivered as part of a scheme at Gillsmans Green. Projections for the year indicate that the target of delivering 70 affordable homes will be met through developments at Filsham Road, Phase B Gillsmans Green and Lovat Mead.

Target 4 - Work with partners to achieve the year 1 milestones for 'Healthier Communities and Older People' contained within the 3 year East Sussex Local Area Agreement.

Corporate Plan Part III

Worked with partners to achieve the year 1 milestones for 'Healthier Communities and Older People' contained within the 3-year East Sussex Local Area Agreement.

Year-end position - Achieved

Healthier Hastings Partnership Board, Hastings LAA Project Team and the LSP Executive Delivery Group have reviewed Qtr 3 progress. The position is improving. Currently 72% of targets are green and 28% are amber (with none red). Qtr 4 progress will be reviewed in May/June 2007.

Qtr 3 Progress - On Target

Healthier Hastings Partnership Board, Hastings LAA Project Team and the LSP Executive Delivery Group have reviewed Qtr 2 progress. Currently 64% of targets are green and the remaining 36% are amber (with none red).

Qtr 2 Progress - On Target

Hastings LAA Project Team and LSP Executive Delivery Group reviewed Qtr 1 progress in October 2006. Health data available annually at Qtr 4.

Qtr 1 Progress

Executive Director Housing, Communities & Neighbourhoods is an active member of Healthier Hastings Partnership Board which oversees Community Strategy and LAA health targets. HBC LAA performance reporting arrangements agreed with LSP partners, ESCC and GOSE. Some baselines to be set at end of 2006/07.

Target 5 - Work with other Local Authorities, Registered Social Landlords and other housing providers across Sussex to develop a choice based letting scheme to enable us improve the way social housing is allocated and provide people in housing need with better choices.

Corporate Plan Part III

Worked with eight local authorities across Sussex to develop a 'choice based lettings scheme', which will improve the choices available to people in need of housing. The scheme is due to be launched in September 2007.

Year-end position - achieved

A Sussex wide CBL scheme has been developed and following Cabinet approval a sub regional CBL scheme will be implemented in 2007. Detailed project work is ongoing with an implementation date scheduled for September 2007.

Qtr 3 Progress - On Target

Scheme approval and budgetary provision agreed by Cabinet in December 06. Project on track for implementation Sept 07.

Qtr 2 Progress - On Target

As per Q1 work is ongoing. Scheme costs are still to be finalised and cost sharing to be agreed between partners. Anticipate that decisions will need to be made shortly in order to inform the budget setting process for 2007/8. Budgetary provision being recommended to Cabinet on 4th December 2006

Qtr 1 Progress

Work is ongoing to consider implementing a regional choice based letting scheme across Sussex. 'Sussex Homemove' is a choice based

lettings scheme for 8 Local Authorities across Sussex and if successful the scheme will be implemented in summer 07.

Scheme costs for future years have not yet been finalised and a formula for cost sharing between the partners has yet to be agreed. This remains the most significant risk to the scheme proceeding as planned.

Target 6 - Carry out a review of our existing Homelessness Strategy, including measures to minimise the use of temporary accommodation, with a view to adopting a revised strategy in 2007/8.

Corporate Plan Part III - Changes and Shortfalls

Due to a number of vacancies in the Housing Team we were unable to carry out a full review of our Homelessness Strategy. During 2007/08 we will undertake a multi-agency review of homelessness in the town and identify what else we, and our partners need to do to address this issue further. The outcome of this work will inform the new Homelessness Strategy that we need to have in place by the statutory deadline of July 2008.

Year-end position - slippage

The review of homelessness in Hastings did slip slightly as a result of staffing vacancies in the Housing Service earlier in the year. However, work is being rescheduled and will be carried out in 07/08 in consultation with partner agencies, stakeholders and service users. Findings of this review will inform a new homelessness strategy for adoption ahead of the statutory deadline of July 2008.

Qtr 3 Progress - On target

Work is now underway on a review of the existing homelessness strategy document with production of Interim action plan covering 07/08 anticipated by year end. A full review of homelessness will be carried out in 07/08 and will inform the new 2008-2013 strategy.

Qtr 2 Progress - On target

Initial work on scoping and developing project plan underway utilising temporary staffing. A Homelessness Strategy Health check is being carried out with regards to homelessness prevention in line with DCLG guidance. This is in advance of requirement for formal strategy review in 2008

Qtr 1 Progress

Work on this review is not scheduled to start till Q3 06. The most significant risk relates to staff shortages in the Housing Strategy and Development team who will be responsible for co-ordinating this work. It is hoped that adequate staffing will be in place by Sept 06 to begin the review.

Target 7 - Continue our focus on improving private sector housing in the Central St. Leonards Renewal Area through financial assistance and enforcement action, to achieve the Decent Homes Standard in respect of 30 properties occupied by vulnerable households.

Corporate Plan Part III

Improved 32 properties occupied by vulnerable households in Central St Leonards, either through enforcement action, or by providing financial assistance to achieve the Decent Homes Standard. This exceeded our target of 30 homes.

Year-end position - achieved

32 properties made Decent for 06/07, which means that the annual target of 30 has been exceeded.

Qtr 3 Progress - On target

21 properties made decent to date. It is therefore likely that the annual target will be met, if not exceeded.

Qtr 2 Progress - On target

10 properties made decent this quarter. It is therefore likely that the annual target will be met, if not exceeded.

Qtr 1 Progress

4 properties made decent this quarter. The implementation of the Housing Act 2004, has had a significant impact on Service Delivery, whilst we come to terms with new requirements. Performance will pick up in subsequent quarters.

Target 8 - Produce a design Guide for Central St. Leonard's to inform physical developments, support the urban renaissance of the town and commence delivery of the Single Regeneration Budget (SRB) funded priority projects for upgrading the public realm in Central St. Leonards, once approved by the South East of England Development Agency (SEEDA).

Corporate Plan Part III

Carried out work in Central St. Leonards to attract new residents and investors to the area by producing a Design Manual for Central St. Leonards to guide physical developments, appointing contractors to deliver regeneration projects in Silchester Road and the Marina and began consultation on proposals for Kings Road.

Year-end position – Achieved

The Design Manual was approved by Cabinet 2nd April 07. Silchester Road and Marina projects tender has been accepted and contractor appointed (Edmund Nuttall). Works are due to commence 8 May 07 over a period of 12 weeks. The programme for the work seeks to

complete works in the Marina area prior to the start of the summer holidays.

The County Council indicative funding commitment towards the Kings Road Corridor Project has been confirmed and broken down as follows: 08/09 - £200k, 09/10 - £300k, 10/11 - £100k. Option designs for Kings Road were shown to the public on 23rd and 24th Feb. It is intended to show final designs will be shown to the public on 14th July 07. The projects will be delivered in phases to minimise disruption.

Qtr 3 Progress - On Target

Final consultation on the Design Manual is on 24th January 07. ESCC considering CStL as a 'pilot area' as part of its public realm improvement strategy – subject to Lead Member approval and funding. Design Manual scheduled for Cabinet approval on 2nd April 07. A second follow up exhibition is planned for 23rd and 24th Feb 2007. This will primarily focus on designs for Kings Road Corridor Project. Final designs for other projects will also be shown. Tenders for Silchester and Marina project due to be returned on 2nd Feb 07, with works planned to be on site by 12th March 07 (20wks). Kings Road Corridor project awaiting ESCC funding decision 26th Feb 2007. Will be delivered in phases to minimise disruptions.

Qtr 2 Progress - On Target

Adoption of the Design Manual being pursued with ESCC. It will also be taken forward for HBC Cabinet approval in early 2007.

All SRB Funded projects commissioned. Major exhibition of projects held on 20th & 21st October 06. Exhibition was very well attended by over 700 people. Kings Road Improvements Plans to be shown Jan 2007. Expected completion of projects are as follows:

Seven Streets Pilot Project (Silchester Road) : Summer 2007; Marina Public Realm Improvements : Summer 2007; Kings Road Corridor: Spring 2009

Qtr 1 Progress

Design Manual Completed – July 2006. SRB Bid approved by SEEDA May 2006. All projects to be completed by 2008/09 – with two being completed during 07/08. Project Team established with the involvement of ESCC, SEEDA, HBC (Capital Projects, Planning, Highways, Parking & a representative from the Forum). All projects are being led by Pranesh Datta, CStL Neighbourhood Manager.

Target 9 - Establish and develop with partner organisations a new Home Improvement Agency with a view to improving advice and services for vulnerable, elderly, or disabled people, including the adaptation of 110 homes through provision of Disabled Facilities Grants.

Corporate Plan Part III

Developed a new Home Improvement Agency to improve advice services and adapted 110 homes for people who are vulnerable, elderly, or disabled.

Year-end position - Achieved

110 homes adapted in 06/07

Qtr 3 Progress - On target

To date 79 homes have been adapted, which means that we are on track to deliver the annual target for the year.

Qtr 2 Progress – Achieved + On target

The agency is now fully operational

17 homes adapted in qtr 2, which is below the milestone, though when combined with qtr 1 means we are on track to deliver the annual target.

Qtr 1 Progress

New agency operational and 44 Homes adapted in Quarter 1, which is above the Q1 milestone figure.

Target 10 - As part of an annual review, assess the effectiveness of our current financial assistance policy for poor condition private sector housing and revise accordingly.

Corporate Plan Part III - Changes and Shortfalls

Although we successfully reviewed and revised our Financial Assistance Policy, there has been a delay in adopting the new policy to enable proper consultation to be carried out. The revised policy is scheduled for adoption by Cabinet in June 2007.

Year-end position - Shortfall

The proposed policy is currently subject to public consultation, which ends in May 2007. The revised policy is scheduled for adoption by Cabinet in June 2007.

Qtr 3 Progress - On target

Draft policy to be considered by Cabinet 2nd April 07, following consultation with key stakeholders.

Qtr 2 Progress - On target

The policy is currently being revised and options being considered. A revised policy will be in place by year end.

Qtr 1 Progress

Work is progressing well. Proposals for changes are being considered and at this time the review appears to be on track.

Target 11 - As part of our 5 year Housing Strategy for the town:

- **Where owners resist all efforts and encouragement to deal effectively with long-term empty, dilapidated or poorly managed property, develop a programme of Compulsory Purchase Orders and/or Empty Dwelling Management Orders to tackle the problem.**
- **Carry out a new private sector housing condition survey enabling the Council to revise private sector policies and programmes for achieving Decent Home targets.**

Corporate Plan Part III

As part of our 5 year Housing Strategy for the town:

- Brought 78 empty or dilapidated properties back into use (exceeding our target of 72)
- Developed a Compulsory Purchase Order Programme to acquire land in cases where property for residential use has fallen into disrepair and it seems unlikely that the owner intends to repair it and all other options have failed to deliver the desired outcome.

Changes and Shortfall

Work to carry out a private sector housing condition survey to help us meet our Decent Homes Targets has been delayed to enable us to work jointly with Eastbourne Borough Council and Rother District Council. This process, although lengthier, will allow us to share costs, methodology and information.

Year-end position – In part

Empties brought back into use – Achieved

78 properties brought back into use in 06/07, exceeding annual target of 72.

Development of the CPO programme – Achieved/ongoing

The use of CPO/EDMO's is available to the Council where all other options have failed to deliver the desired outcome. Housing Improvement Task Group Meetings continue to identify potential properties/sites, though to date, where identified other options have been successful in delivering the outcome needed.

Stock Condition Survey – Slippage

This project is now being jointly procured with both Rother and Eastbourne. Joint procurement has distinct advantages, in terms of cost sharing, a common methodology, information sharing and the development of robust comparable statistics and that can be analysed cross borough. Nevertheless with Eastbourne joining the process at this late stage has led to slight but unavoidable delays in tendering.

Qtr 3 Progress - On target

To date 60 properties have been brought back into use, well on track to meet the annual target of 72. Meetings are being organised with key players on the development of the CPO programme. Work continues

on the development of a partnership with an external agent to facilitate the use of Empty Dwelling Management Orders (EDMO's), with one potential identified for an EDMO. Condition Survey will be commissioned (jointly with Rother and potentially Eastbourne) before year end, though the actual survey work will be carried out in 07/08.

Qtr 2 Progress - On target

30 properties brought back into use this quarter and we are set to achieve the annual target. Expressions of interest have been received and the tender documentation is due to go out shortly. The procurement of this work may be extended to further LA's within East Sussex. Funding for survey approved 6th November Cabinet.

Qtr 1 Progress

7 properties brought back into use. A number of properties are due in subsequent quarters and we are currently on target to deliver the annual target. The draft advert is currently out for consultation to ensure the survey will give the Council the data it needs. This is being done in partnership with Rother.

Target 12 - Implement with our partners an area co-ordination approach to service delivery and engage communities in setting priorities and agreeing Area Delivery Plans, through area conferences and Area Management Boards.

Corporate Plan Part III

Implemented Area Coordination, a new approach to service delivery organising the town into four zones; set up strategic Area Management Boards, area focussed structures including elected Members, residents and representatives of key services promoting a neighbourhood approach to addressing key local issues and devising locally appropriate solutions.

Year-end position - achieved

The Area Delivery Plans for 06/07 have been approved and monitored by the AMBs through the Local Area Agreement monitoring mechanism as they mirror the LAA targets. Throughout the monitoring process it was identified that the narrowing of the gap between the worst performing areas and the rest continues even though some of the Borough's performance has dropped in areas such as Community Safety and Education.

Qtr 3 Progress - On Target

All four Area Boards have now met and approved the Area Delivery Plans and monitored the performance.

Qtr 2 Progress -On Target

The membership of the four Area Boards has been finalised. All of the training seminars including a networking event have been carried out. Area Board meetings took place during October and November.

Qtr 1 Progress

Area Delivery Plan priorities have been set in line with the LAA. They capture some of the priorities set out by local communities. The delivery plans are currently under construction and will be completed by end of Aug 06. Area coordination seminars are currently being carried out and the first Area Boards will meet towards end of Sept 06

Target 13 - Ensure that the funding commissioned for neighbourhood renewal activity is spent on addressing the worst problems in the town's priority areas to narrow the gap between our most deprived areas and the rest of the country.

Corporate Plan Part III

Spent £1.5m as part of our Neighbourhood Renewal Programme, which focuses on narrowing the gap between deprived areas and the rest of the country, by supporting projects such the Warden Scheme, Inclusive Learning Tutors to work with young people, smoking cessation classes, work placement programmes and environmental clean-ups to improve the local area.

Year-end position - achieved

The 2006/07 NRF spend position is in line with the Government recommended target of 95%. For Neighbourhood Element this is at 90%. Apart from tackling dispersal, all of the NRF and NE funds have been spent in the most deprived SOAs in the Borough. Out of £1.5million 21% spent on crime reduction, 15% towards educational attainment, 6% Employment and Training, 13% on Health improvements, 5% on Liveability, 22% on LSP support and Administration and 18% on cross cutting thematic activities.

Qtr 3 Progress -On Target

Six monthly review was carried out and a report was produced for the commissioning group. The projects, which were underperforming, were put on special measures. As a result they are being monitored monthly. Preparation is under way for the 2007-08 commissioning.

Qtr 2 Progress -On Target

The Commissioned projects are being performance managed and the second quarter returns were received in Oct and are being reviewed. The performance is being reported to the AMBs and forms part of the reporting of LAA mandatory targets.

Qtr 1 Progress

Following a successful commissioning round completed in Feb 06 the Neighbourhood Renewal (NR) commissioned activities are currently being delivered to the most deprived neighbourhoods. 100% of Neighbourhood Element funds were also decided via the Commissioning Group and are being allocated to the three most deprived SOAs to enhance and improve NR activity. They cut across all five NR themes and manage to draw down additional funding for the activities. Currently the Performance Management for Q1 is being

gathered under and new PM criteria recommended by NR advisers. Government Office has identified the Commissioning process as national good practice and are happy with the progress we have made so far.

Target 14 - Work with partners to ensure the Local Strategic Partnership continues to develop its role as the 'umbrella' partnership for Hastings, publicise progress achieved towards meeting Community Strategy targets and address shortfalls in performance.

Corporate Plan Part III

Worked as a partner on the Local Strategic Partnership to review progress against the town's Community Strategy Targets. In June 2006, achieved an amber/green traffic light rating from the Government Office for the South East for performance, thereby releasing further funding to continue the work of the Neighbourhood Renewal Team.

Year-end position - achieved

The Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) and the Executive Delivery Group have met throughout the year to review progress against the Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement paying particular attention to those areas of under performance. At the Government Office South East (GOSE) annual review which was held in June the LSP was given an Amber Green rating which released further funding for the continued work of the Neighbourhood Renewal team.

Qtr 3 Progress -On Target

The EDG and LSP reviewed the progress of the LAA against all Outcomes. The LAA refresh was completed for Outcome 23. The LSP was given an Amber/Green in the GOSE annual review. Work is ongoing in developing Improvement Plans with the assistance of Neighbourhood Renewal Advisers to address shortfalls in performance.

Qtr 2 Progress - On Target

Recent meetings have included presentations and Community Strategy reporting from Healthier Hastings P/ship and the Economic Alliance. A session was held for LSP partners to contribute towards the LDF process. The second meeting of the LAA Project team was held to review progress of targets in the LAA and specifically Outcome 23.

Qtr 1 Progress

Progress against the Community Strategy up to end Dec. 05 reported in the local Observer. Supplement to the Community Strategy including progress to end March 06 and targets to take forward to 2008-13 published in June About Magazine. GOSE annual review meeting held 29th June 06.

Target 15 - Support the voluntary and community sector by allocating funding through the Community Partnership Fund, the Small Grants Fund and the Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Projects Fund.

Corporate Plan Part III

Distributed £580,000 worth of grants to support community and voluntary organisations, community initiatives including arts, sport and play activities and black and minority ethnic projects.

Year-end position - achieved

Distributed £589,440 of grants in line with Council priorities through the Community Partnership Fund; the Small Grants Fund for community initiatives, arts, sport and play activities; and the fund for BME projects.

Qtr 3 Progress - On Target

£582,440 allocated to 19 voluntary organisations and to support the community transport and small grants programmes in 2007/2008

Qtr 2 Progress - On Target

Applications to Community Partnership Fund closed 15.09.06.
Monitoring of grants distributed in 2005/2006 completed.

Qtr 1 Progress

Small Grants Fund £8,662 allocated across all themes, arts, sports, play and community initiatives. BME Grants Fund £12,735 allocated to 13 organisations to support BME activity. Consultation on Community Partnership Fund priorities for 2007/08 completed. Monitoring of grants for 2005/06 in progress.

Target 16 - Continue to support and engage with different sectors of the community by working with the Young Persons' Council and Youth Forum, Seniors' Forum, Hastings & Rother Disability Forum and the Black and Minority Ethnic community

Corporate Plan Part III

Supported a range of community groups to enable us to engage better with the communities we serve by:

- Extending the number of Young People affiliated to the Young Persons' Council by creating 'associated members' to meet the demand for an avenue for involvement in the YPC once all the elected positions are filled
- Participating in European Day of the Disabled to raise awareness of Disability issues
- Supporting the Seniors' Forum in launching their own website and organising a Quality of Life event to highlight issues affecting older people
- Establishing the Hastings Intercultural Organisation - a new network of people representing all races, cultures and faiths

Year-end position - achieved

Young Persons' Council extended to include associate membership
Worked with the Hastings and Rother Disability Forum to continue to raise awareness of disability issues. Successful Arts Festival held for European

Day of the Disabled. Supported the Seniors Forum and its partners including a successful quality of life event. Established a new Special Interest Group for health and social care issues and launched a new website. Continued to develop good relationships with members of the BME communities. With voluntary sector partners established a new Hastings Intercultural Organisation.

Qtr 3 Progress - On Target

Weekly meetings of YPC supported. New YPC members recruited and team building residential successfully held. Seniors Forum held open meeting on Older People's Manifesto and first of planned regular meetings with HBC Cllrs. Disability Forum held Housing event, Q and A session for Local Democracy Week and whole day Arts Festival for European Day of the Disabled. Continued facilitation of regular meetings with representatives of the BME communities is resulting in new Hastings Intercultural Organisation being established.

Qtr 2 Progress - On Target

Weekly meetings of YPC supported. New Constitution adopted. Recruitment of new members of YPC for 2007 commenced. Seniors Forum held very successful open meetings on Transport 11.07.06 and Community Safety 28.09.06. Participated in St Leonards Festival and the Well Being Day and attracted new members. Working with other agencies to develop Older People's Manifesto. Disability Forum undertook a town centre walk with Town Centre Manager to highlight disability issues 06.07.06 together with site visit to Pelham car park with Parking Manager. Achieved successful funding bid to Awards for All. An independent Neighbourhood Renewal adviser facilitated multi stakeholder meetings to explore ways towards more effective multi stakeholder partnership working with the BME communities.

Qtr 1 Progress

Weekly meetings of YPC supported. Successful team building day and trip to Houses of Parliament organised. Seniors Forum very successful Quality of Life event has led to liaison with Active Hastings team. Participation in several community events e.g. Charities Fair. Disability Forum participation in community events. Joint meeting with Seniors Forum to discuss consultation on cycling in pedestrian areas. Participation in HBC Disability Duty project group. Engagement with representatives of the BME communities to develop a model for participation

b) Local Performance Plan 2005-06: Shortfalls Update – Housing, Communities and Neighbourhoods

1. Due to changes in approach by our partners it has not been possible to bring 50 units of Temporary Accommodation into use through private sector leasing. We are reviewing this in light of revised government targets and changing housing practices. Work to develop alternative proposals will continue through 2006/07.

Year-end position - Shortfall

It has not been possible to bring an additional 50 units of Temporary Accommodation into use through private sector leasing in 2006/7. We are reviewing this target in the light of revised Government guidance on the need to reduce all temporary accommodation usage by half by 2010 nationally. Work will continue on alternative means of minimising Bed & Breakfast usage in 2007/8. Discussions will continue with our partners regarding modifications to the existing PSL scheme.

Qtr 3 Progress

A proposal for a phased replacement of the existing private sector leasing scheme is currently being finalised with Avenue Lettings. Discussions are also continuing with alternative providers of PSL schemes. However, given the central government target of halving temporary accommodation usage by 2010, and following recent discussions with The CLG homelessness directorate, it is no longer envisaged that there will be any further overall expansion of temporary accommodation provision in 2006/7 or beyond.

The existing target will be revised for future years and will reflect a planned year on year reduction in temporary accommodation use.

Qtr 2 Progress

No further progress to report at Q2. Discussions ongoing with potential partners.

Qtr 1 Progress

Consideration is still being given to how best to deal with competing government policy objectives of halving overall temporary accommodation usage by 2010 whilst further reducing the Council's expenditure & reliance on B&B. Work is continuing to identify possible alternative schemes and expressions of interest may be sought from potential providers in due course. In the meantime, the existing private sector leasing scheme (Avenue Lettings) continues to source additional units of temporary accommodation.

Leisure and Culture

Local Performance Plan update - 2006/07

Target 1 - Start implementing the action plan (to be agreed in Spring 2006) to improve indoor leisure facilities by replacing or upgrading Summerfields and Falaise Leisure Centres as part of the Council's commitment to the 2012 Olympic legacy

Corporate Plan Part III

Changes and Shortfalls

Funding has been agreed to carry out a feasibility study to assess the potential of a new leisure development in the White Rock area. However, the Council did not formally adopt an action plan to improve indoor leisure facilities.

Quarter 4 Progress - Change

Funding has been agreed for a feasibility study and masterplan for provision of new facilities in the White Rock Area. Discussions have been held with many partners and stakeholders to guide and inform the work to be undertaken. If the development is considered viable, the work will include development of an action plan for delivery of new facilities. However, no formal action plan has been adopted.

Q3 Slippage possible

Cabinet approved funding for a Feasibility Study and Masterplan for White Rock Area. Additional management resources have been provided to accelerate progress in the commissioning of consultants

Q2 Slippage possible

Planning brief to produce a masterplan for White Rock area to include the potential of new leisure facilities being considered.

Q1

Consultants initial feasibility study now complete. Delay in progress to enable new administration to be briefed on work to date and study recommendations.

Target 2 - Implement an Improvement Plan addressing the issues raised in our recent inspection of Cultural Services including producing a long-term vision for Culture, strengthening management capacity, introducing customer charters, and further investment in Leisure facilities.

Corporate Plan Part III

Good progress has been made towards addressing some of the issues raised following the inspection of our Cultural Services, these include the introduction of customer pledges for leisure management and grounds maintenance and £0.5m investment in leisure provision by our contractor. A cultural mapping

exercise has been undertaken and this will be used to inform the new vision for cultural services.

Quarter 4 Progress - Change

Good progress has been made on the cultural service improvements. Proposals to strengthen management capacity have been superseded by the senior management restructuring which aims to create more empowered, stronger 'Heads of Service'.

Q3 On target

Good progress. A number of actions have been achieved regarding the specific cultural service improvements, including customer charters put in place for grounds maintenance and leisure contracts, a cultural mapping exercise has been undertaken and a strengthening of management capacity is underway. Reports from other services will detail progress made on the corporate issues.

Q2 On target

Comments from Audit Commission incorporated into revised Improvement Plan, which has been submitted to the Audit Committee. Senior management restructure progressing.

Q1

Improvement plan submitted to the Audit Commission. Consultations undertaken with staff on Senior Management restructure proposals. Customer charter introduced for Grounds maintenance. Good progress on Charter for leisure centres

Target 3 - Secure, with partners a sustainable future for St Mary in the Castle as part of the wider plans for the Pelham area.

Corporate Plan Part III

Secured a sustainable future for St. Mary in The Castle by agreeing a five-year lease (subject to contract), which will ensure public access and ongoing availability for arts and events.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

A five-year lease has been agreed (subject to contract) which will ensure public access and ongoing availability for arts activity and events.

Q3 Achieved

Cabinet, in Quarter 4, approved a lease for the building

Q2 On target with exceptions

Work continuing with partners to explore options for use of St. Mary-in-the-Castle. SeaSpace has deferred the Pelham Development until key economic conditions are met.

Q1

Short-term arrangements in place for continuing SOCO gallery and limited hires of auditorium. Discussions commenced with agencies on addressing medium term options for Pelham area

Target 4 - Commence the first year of the Active Hastings programme to generate increased activity particularly for younger and older people through managed programmes using the five new multi use games areas and other leisure venues.

Corporate Plan Part III

Engaged over 1,200 people in the Active Hastings Programme, which promotes active lifestyles for people of all ages and abilities through easy, fun activities such as walking, cycling, fishing and ball games.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

Achieved with the exception of ongoing negotiations delaying full access to the Torfield MUGA site.

Q3 On target with exceptions

The issues with Torfield School regarding installation of the final MUGA have been resolved and orders ?? placed to effect agreed strategy.

Work is programmed in quarter 4 to complete installation???

Outstanding issues with the main contractor over delays to project completion are being pursued. The autumn programme was successfully completed and the winter programme started on 15th January. Active Hastings has engaged 1,278 people over the last 8 months, 206 of these people stated that they had not taken part in any physical activities in the last 12 months

Q2 On target with exceptions

Active Hastings Community Workers have been in post since May 2006. Over 1.000 local people (all ages) registered and participated during the August Summer programme. The current autumn programme delivers over 40 activities (interventions) per week. Girls Gettin' Active is an example of a popular established intervention which engages young women. The format was originally developed by Active Hastings and has been adopted by Brighton and Rother councils.

Lease arrangements for The Grove are shortly to be concluded.

Remaining issues at Torfield on public access to the site are under discussion. Negotiations with ESCC/ Governors of Torfield are continuing.

Q1

Active Hastings team recruited and programme commenced. Three multi use games areas open, remaining two: work substantially complete but snagging and agreements not completed.

Risk in delays of satisfactorily completing work and legal agreements by start of summer holidays. Action: legal pressure applied to contractor to complete snagging work: pressure on ESCC to conclude draft legal agreement.

Active Hastings – programme in place.

Target 5 - Work with partners to achieve the year 1 milestones for 'Children and Young People' contained within the 3 year East Sussex Local Area Agreement

Corporate Plan Part III

In our role as the lead authority, we worked closely with partners to achieve the year 1 milestones for 'Children and Young People' contained within the East Sussex Local Area Agreement.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

In our role as the lead authority, we worked closely with partners to achieve the year 1 milestones for 'Children and Young People' contained within the East Sussex Local Area Agreement.

Q3 On target

Continuing formal monitoring of progress with ESCC

Q2 On target

Continuing formal monitoring of progress with ESCC

Q1

Work commenced through lead group to establish baseline data for target indicators

Target 6 - Implement the final year action plan of the partnership Youth Strategy, which addresses the needs of 8 – 19 year olds identified in '04.

Corporate Plan Part III

Delivered the Hastings and St. Leonards Youth Strategy Action Plan 2004 – 2007 and transferred ongoing targets to the Local Children's Services Planning Group, led by East Sussex County Council who are taking over responsibility for this work.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

On-going targets built in to the work of the Local Children's Services Planning Group.

Q3 On target

Final year target review of progress to date indicates strong delivery against action plan. Report on the outcomes of the 3-year action to be submitted to the LSP

Q2 On target

Final year target review of progress to date indicates strong delivery against action plan.

Q1

Good progress on meeting targets in action plan, when measured against Young People Citizens Panel results (overall satisfaction up by 6.1% in 2006 from the 2005 baseline of 48.6%)

Target 7 - Start implementing the improvement plan for the Cliff Railways seeing over £400k invested over two years.

Corporate Plan Part III

Completed repairs to the West Hill Lift as part of a three year plan to carry out improvements to the Cliff Railways.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

The repair and replacement of items to the West Hill Cliff Railway have now been completed to schedule. Further planning and specification is now required to develop the items phased for 2007/08 and beyond.

Q3 On Target

Works commenced on to West Hill Cliff Railway on 20/11/06 and are currently on schedule. East Hill Cliff Railway project planning started January 2007.

Q2 On target

Tenders received within budget, some further information required from contractor before contract can be signed. Works now expected to commence in December.

Q1

Tenders are being prepared for new track at the West Hill railway to allow works to proceed in November

Target 8 - Start implementation of the Open Spaces Strategy action plan to improve physical access and achieve quality open spaces around the town.

Corporate Plan Part III

Made improvements to the landscape in Gensing Gardens and Ore Churchyard as part of our Open Spaces Strategy Action Plan.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

Improvements to Gensing Gardens and Ore Churchyard have been made, within a very short timescale, and these will have achieved the 4% improvement required under Community Strategy Target 20 (subject to re-audit). Action Plan is in place to meet 2007/08 targets.

Q3 On Target

The Parks & Open Spaces Strategy was adopted by Cabinet on 4th December 2006. We are working towards meeting 2006/07 targets in the final quarter and have developed Action Plans to manage this work.

Q2 Will not meet target

The Parks & Open Spaces strategy is still to be adopted by Cabinet, and therefore delaying the implementation of the Action Plan.

Q1

Strategy adoption delayed.

Refinements to strategy require final consultation with lead agencies and review

First year action plan being developed to meet current year target.

Target 9 - Play a lead role in the Hastings and Bexhill Culture Sector Group, set up to deliver objectives in the Cultural and Community Strategy and to secure external funding

Corporate Plan Part III

Played a lead role on the Hastings and Bexhill Culture Sector Group in mapping out the cultural sector.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

Mapping of the Cultural Sector has been undertaken and further work planned to make effective use of the information within the Group.

Q3 On target

Work has been undertaken on mapping the cultural sector in Hastings and Bexhill – a report will be made to partners in quarter 4.

Q2 On target

Second phase of detailed mapping work has begun to quantify contributions made by LSP partners and partnerships to the cultural agenda

Q1

Cultural Mapping work for Hastings and Bexhill completed to help inform Cultural Vision and objectives. Work begun.

Target 10 - Agree a vision and sustainable future business plan with Rother District and East Sussex County Council for Pebsham Countryside Park

Corporate Plan Part III

Changes and Shortfalls

Work to agree a vision and business plan with Rother District and East Sussex County Council for Pebsham Countryside Park has been delayed whilst issues over land ownership and financial concerns are resolved.

Quarter 4 Progress - Shortfall

Development and Business Plans adopted by Pebsham Countryside Park Steering Group. To be presented to Cabinet during second quarter 2007/08, following meetings between the authorities to resolve land ownership and financial concerns.

Q3 On target with risks identified

HBC comments on draft business plan submitted to Pebsham Countryside Park Steering Group on 22nd January 2007. Hastings Borough Council is one of three partners, and a number of key issues need to be resolved before we are satisfied with the business plan.

Q2 On target

There were delays in engaging consultants to develop the business plan. This work is now underway and the Pebsham Countryside Park Steering Group will receive the draft plan at its meeting in January 2007.

Q1

Development Strategy written as preliminary draft and agreed in principle by Steering Group. Business plan to be developed for September Steering Group and in time for budget round

Target 11 - Carry out works to St. Leonards Gardens following the successful bid for external funding, in order to improve the fabric and access to the gardens.

Corporate Plan Part III

Commenced the restoration of St. Leonards Gardens, part of a two year project to restore the Regency landscape and South Lodge.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

The physical restoration is nearly 30% complete (31.03.07) and current budget spent is £313k. Wet weather had led to some delays but the project is still on target.

Q3 On target

Project to timetable. Expenditure at end of 3rd quarter is £136k (10% completed).

Q2 On target

Slight delay in contract works starting, contractors on site October 2006. Second steering group meeting planned for October 2006.

Q1

Contracts signed with HLF and contract awarded for the works.
Contracted works to start August

Target 12 - Continue to support the Play Forum and bid for the 'Big Lottery Fund Children's Play Initiative' funding to support play activities with our partners.

Corporate Plan Part III

Continued to support the Play Forum and submitted a funding bid to the 'Big Lottery Fund Children's Play Initiative' to support play activities.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

Bid submitted in March.

Q3 On target

Bid portfolio of £360k agreed with Play Forum and strategy developed for inclusion in bid. Reporting to Cabinet in March for approval of bid.

Q2 On target

Working with Play Forum and others to develop bid portfolio for submission in March 07

Q1

Work commenced on outline bid to be submitted to Big Lottery Fund; November round.

Target 13 - Complete the £1.2m improvements project at Hastings Museum and Art Gallery to improve the gallery and access, and extend the Museum outreach programme for schools and community groups.

Corporate Plan Part III**Changes and Shortfalls**

We have successfully delivered a Museums outreach programme for schools and community groups engaging 271 people. The reopening of Hastings Museum and Art Gallery will take place in July 2007 offering full disabled access and a wide range of new displays and facilities. This is slightly later than planned due a setback caused by the discovery and removal of asbestos during the building work.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

Outreach activities.

Change

Delay in re-opening from May 2007 to July 2007 due to discovery of asbestos during building work.

Q3 Will not meet target

Museum Improvements: Contractors have requested two further extensions to contract to January and now March 2007 (in the main attributable to additional groundworks and discovery of asbestos with knock-on effect on sub-contractors' timescales). An additional cost claim will arise. The Museum staff are working alongside builders to complete fitting out of displays by July 2007 with soft opening earlier if possible.

Educational outreach: 20 Week partnership project in Hollington with University of Sussex CCE completed. Results to be displayed at opening. Reminiscence workshops on Hastings in 1964 arranged for February & March with display and performance after re-opening. Some slippage of activities to fit with amended re-opening date.

Q2 Will not meet target

Museum Contractors state 70% of extension completed, 75% of reception area, 50% of display galleries and 0% of external ramp; 6 months will be required by Museum to carry out display work. Re-opening now likely to be June '07. Delays due to asbestos removal and additional groundworks.

Educational Outreach: *Our School* project with 4 schools completed, 4 planning meetings held for Cultural Diversity project and delivery of two workshops

Q1

Contractors state that first phase of electrical and heating works are 95% completed, 45% of extension constructed, 40% of reception area, 25% of new display galleries. Delay of 8 weeks on building work due to discovery and removal of asbestos, contract now finishes early October, then 6 months required for staff to complete displays, projected opening May 2007.

Target 14 - Prepare proposals and bid for external funding to provide beach volleyball and other games as part of improvements to our seafront leisure facilities

Corporate Plan Part III

Changes and Shortfalls

We carried out a feasibility study to find a suitable location on the seafront for beach volleyball, however the study produced a proposal that was not financially viable for the Council to undertake. We are now working closely with Hastings Old Town Residents Association to bid for external funding for two sand courts and a replacement beach patrol building.

Quarter 4 Progress - Change

The Study did not identify a viable scheme. Work with a community group to change the scope of the proposals and develop a financially sustainable option has resulted in the group adopting the scheme and preparing bids for external funding.

Q3 On target with exceptions

Further options are being explored.

Q2 On target with exceptions

Currently exploring other options for a reduced community facility – this will inform the likelihood of future bids.

Q1

First stage feasibility study completed. Further discussions and consultation required. Future of project to be discussed with new Lead Members prior to any further progress.

Target 15 - Bid for Heritage Lottery Funding to improve access to the Castle and interpretation facilities.

Corporate Plan Part III

Changes and Shortfalls

As part of our plans to improve access to and interpretation facilities at Hastings Castle, we have set aside money in our capital programme and are seeking additional contributions from external funding sources. The scheme has support in principle from English Heritage and we hope to appoint architects to commence the first phase of the scheme, which will enable disabled access to the West Hill Cliff Railway, in early Summer 2007.

Quarter 4 Progress - Shortfall

End of year position is that HBC capital programme is in place, and we are currently exploring the feasibility of different external funding combinations. The two phases of the scheme have support in principle from English Heritage and we hope to appoint architects for Phase 1, West Hill Cliff Railway in the next four weeks.

Quarter 3

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Quarter 2

Slippage possible

Investigating potential gap funding opportunities to assist phasing the project prior to the bid being submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Quarter 1

Feasibility study substantially complete. Bid to be submitted in next qtr. Investigation works on West Hill Cliff Railway top station for DDA access underway. Shortfall: Minor Slippage in outline timetable.

b) Local Performance Plan 2005-06: Shortfalls Update: Leisure and Culture

1. Work to undertake a potential joint feasibility study to identify a transit site for travellers and gypsies for the eastern part of the County, has been delayed to enable a County wide Gypsy and Travellers Needs Assessment to take place to inform this work and a new revised timetable has now been drawn up to take this into account.

Year-end position:

Achieved

The feasibility study, consultation and reporting to Cabinet was all successfully achieved.

Q3 On target

Consultation phase commenced 9th January 2007. Awareness raising and site shortlisting completed.

2. The submitted bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the restoration work in St Leonards Gardens was successful in achieving a £999,500 award, however a delay to the decision made by the Heritage Lottery Fund means work will now commence in July 2006.

Year-end position:

Achieved

The feasibility study, consultation and reporting to Cabinet was all successfully achieved.

Q3 On target

Refer to target 11 above

3. Work continued on developing a Parks and Open Spaces Strategy by carrying out an audit of all parks and open spaces in the Borough and completing consultation on the draft, the strategy will be submitted for Cabinet approval during 2006

Year-end position:

Achieved

The Parks and Open Spaces Strategy was adopted by cabinet in December 2006 and the Community Strategy Target 20 linked to the Action Plan for 2006/07 was also achieved.

Q3 On target

Refer to 8 above

4. Work to produce a Museum Online Catalogue is ongoing, with 60% of local photographs having been scanned. This will allow the public access to historical local views through the internet and is expected to be completed by 2007/08.

Year-end position:

Shortfall

Over 2,500 local photographs, a third of the Museum's photographs, have now been scanned for the Museum's online catalogue. Problems with software has meant the launch of internet access is now programmed for 2007/08.

Q3 On target

Over 2,220 photographic images now scanned with help from Museum Assistants during closure of Museum. Some software problems, now resolved. Still hoping to release sections of photograph collections on website by target date, with appropriate IT support

5. Work to complete a Biodiversity Action Plan was delayed so that the requirements of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act, which came into force in April 2006, could be taken into account. This places a statutory duty on local authorities to consider the conservation of biodiversity in their policy and decision making procedures. A final draft will be presented to Cabinet later in 2006.

Year-end position:

Achieved

Successfully completed and adopted by Cabinet.

Q3 Achieved

Regeneration & Planning - Local Performance Plan update - 2006/07

Target 1 - Work with partners in the Hastings and Bexhill Task Force to ensure that the planned large-scale regeneration projects are realised at the earliest opportunity for the benefit of the local community, in particular:

- **Work closely with Task Force partners to bring forward proposals for the Town Centre and Ore Valley.**
- **Work with the Task Force, Learning and Skills Council and other partners to ensure the development of Station Plaza**

Corporate Plan Part III

Worked with the Hastings and Bexhill Task Force to proceed with new developments in Ore Valley, Priory Quarter and Station Plaza, which have now been granted planning permission. Work is well underway at Lacuna Place, previously known as the Gap Site.

Quarter 4 Progress – Achieved

Planning application for a new College at Parker Road in Ore Valley by the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) was approved in January. Applications for mixed use developments at Station Plaza including a new College for the LSC and at Priory Quarter both in the Town Centre were considered by a special meeting of the Planning Committee in March and resolution made to grant permission. Ore Valley application is to be considered by a special meeting of the Planning Committee in April (just into Q1 of the next year). Works are well underway at Lacuna Place (Gap site) for a mixed use scheme.

Quarter 3 Progress - On Target

Applications on Ore Valley, Priory Quarter, Parker Road College site and Station Plaza all under consideration, it is expected that they will be considered by the Board in Q4. The Parker Road College site proposal has been approved at the Planning Committee in February. Demolition on the Gap site (Lacuna Place) is due to be completed in January and construction of the new building is due to commence in January.

Quarter 2 progress - On Target

Outline planning applications have been received for Ore Valley and Priory Quarter from Sea Space. Detailed applications were received in November for Station Plaza and Ore College site.

Work on the Gap Site (Lacuna Place) - demolition commenced on site in November and construction will begin just after Christmas.

Sea Space consider that the exterior of Marina Pavilion is due to be completed by Christmas 2006. The interior fitting out will follow when a tenant has been agreed.

Quarter 1 Progress

We have continued to meet regularly with Sea Space and Amicus/1066 to bring forward the developments at Ore Valley and Station Plaza Planning Permission has been granted for a revised scheme for the development of the Gap site in Havelock Road with no education use. Planning applications are expected in the autumn for Station Plaza, the Ore College site and in outline form for Millennium Communities in Ore Valley and for the Priory Quarter area of the Town Centre.

Target 2 - Provide an efficient and effective planning service that meets or exceeds Government targets on performance and continues to attract Planning Delivery Grant reward money.

Corporate Plan Part III

Delivered an effective and efficient Planning Service and exceeded Best Value Performance Indicator targets for application turnaround times.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved (exceeded target)

Major 71.43% (5 out of 7)
Minor 91.76% (78 out of 85)
Other 92.92% (105 out of 113)

Quarter 3 - On Target

Major 100% (8 decisions)
Minor 92.42% (61 out of 66)
Other 93.80% (121 out of 129)

Quarter 2 – On Target

Major 90.91% (10 out of 11)
Minor 84.13% (53 out of 63)
Other 96.12% (124 out of 129)

Quarter 1

Major applications: Target 68% Achieved 100%
Minor applications: Target 78% Achieved 88.52%
Other: Target 87% Achieved 94.50%

Target 3 - Develop a Local Development Framework for Hastings by engaging the local community and stakeholders in its production to ensure the policies and proposals properly reflect Borough wide needs and aspirations.

Corporate Plan Part III

Continued to work on the Local Development Framework, which lays out where building development can take place over the next 15 years, adopted a Statement of Community Involvement and consulted widely on the Core Strategy Issues and Options.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation results published in February 2007. Second meeting of Local Development Framework Briefing Group held 5th February. Revised timetable for preparation of Local Development Framework co-ordinated with Rother and agreed with Government Office for the South East - due to be considered by Cabinet 2nd April. Local experts and stakeholders took part in sustainability appraisal workshops in March 2007.

Quarter 3 – On target

Core Strategy Issues and Options consultation undertaken Nov – Dec 06. Successful first meeting of LDF Briefing Group held 16 Nov. LSP presentation on Local Development Framework 27th Nov. Annual Monitoring Report approved by cabinet 4th Dec.

Quarter 2 - On Target

Core Strategy Issues and Options paper drafted ready for public consultation Nov/Dec 06.
LSP LDF workshop undertaken in Sept 06.
LDF Briefing Group being set up consisting of members, HBC officers and representatives from LSP, RDC, ESCC and Taskforce.

Quarter 1

Cabinet have adopted the Statement of Community Involvement and the Local Development Scheme.
Presentation on Local Development Framework to LSP meeting and LSP have agreed to take part in a workshop to look at issues and options. GOSE have commented positively on the style and content of our presentation to the LSP. Interviews with major stakeholders are underway to help identify Core Strategy Issues and Options

Target 4 - Continue to influence the development of the South East Plan so that the special circumstances of Hastings are recognised at regional level, and build on the already successful lobbying for improvements to the road and rail transport links.

Corporate Plan Part III

Argued our case, with the independent body appointed by the Deputy Prime Minister to examine and debate the South East Plan, for maintaining and strengthening the priority given to the regeneration of Hastings in the South East Plan. This sets out changes needed to improve the quality of life in the South East England Region over the next 20 years, including housing, transport, employment and the environment.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

At the sub-regional sessions on the 18th and 19th January Hastings and Rother Councils argued strongly for maintaining and strengthening the priority given to the regeneration of Hastings/Bexhill in the South East Plan. The Examination In Public has now finished and the panel is expected to report to the Secretary of State for Communities and local

Government in July 2007. The Secretary of State will consider the report and publish changes for consultation in September 2007.

Quarter 3 - On Target

The Borough Council was represented at the session of the Examination In Public dealing with the subject of regeneration on the 14th December 2006 and was able to acquaint the panel with the regeneration needs of the area. Hastings was the only South East district invited to attend this session.

Although not represented, we were also able to make written representations to the session on Regional Hubs.

Hastings attended two sub-regional sessions on the 18th and 19th January 2007 on a "hot-seating" basis with Rother District. These will discuss housing, employment and infrastructure issues in the Sussex Coast Sub- region.

Quarter 2 – On Target

The South East Plan EIP is to commence at the end of November 2006. Hastings has been invited to take part in the sessions on the Sussex Coast Sub-Region and on Regeneration. The Council has made strong representations seeking to attend the session on Regional Hubs but has not been invited.

Quarter 1

In March 2006 SEERA formally submitted the South East Plan to Government and invited public comment. An Examination in Public (EIP) with an independent Panel is to be held in November 2006. Cabinet considered the draft Plan at its June meeting, together with the draft Regional Economic Strategy. The Council's views have been put to the Panel. These are generally supportive of the policies and proposals in the draft Plan. The Council has asked to be represented at the E.I.P. when economic regeneration issues are discussed.

Target 5 - Work with partners to achieve the year 1 milestones for 'Economic Development and Enterprise' contained within the 3 years East Sussex Local Area Agreement.

Corporate Plan Part III

Worked with partners to achieve the year 1 milestones for 'Economic Development and Enterprise' contained within the 3 year East Sussex Local Area Agreement.

**Reduce the gap between the average unemployment levels in deprived wards and the rest of East Sussex (LAA Target –12.3.1.).
Target: 0.25% reduction / annum**

	Jun-05	Sep-05	Dec-05	Jun-06	Sep-06	Dec-06	Mar 07
East Sussex	1.8	1.8	1.9	2.1	2.2	2.1	2.2
Hastings	3	3	3.3	3.6	3.8	3.8	3.9
Baird	3.3	3.2	3.8	3.9	4.3	4.3	4
Castle	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.3	6	6.2	6.6
Cent St Leonards	7.4	8.1	8.7	9.5	9.4	9.7	9.8
Gensing	4.5	4.7	5.2	5.8	5.5	5.6	6.1
Hollington	3.1	3.1	3.3	4.1	4.1	4.3	4.5
Tressell	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.8	3.6	3.8	3.7

Quarter 4 Progress – Change

The increase in Hastings' claimant counts follows the upturn at national, regional and county levels. This increase needs to be viewed in the context of a tightening business and economic climate, and rising interest rates. Quarterly, and even annual, comparisons are sometimes misleading and should be considered against longer-term trends. In this respect, Hastings has seen a dramatic and relatively progressive reduction in claimant counts between 1996 and 2006. The difference between the 1996 count (8.6% of working age population) and 2006 (3.6%) is significantly better than the regional and county downward trend (with differences of 2.4% and 2.9% respectively). The town's 2006 claimant rate is roughly the same as for 2004. There has been more fluctuation at ward level, however. Among the most deprived wards, Baird, Gensing and Hollington all have a higher 2006 annual claimant rate than the 2004 rate, whereas Castle, Central St Leonards and Tressell have lower rates.

Quarter 3 - Below Target

Recent information from Sea Space reveals that 111 people are now employed within the Innovation Centre (including 36 Mencap outreach workers). Thirty-seven percent of the units are occupied, which has exceeded the 12-month occupancy target of 25%.

Quarter 2

A total of 26 people are employed by the businesses occupying the 14 units in the new Innovation Centre.

Quarter 1

April 2006 claimant count showed first fall in Hastings claimant rates for nearly a year and a slight narrowing of the gap (0.1%) between Hastings and County figures. However, in first quarter of 2006-07, claimant counts have risen nationally and regionally. The increase in Hastings is double that of the increase at County and national level – 0.6% vs 0.3%). Work is ongoing to try to minimise impact of job losses associated with Pier closure, and Barclays' relocation to Basingstoke. Potential impact of Govt's recent announcement re CSA not yet known, though assurances are being given through MP that there will be no job losses in Hastings. On a more positive note, Creative Media Centre 1 is 90% let, Creative Media Centre 2 is 60% let, and 14 units in the newly opened Innovation Centre have been taken up. Employee figures in connection with these are not yet available.

Achieve a net increase in employment space by 2008/09 (LAA Target –12.3.2.). Target - Loss of employment space no greater than in 2005-06

Quarter 4 Progress – 2007 Data Not Yet Available

2006 achievement against annual target not measurable until Nov 2007

Quarter 3

Employment Space (Hectare Loss)

2004/05 .86

2005/06 .13

2006/07 Employment space figures not available until Oct-Nov 2007.

Quarter 2

2006 achievement against annual target not measurable until 2007. Loss of Employment space in 2005 (0.30 hectares) was slightly less than in 2004 (0.86 hectares). The 2005 figure will now serve as the baseline for LAA targets for the period 2006-2009. Figures for 2006 will be available Oct-Nov 2007.

Quarter 1

Progress will be reported when indicators to measure progress are released, due in Qtr 2.

Increase average earnings in areas with the worst deprivation in the county (LAA Target –12.3.3.). Target 90% of East Sussex level

	2005	2006
South East	£451.10	£470.10
East Sussex	£384.20	£406.40
Hastings	£364.50	£368.60
Eastbourne	£414.60	£402.70

Quarter 4 Progress - Change

2007 data is not yet available. As with claimant counts, yearly comparisons can be misleading, and it is important to look at longer-term trends. Hastings' Earnings by Workplace (EbW) and Earnings by Residence (EbR) have both fluctuated as a percentage of County and Regional EbW and EbR rates.

Over the last five years, Hastings' gross weekly Workplace Earnings as a percentage of County rates has ranged from a low of 85.8% in 2002 to a high of 95.0% in 2005. Hastings' average annual percentages between 1998 and 2006 was 91.9% of County EbW levels. The County's average gross weekly wages in 2006 was approximately £100 more than in 1998, whereas the average in Hastings was approximately £66 more.

The percentage difference in EbR has been historically lower, with Hastings' average gross weekly EbR ranging from a low in 2002 of 78.7% against the County level in 2002 to a high of 87.7% in 2006. Average weekly EbR in Hastings in 2006 was approximately £74 more than in 2002, whereas the average for East Sussex was just £45 more, and the figures indicate a higher rate of growth in Hastings than at county, regional and national levels. Data for Eastbourne reveal far greater annual fluctuations but little real movement over the period 2002 – 2006. Eastbourne's annual average gross weekly EbR in 2006 was just £15 more than in 2002.

Quarter 3 - On Target

90.6% level of East Sussex figure. (Target for 2006/07 is to achieve 90% of county weekly earnings).

Quarter 2

Figures to measure 2006 progress against annual target not yet available.

Quarter 1

Hastings at 94.87% of county earnings in 2005. ASHE 2006 figures will be published later this year (provisional date: October 2006).

**Increase the numbers of businesses in worst performing wards
(LAA Target –12.3.4.) Target - 190**

Quarter 4 Progress – Change

Annual figures for 2006 are not due to be released until 2nd Qtr 2007-08. Annual net changes between stocks at year-end show significant yearly fluctuations, ranging from a high of 50 in 2003 to a low of minus10 in 2005. Over the five-year period 2001-2005 there has been an average annual increase of 19 in year-end stocks.

Quarter 3

No new information at this point. (Annual figures for 2006 not likely to be released until 2nd Qtr 2007-08)

Quarter 2

2006 achievement against annual target not measurable until 2007

	2004	2005
New registrations	175	175
De-registrations	185	170

Quarter 1

Progress will be reported when latest annual indicators to measure progress are produced – due in Autumn 2006.

Target 6 - Implement the adopted Seafront Strategy jointly commissioned with the Hastings and Bexhill Task Force by:

- 1. bringing forward schemes for the development of the Stade, in consultation with representative groups, which would include replacing the existing Tourist Information Centre and public toilets with new facilities**
- 2. producing a Master Plan for the West Marina area and consulting stakeholders and the community on feasibility work related to further developments**
- 3. producing a conservation management plan for Marine Court to ensure its long term future as an iconic piece of architecture which fully meets its functional requirements**

Corporate Plan Part III

Commenced delivery of the Seafront Strategy, jointly commissioned by Hastings and Bexhill Task Force, whereby we:

- Consulted the Foreshore Trust on proposals for the Stade
- Produced and consulted around 800 local people on a draft Masterplan for West Marina
- Adopted a 3 year plan for the management of Marine Court to ensure its long term future as an iconic piece of architecture

Quarter 4 Progress – Achieved

1. The Foreshore Trustees have been consulted on proposals for the Stade and we are now awaiting their decision
2. The draft masterplan with a preferred option for the development of the site was exhibited at the Royal Victoria Hotel, St Leonards on the 10th March 2007 and in Priory Meadow on the 17th March. In excess of 800 people attended the two exhibitions. The public have until the 1st April to comment. Following the analysis of comments received, a report will be made to Cabinet on the 30th April.
3. The Marine Court Management Plan is now adopted for development control and other purposes, and a 3-year programme of repair and restoration has been set out in an adopted action plan, including restoration of the building's main canopy and shopfronts, and generic consents for residential apartments covering standard replacement windows and restoration of open balconies.

Quarter 3 - On Target – Risk Identified

The Foreshore Trustees have been consulted on proposals for the Stade and we are now awaiting their decision.

The successful contractor has produced a first draft of the Masterplan for West Marina following extensive local consultation. A public exhibition of the draft proposals will take place in March and the results reported to Cabinet in April.

The Marine Court Management Plan was approved by Cabinet in January 2007 following stakeholder consultation. It will now be implemented in line with its action plan.

Quarter 2 - On Target

Cabinet approval secured for detailed design work on TIC replacement building, coach park access improvements, and further studies into alternative coach/lorry park - subject to satisfactory negotiations with Foreshore Trust. Foreshore Trustees have been consulted and they are seeking legal advice on a number of issues. We are now awaiting their decision.

The successful contractor started work in early August with an anticipated completion date of January 2007. The contractor is at present undertaking site analysis and initial feasibility and consulting with local groups and organisations.

Stakeholder Consultation underway.

Quarter 1 – On Target

Stade: Overall costs and space requirements for new build options have been prepared and reported to steering group which includes representatives from Stade Partnership. Briefs for engineering/ traffic surveys in respect of highway and junction improvements being developed in conjunction with ESCC. Costed options for an alternative coach park are due to be completed in September.

Tenders were invited from 8 contractors for the preparation of a Masterplan for the West Marina area in June, following consultation with local Councillors, other stakeholders and local community groups on the brief for the sites. A contractor has been appointed following interviews.

A Draft Plan has been produced and this will be the subject to stakeholder consultation.

Target 7 - Continue to use our enforcement powers to improve the physical appearance of the town through our zero tolerance approach to and targeting of at least 30 neglected and derelict buildings and land, prioritising those in the Central St. Leonards Renewal Area.

Corporate Plan Part III

Improved 74 properties, 31 of which were in Central St. Leonards, by using our enforcement powers to improve the overall physical appearance of the town.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved (exceeded target)

42 properties have been improved in this Quarter, including 22 in Central St Leonards. 74 properties have been improved during the year, including 31 in Central St. Leonards.

Quarter 3 – Exceeded Target

8 properties have been improved this Quarter including 2 in Central St Leonards. 32 properties have been improved in quarters 1-3. The target has now met and exceeded.

Quarter 2 - On target

11 properties have been improved this Quarter including 3 in central St Leonards. 24 properties improved in Q1 and Q2.

Quarter 1

13 properties have been improved so far of which 4 are in the key target area of Central St. Leonards

Target 8 - Commence the second phase of grants for the conservation and repair of buildings that form part of our historic townscape in the Central St. Leonards Renewal Area and commit at least £200,000 of conservation and repair grant funding to properties within the area.

Corporate Plan Part III

Changes and Shortfalls

Although we have commenced negotiating grant offers for the conservation and repair of buildings that form part of our historic townscape, we have not issued any grants yet as there was a delay in the grant offer from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Quarter 4 Progress - Change

The THI-2 programme has now commenced with HBC Cabinet, HLF and GOSE approval. A number of significant grant-eligible projects are under negotiation prior to formal offer of grant. For the reasons stated at the end of Q3, no grant offers have been made during the year just ended.

Quarter 3 – Will Not Meet Target

Due to the late offer from Heritage Lottery Fund and the need to finalise contract details the project will only start to commence in earnest during Q4. It may be possible to progress some early grant offers although the actual works will not be undertaken until next financial year. However, this is good news because over £1.1 million of external funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (£850,000) and the European Regional Development Fund (Objective 2) (£250,000) has been secured for the project to supplement the Council's contribution (£450,000 for Townscape Heritage Initiative 2 and £150,000 of matched funding for Seafront Strategy works).

Quarter 2 – Will Not Meet Target

A formal offer from Heritage Lottery fund has been received. Due to late offer it is unlikely that it will be possible to commit at least £200,000 in the period remaining. However every effort will be made to make grant offers and encourage early commencements.

Quarter 1

The Council is expecting a formal offer from the Heritage Lottery Fund but this is after the end of Q1.

Target 9 - Expand the availability of online services to allow Building Control applications and payments to be made online

Corporate Plan Part III

Changes and Shortfalls

Although we intended to enable Building Control applications and payments to be made online, further investigation showed that it would not be financially viable to carry out this work to the full extent we had planned.

Quarter 4 Progress – Change

The cost benefit analysis has shown that it is not financially viable to enhance the system. The matter will need to be reviewed upon significant changes in customer requirements.

Quarter 3 - On Target

After investigation of the business case in conjunction with the IT team, it has been decided that the present system will be enhanced modestly to meet current customer requirements. This can be finalised in Q4.

Quarter 2 - On Target

Preliminary discussions underway with IT

Quarter 1

System proposed to be in place by end of current financial year. Preliminary discussions underway with IT

Target 10 - Support the implementation of the Government's Post 16 education review proposal and, within this, seek to identify a long-term

future for the delivery of the services provided by Tressell Training to young people excluded from training and employment.

Corporate Plan Part III

Approved plans to integrate Tressell Training, which supports young people excluded from training and employment, with the Learning and Skills Council's bid for a new college and campus in Ore.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

Cabinet approval to progress further work on integration of Tressell with new College. Capital bid for new accommodation for Tressell on College's Ore campus to be incorporated into College's larger Learning and Skills Council (LSC) capital bid. Joint HBC-College structures in place to progress detailed financial appraisal of Tressell operations and funding sources by College, and development of 39 Devonshire Road as town centre assessment facility for Tressell.

Tressell has achieved the anticipated numbers on the e2e anti – Not in Employment Education or Training (NEET) programme. Target over achieved on e2e Progressions programme (measured by the H & R Partnership Board).

Quarter 3 - On target

Tressell recognised as the major provider of anti NEET provision inc joint funded work with partners & the lead on 14 – 19 learning provision for the H & R Partnership Board.

Approval in principle for AIF capital for new Tressell accommodation secured, subject to satisfactory full proposal. Currently awaiting outcome of KPMG outline feasibility/financial appraisal on integration of Tressell with new College, including accommodation on College's Ore campus. Tressell Manager appointed to new 14-19 Partnership.

Quarter 2 - On target

Tressell recognised as the major provider of skills training for young people Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET), including joint funded work with partners & leading on 14 – 19 learning provision for the H & R Partnership Board. Tressell Manager appointed to new 14-19 Partnership.

Approval in principle for SEEDA devolved Area Investment Framework (AIF) capital funding for new Tressell accommodation secured, subject to satisfactory full proposal. Currently awaiting finalisation of KPMG outline feasibility/financial appraisal on integration of Tressell with new College, including accommodation on College's Ore campus and town centre assessment facility.

(Update Feb 26: Full funding proposal has now been submitted by Hastings College, and KPMG appraisal is completed and supports proposal to achieve closer integration of Tressell with the College.)

Quarter 1

Post 16 programmes have been planned & agreed to commence delivery from Q2. 2005/06 programmes (due for completion during Q2) are on target. Alternative sites for new premises have been identified and costings are being developed, including options for Tressell in relation to the New College development at Ore.

Target 11 - Expand the number of job and training opportunities for local people by:

- **Managing the Labour Market Solutions project to promote economic inclusion**
- **Increasing the number of local people in accredited training, apprenticeships and employment through expansion of the Construction Skills project**

Corporate Plan Part III

Expanded the number of job and training opportunities for local people by:

- Successfully placing 40 people in training, work placement or paid employment as part of the Labour market Solutions Project
- Providing accredited training in the Construction industry for 67 people

Quarter 4 Progress –Achieved

Labour Market Solutions (LMS)

- 40 people are in certificated/qualification training, work placement or paid employment. This is a decrease on the last quarter because the project now only has 9 months to run and is beginning to wind down
- £15,500 Neighbourhood Renewal Funding has been awarded to the project for the 2007-08 financial year.
- An application for funding has been submitted to the Cabinet Office Social Exclusion Unit. This delivers the exit strategy for the LMS project

Construction

- The Thriving Construction Initiative has provided accredited training for a total of 67 individuals in Quarter 4. Individuals are from under-represented groups: women, ex-offenders, people with multiple needs / substance misusers.
- The Hastings Construction Forum met in January, and agreed to rename itself the Hastings and Bexhill Construction Partnership.
- A seminar for small firms on revisions to the Construction Industry (tax) Scheme was attended by 14 businesses.
- The Construction Charter was launched publicly in March 2007, and work continues to integrate its provisions with HBC procurement processes. Discussions have been opened with more than 6 contractors in order to encourage a higher level of

- on-site training. 2 placements have already resulted from this with more to come in future.
- £31,000 of NRF funding has been provided to convert and equip Linton Arch training centre. An on-line skills exchange is being set up to facilitate local access to local jobs. Outputs from these initiatives will come through in 2007-8.
 - Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) and NRF funding has been secured to continue and expand the project, and a new Construction Placement Officer recruited.

Quarter 3 - On Target

46 people are in certificated/qualification training, work placement or paid employment.

The project is now entering its final year and the search for continuation funding will be underway shortly.

Quarter 2 - On Target

HFS has employed Trainer/supervisor.

3 Full time workers have now been recruited from long term unemployed and will have 52 weeks paid work.

7 long term unemployed people are being trained. 2 of these have embarked on NVQ Level 2 Warehousing and Distribution.

Quarter 1

The LMS Project has provided 49 work placements, mentoring, training and paid employment for long term unemployed people with a range of needs.

NRF funding was secured in Qtr 1 to enable Hastings Furniture Service (HFS) to participate in the project and increase the number of people to be assisted. HFS also secured match funding to employ a Trainer/Supervisor. An additional 20 people will be trained up to NVQ Level 2 and 7 additional people will be employed for up to 52 weeks each over the next 2 years.

SEEDA has approved SRB funds for the Skills to Build project, which will provide 15 dedicated construction skills training and on-site experience. Project to be focused on Central St. Leonards area and delivered through Hastings Trust.

Target 12 - Manage the Evening Economy project for a further 12 months to stimulate extended retail and leisure activity and employment in the town centre.

Corporate Plan Part III

Won the prestigious National Project of the Year Award for managing the Evening Economy Project, a three-year project intended to stimulate retail, leisure and employment in the Town Centre. Shops in Priory Meadow shops will continue to support late night opening from May 31st 2007.

Quarter 4 Progress - Targets Achieved

At the end of the 3-year Area Investment Framework (AIF) funded project lifetime, the project has exceeded all its lifetime core targets. This year:

- £98,243 private sector match levered in (target £65,000).
- 4 new evening opening businesses created/attracted (target 2) including, a new high quality hairdressers, 2 bar/restaurants, and a café/take-away.
- 19 people assisted for 6+hrs in skills development (target 2).
- 7.38 FTE jobs created (target 5) - extra staff employed at bar/restaurants and M&S.

The AIF Evening Economy Project was a pump-primer to help develop the early evening economy in the town centre by stimulating the catering and entertainment/leisure sectors, and encouraging retail businesses to extend their opening hours. Following a ballot this year the traders in Priory Meadow will again support late night opening from 31st May 2007 and thus this AIF project has successfully fulfilled its aim.

The project recently won the prestigious Association of Town Centre Management's (ATCM) Project of the Year at the annual national awards, beating cities such as Manchester, Edinburgh and Birmingham. The judges were particularly impressed with the management and co-ordination, degree of innovation and replication possibilities, partnership approach, support given by the town's retailers, and the quantifiable boost it had given to the local economy.

Quarter 3 - On Target

From mid-April until the end of December, Thursday evening footfall in Priory Meadow was up, on average, nearly 8% (compared to the last year). The Christmas campaign was up by 4.8% on last year. Two new evening opening restaurants have been launched (Walkers and French's).

The number of shops open late in the shopping centre increased week on week. From late November, about 45 opened until 8pm each Thursday through to the year end. This is an improvement on previous years.

The indication at this stage is that this year that the majority of Priory Meadow shops will participate in late night trading again on Thursdays in 2007, and this is likely to be from late May onwards through to Christmas. Final employment outputs will be reported in Qtr 4.

This project recently won the "Managing the Evening Economy" regional award from national Association of Town Centre Management (ATCM), and has been put forward as the South East ATCM region's Project of the Year to that organisation's national final awards ceremony in March.

Quarter 2 - On Target

Priory Meadow evening footfall from mid-April until the beginning of October, was up an avg. 12% against last year. The summer period from the end of June until the beginning of September was particularly successful, being up by 27%. By the end of September, 35 retailers in the shopping centre were open compared to 25 last year.

Quarter 1

There was a successful Spring launch of Late n Live, and Priory Meadow are augmenting entertainment programme during spring/summer months. Some retailers are opening late for the first time this year, although others have taken the decision to withdraw from late night shopping. Full review of late night trading will be undertaken at end of 2006 peak trading season. Footfall in the Spring was up 12.5% over same period last year. Summer footfall figures will be reported in Qtr 2.

Target 13 - Support the development of an Enterprise Gateway to aid the establishment of sustainable new businesses and encourage the integration of business support agencies locally.

Corporate Plan Part III

Changes and Shortfalls

The South East of England Development Agency (SEEDA) is currently reviewing the Regional Enterprise Gateway programme. Together with Sussex Enterprise we are hoping to get approval for the Hastings Gateway, which would support new businesses locally, by the end of May 2007.

Quarter 4 Progress - Shortfall

SEEDA are currently reviewing the regional Enterprise Gateway programme. Subject to the outcome of the review process, Sussex Enterprise are hoping to get approval for the Hastings Gateway by end of May and in anticipation of this have begun preparations to recruit the Enterprise Gateway Director for Hastings and Rother.

Quarter 3 – Not On Target - *This project is being led by Sussex Enterprise*

Latest advice from Sussex Enterprise is that project proposal is being revised and is expected to be submitted to SEEDA during January. If successful, SE expects to commence recruitment in March.

Quarter 2 - *This project is being led by Sussex Enterprise, and, at this point, it is unclear whether project is on target or not.*

Proposal being independently appraised – to be submitted to SEEDA appraisal panel in November.

Quarter 1

Enterprise Gateway proposal, prepared by Sussex Enterprise, has been prepared for the Economic Alliance and is currently being reviewed by key local partners.

Target 14 - Develop the Hastings and Bexhill Economic Alliance to maximise its contribution to the future economic prosperity of the area by identifying priority projects, targeted allocation of resources and bringing partners together.

Corporate Plan Part III

Set up and played a lead role in developing the Hastings and Bexhill Economic Alliance, which included submitting an Area Investment Framework plan to the South East of England Development Agency, rolling out the LEGI (Local Enterprise Growth Initiative) Programme and appointing consultants to draft an Economic Development and Inclusion Strategy.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

The Area Investment Framework (AIF) Performance Plan has now been revised in line with South East England Development Agency (SEEDA) recommendations and re-submitted. It has been considered by SEEDA's Project Advisory board and we are anticipating receipt of the contract by the end of April. The Economic Development and Inclusion Strategy is in development – New Economics Foundation has been appointed to consult and draft the strategy.

End of year project estimates have been collated and full AIF and Single Regeneration Budget (SRB) spend for 2006-07 will be achieved, final return and claim to be processed in Quarter One 2007-08. Programme Outputs have also been achieved.

The Hastings LEGI programme is now all but fully operational except for the Enterprise in Education projects which require further development work in the light of the changes in education in relation to 14-19s, new specialist diplomas and enterprise education being mandatory in all schools. Two further projects need to be developed into Phase Two although Phase One has been approved and delivered (Enterprising People and Incubating Enterprise). All funds have been expended with the exception of approximately £5000, this is within the 5% roll forward threshold and therefore should be available for use in the 2007-08 financial year. Overall programme outputs are above estimate although some projects are still delivering slightly under target due to late start. Revised indicators for the programme were agreed in the Local Area Agreement (LAA) refresh.

An Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) of the full programme has been undertaken by Hastings Diversity Matters which will inform further revision of the targeting and monitoring of the programme. The final EIA report is expected to be delivered by the end of April 2007.

Quarter 3 – On Target

Meeting schedule continuing. Strategic Planning Away Day held to guide agenda-setting for next twelve months. Draft Performance Plan submitted to SEEDA.

LEGI programme rolling-out. LEGI co-ordinators group established and all project leads will now be participating in a continuing professional development programme being run by University of Brighton. Participation in national LEGI network continuing, including working with Regeneris, the national LEGI evaluators engaged by DCLG. 13 LEGI projects now operational. Remainder of projects in development.

Quarter 2 - On Target

Meeting schedule operational, and all groups meeting regularly. AIF strategic objectives refresh for 2007-08 completed and submitted to SEEDA. LEGI Co-ordinators Group established to meet quarterly. Participation in the national LEGI network underway. First 7 LEGI approvals in place and contracts issued. Projects underway, including the successful Seafood and Wine festival which received substantial LEGI funding.

Financial and practical support provided through LEGI Anchoring Business Fund to 12 businesses forced to relocate through pier closure. 21 FTE jobs safeguarded.

Remainder of LEGI projects in development.

Quarter 1

Meeting schedule in operation, meetings of full Alliance quarterly and meetings of Executive quarterly. Theme groups meeting regularly and supported. 2006-07 AIF funds allocated. Annual Performance Plan signed off by SEEDA. LEGI programme supported by Alliance and Theme Groups. LEGI programme underway – first two project approvals in place.

Target 15 - Implement our Public Arts Strategy, which seeks to ensure that public art is incorporated into all new major physical developments.

Corporate Plan Part III

Published guidance for developers, in accordance with our Public Arts Strategy, to encourage the incorporation of public art in all new major physical developments.

Quarter 4 Progress - Achieved

Public Art supplementary guideline leaflets for developers are now completed and with Development Control for use at first contact pre-planning application stage.

Funding application for £120k to Arts Council of England prepared and £40k secured for public elements in public realm design for Central St Leonards urban renaissance programme. Application to be submitted by end of April 2007.

Planning conditions for the provision of public art have been included in the planning permission granted for the Station Plaza and Priory Quarter projects on March 7th, 2007.

The Public Art Officer is currently working with Sea Space to ensure provision of public art within the Ore Valley green space developments.

Work is due to start in May 2007 on artist designed garden and play areas in the new Hastings Children's Centre on Waterworks Road.

Quarter 3 – On Target

Completed updated Public Art Strategy with examples from Hastings and elsewhere now entered on HBC website.

Planning guideline supplementary notes to be completed final quarter.

7 major public art proposals now developed for St Leonards and seeking funding from Arts Council & others.

Successful bid for £23k from Arts Council for artists to work with architects to design surrounds for new Hastings Children's Centre on Waterworks Road.

Artists Mary Hooper and Elise Liversage working with Orbit Housing Development on Chapel Park Road development.

Southwater Area Public Art project – stage one complete with proposals to be installed 2007 subject to successful bid to Arts Council.

Pursuing opportunities for inclusion of public art in Station Plaza, Ore valley and Hastings Town Centre developments.

Quarter 2 – On Target

Draft copy of planning guideline notes for developers at pre-planning stage completed.

Five artists shortlisted and interviewed and Steve Geliot appointed Lead Artist for Central St Leonards Urban Renaissance Programme at end of Sept.

Quarter 1

Agreed with planning to publish developer guidelines for inclusion of public art by Q2

Agreed funding and brief for formal artist involvement in Central St. Leonards Urban Renaissance Programme.

Local Performance Plan 2005-06: Shortfalls Update:

A Construction Skills Coordinator was appointed and worked with the construction sector and other partners to establish a Construction Charter, which has since been adopted by the Council. The post was vacated in September 2005 and the activity was continued by Economic Development Officers. With additional funding through the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative, a dedicated Construction Skills Coordinator

will again be appointed to develop new construction training and employment opportunities in partnership with other agencies.

Year-end position - Achieved

This project is now on target in respect of both staffing and delivery.
See Target 11 above for update on activity.

Quarter 3 Progress

Hastings Construction Forum re-established, comprising employers, funders, business support & training providers.

Coordinator has established working partnerships with representatives from Hard to Reach Groups, Business Support, Job Placement and Construction Employers to identify and address training needs and meet Charter objectives.

Training programme developed for two minority/hard to reach groups – to be delivered in Qtr 4.

Developing protocols for implementation of Charter by Council; links established with Sea Space and HCAT re roll-out of Charter.