

QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT

DIRECTORATE: Environment
SERVICE: Environment & Regulatory Services
PERIOD: Quarter 4 to period end 31 March 2008

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This quarterly monitoring report covers the Environment & Regulatory Services Department fourth quarter period up to year-end 31 March 2008. It describes key developments and progress against all objectives and performance indicators for the service.

Given that there are a considerable number of year-end transactions still to take place a Financial Statement for the period, which will be made available in due course, has not been included within this report in order to avoid providing information that would be subject to further change and amendment.

The way in which traffic light symbols have been used to reflect progress to date is explained in Appendix 6.

It should be noted that this report is presented to a number of Policy and Performance Boards. Those objectives and indicators that are not directly relevant to this Board have been shaded grey.

2.0 KEY DEVELOPMENTS

Environmental Health, Enforcement and Building Control Division

There is currently a statutory duty on local authorities and the police to receive stray dogs from the public. The Council are currently responsible for the collection of stray dogs during office hours. Outside office hours the Police are currently responsible for receiving dogs from the public. From April the 6th 2008 the Police will no longer have any duties and all responsibility for straying and found dogs transfers to the local authority. This places a new duty on councils to replace the police out of hours service. To facilitate this Halton have entered into a partnership agreement with Liverpool City and Sefton Council to provide an out of hours service and kennelling facilities will be provided by the RSPCA at Halewood. This is a new service and it is not possible to provide any accurate information on the demand.

Planning and Policy Division

Summary of major applications received (but not necessarily decided) over the last Quarter.

These applications are those that result in the biggest changes to the

built infrastructure of the Borough. More information on any application can be found on the online planning system <http://www.halton.gov.uk/planningapps>.

| REFVAL | Site Info |
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| 07/00923/FUL | Proposed change of use/building works consisting of demolition of the derelict British Legion Club, erection of 9 No. three bedroom apartments and 11 No. two bedroom apartments together with provision of 30 No. car parking spaces and landscaping at 21-25 Hale Road, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 8SF. |
| 08/00024/OUT | Outline application (with appearance, scale and layout matters reserved) for erection of building for self storage use including approval for siting and means of access on Land To The South West Of Junction Between Cromwell Street And Hutchinson Street, Widnes, Cheshire. |
| 08/00026/FUL | Proposed residential development comprising 10 No. semi detached dwellings and 2 No. detached dwellings on Land Off Warrington Road Greenoaks Farm Industrial Estate, Warrington Road, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 0SY |
| 08/00031/HBCFUL | Proposed new link road and landscaping on Land Off Newstead Road Ditton Strategic Rail Freight Park, Halebank Road, Widnes, Cheshire |
| 08/00039/FUL | Proposed erection of two storey sports hall, new science block and partial refurbishment of existing buildings (including minor demolition) and provision of a substation at St Chads Catholic High School Grangeway, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 5YH |
| 08/00064/FUL | Proposed demolition of existing unit and erection of a B8 unit with associated office accommodation and car parking on Land At Aston Lane South, Runcorn, Cheshire. |
| 08/00102/FUL | Proposed expansion of existing concrete manufacturing facility (including relocation of storage silos, new offices and storage unit, road access and boundary treatment) at Halton Concrete Unit 2, Eddarbridge Industrial Estate, MacDermott Road, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 0PF |
| 08/00107/FUL | Proposed demolition of existing garage and erection of a four storey apartment block comprising of 23 No. one and two bedroom apartments at Former Cock & Trumpet Garage, Halebank Road, Widnes, Cheshire WA8 8NB |
| 08/00145/FUL | Proposed two storey building (adjacent to South East corner of existing building) at TEVA Pharmaceuticals, Aston Lane North, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 3FA |
| 08/00195/FUL | Proposed redevelopment of garage, filling station, former drill hall and adjacent land to develop/provide 47 No. apartments (up to 6 storeys) at Surrey St Garage, Adjacent Land And Garages, Surrey Street, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 5TT |
| 08/00200/FULEIA | Proposed works to the existing highway network, specifically the Central Expressway, Lodge Lane Junction, Weston link junction and the M56 Junction 12 on Daresbury Expressways & Including Central Expressway/Lodge Lane Junction Up To/including Junction 12 Of M56 Motorway |

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| 08/00201/FULEIA | Proposed works to the existing highway network specifically A533 Silver Jubilee Bridge and Ditton Roundabout arising from the Mersey Gateway Scheme comprising Land South Of The Ditton Junction, The Existing Silver Jubilee Bridge Into Runcorn And Up To/including The On-slip Road From Weston Point Expressway, And Off-slip Road To Bridgewater Expressway |
| 08/00208/FUL | Proposed three storey innovation centre (grow on building) with a total G.E.A. of 5081.6m/54678sq.ft including external landscaping, car parking/motor cycle shelter and sub-station at Plot 1, Daresbury Science & Innovation Campus, Keckwick. Lane, Daresbury, Warrington, Cheshire |
| 08/00215/OUT | Outline application (with appearance, landscaping, layout and scale matters to be reserved) for proposed erection of three storey office accommodation with associated car/cycle parking, amenity and landscaping at Land Adjacent To And Adjoining, Keckwick Lane, Daresbury Expressway And A56 Chester Road, Runcorn, Cheshire. |
| 08/00220/FUL | Proposed two storey data centre extension at The Babbage Centre The Heath, Heath Road South, Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 4QF |

The first three planning applications for offsite works for the Mersey Gateway have been received and formally registered. These applications are 08/00200/FULEIA and 08/00201/FULEIA covering the Runcorn/Widnes approach roads and 08/00211/HBCLBC covers alternations to SJ Bridge. Consultants 'Urban Vision' have been appointed to process these planning applications on behalf of the Council as Local Planning Authority.

Other Planning Work

Government Office North West has confirmed that the UDP's policies will continue as saved policies until such time as they will be replaced by new policy through the Local Development Framework process.

Officers are attending the Housing and Spatial Planning Board Officer Group for the Liverpool City Region. This working group is to develop the role for the Board in order to enable it to focus on key issues where there would be strategic policy or resource benefits from the six districts working more closely together.

Officers are working with GVA Grimley Consultants to develop the Mersey Gateway Regeneration Strategy and with consultants GL Hearn and their client Peel Holdings on a masterplan for the development of Runcorn Docks.

Officers are working closely with Daresbury Science and Innovation Campus, the NWDA and consultants Taylor Young on developing a masterplan for the expansion of the campus at Daresbury.

Officers are developing the bid to become a Growth Point. The Growth Points initiative is designed to provide support to local communities who

wish to pursue large scale and sustainable growth, including new housing, through a partnership with Government. The Government invited local authorities to submit strategic growth proposals which were sustainable, acceptable environmentally and realistic in terms of infrastructure to be assessed by Government and its agencies.

Significant projects are underway to produce a Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) and also an Employment Land Study to provide the evidence for future planning policy within the Local Development Framework.

Landscape Services Division

The creation of an External Contracts Team within the Landscape Services Division is now well progressed. An External Contracts Manager was appointed on the 27th March 2008 and approval for the new Team Leader positions has recently been given.

Notification was received on the 7th February 2008 that it had successfully passed the Pre Qualification Questionnaire stage of its bid to secure contracts for the delivery of cleansing and landscape maintenance for the Runcorn RSL Joint Procurement Group. The Division was invited to attend an interview on the 4th March 2008 with the Runcorn RSL Joint Procurement Group at which it would be assessed for suitability to enter the tender stage. On the 3rd April 2008 the Division was informed that it had passed the interview and would be invited to submit a bid.

Confirmation has been received from HHT that its extended SLA Contract which was due to expire in April 2008 will be extended until October 2008 and possibly even into 2009.

Waste Management Division

Recycling

The kerbside pilot scheme to collect plastics, cans, paper, card and glass from 6,000 households in the borough has collected 270 tonnes during the quarter with an end of year total of 460 tonnes.

In the last quarter there have been a further 3 neighbourhood bring sites introduced within the borough and additional recycling banks added to a further 2 sites.

Waste Management Strategy

The Council's updated Waste Management Strategy consultation ended on 27th January and a further report was presented to the Executive Board reporting the outcome of the consultation. Following the comments received, some minor amendments were made, and it was recommended the updated strategy be endorsed and a final Strategy

produced for publication.

Waste Contracts and Procurement

During this quarter, both Halton's Landfill Services Contract and short term Recycling and Household Waste Centres (RHWC) Contract commenced on 1st February 2008.

3.0 EMERGING ISSUES

Environmental Health, Enforcement and Building Control Division

Future of Building Control

This significant but anticipated consultation by the Government recommends a more efficient risk-based inspection process for local authorities that focuses on the most dangerous failings. Good builders who comply will be relieved of the burden of unnecessary inspections, while cowboy builders will face tougher scrutiny. A more systematic approach to the review of building regulations will also give the industry more certainty and allow better forward planning.

The consultation proposes a more efficient building control system delivering sustainable buildings, including:

- Freeing up more time and resources for local authorities to focus on areas of highest risk, by removing statutory notification stages
- Introducing a periodic review of building regulations every three years, which allows the building industry to forward plan, rather than the current continual changes
- Protecting home owners from builders who intend to do major projects without proper planning, by restricting the use of building notices
- Increasing powers for local authorities to tackle illegal or botched construction, including extending the existing time limits for enforcement to two years
- The potential use of fixed-penalty notices and stop notices
- Raising awareness amongst the public and the industry and providing more help through the system, including a new guide on extensions and conversions, to help builders and homeowners to meet the building regulations and the development of a shared vision on the future of building control
- Improving the link between planning and building control through a seamless planning and building control service and more e-enabled internet services

Potentially these proposals will make a real difference to the building control system, shaping it to meet the challenges that the profession faces today.

National indicator set and food safety

The National indicator set will be reported from 1st April 2008. The Audit Commission, as part of Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA), will publish performance against indicators annually. National Indicators for

Local Authorities will contain a new outcome indicator for food law enforcement activity. This will measure the number of businesses that are “broadly compliant” with food law. The team have planned for this measure and it equates to a rating of “good” on the “Scores on the Doors” hygiene-rating scheme. There is a new Code of Practice on Food Law Enforcement to be launched by the Food Standards Agency (FSA) in April 08. This will provide local authorities with greater flexibility to consider a range of interventions as an alternative to full inspection as prescribed by the previous Code of Practice. In addition to the CAA measure, the FSA will continue to monitor and report LA performance based on the % of planned interventions achieved.

Planning and Policy Division

A report was submitted to Management Team on the Core Strategy ‘Hot Topics’. It was acknowledged that the Core Strategy/ LDF was of critical importance in setting out Halton’s future ambitions and that the work should be given corporate priority. A corporate working group with membership from appropriate external partners (e.g. PCT) will be established. Once created, the Chief Executive has agreed to Chair the Group, with the Strategic Director Environment standing by as a sub. The remit of the group will be to provide an endorsed corporate direction to the Core Strategy on strategic issues.

Work is also in hand to respond to the Secretary of States Proposed Changes to Regional Spatial Strategy that was published for public consultation in March. This will form part of the Development Plan for Halton.

Officers have recently joined the Merseyside Environmental Economy Steering Group set up by the Mersey Partnership to co-ordinate the City Region’s contribution to the ‘green’ economy of the Region.

Landscape Services Division

The Landscape Services Division Development Section is faced with an ever-increasing work-load. The main areas of landscape development and implementation work during the past year, and anticipated in the near future, are as follows:

- General landscape improvements to parks and open spaces, play areas, ball courts etc, in response to community needs and demands. In particular, a £500,000 + scheme in Runcorn Town Hall Park.
- Lottery funded restoration / development schemes in key parks, i.e. Victoria Park (now complete), Hale Park and Runcorn Hill Park.
- Landscape infrastructure projects supporting the Council’s main Regeneration schemes at Castlefields, Halebank and Widnes Waterfront.
- Major play area improvement schemes throughout the Borough, funded by Big Lottery and Play Builder.

- Upgrading sports facilities in the Borough, including sports pitches, bowling greens and all-weather ball courts.

It is estimated that, at a conservative estimate, there will be approximately 4 million pounds worth of work over the next two years. Many of the projects (e.g. the play area upgrades and the Town Hall Park schemes) have come on stream very quickly and will need a rapid response. This will require significant extra staff resources, either through additional directly employed landscape architects, agency workers or consultants, or a combination of these.

Waste Management Division

Performance Indicators

A Handbook of Definitions of National Indicators for Local Authorities and Local Authority Partnerships was published by the Dept. for Communities and Local Government during this quarter.

The three new indicators for waste management will be used to monitor waste and recycling services with effect from 1st April 2008.




Recycling services

The second phase of the Council's Waste Action Plan will be introduced during 2008/09. This will see further expansion of kerbside recycling collections for co-mingled multi materials following the successful pilot scheme.

Litter Action Plan




A Litter Action Plan is being developed that will provide a framework to improve environmental cleanliness standards and reduce environmental nuisance within the borough. The Plan will set out the Council's initiatives to deliver enhanced cleansing services, increased education and the strengthening of enforcement measures.

4.0 PROGRESS AGAINST KEY OBJECTIVES / MILESTONES

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|--------------|-----------|---|-----------|---|----------|---|----------|
| Total | 22 |  | 13 |  | 0 |  | 9 |
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Progress towards a number of objectives/milestones has been delayed, for further details please refer to Appendix 1.

4.1 PROGRESS AGAINST OTHER OBJECTIVES / MILESTONES




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| Total | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |
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There are no “Other” objectives for this service.

5.0 SERVICE REVIEW




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| <p><u>Environmental Health, Enforcement and Building Control Division</u> Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Planning and Policy Division</u> With the increased emphasis on delivery of the Core Strategy of the Local Development Framework the Planning and Policy Division is now re-focusing its staff resources on the delivery of this project that will set out the strategy for the future development of the Borough and eventually replace the UDP.</p> <p><u>Landscape Services Division</u> Throughout the first few months of 2008 the Internal Audit Division undertook an Audit into how the Landscape Services Division delivers a parks service to the Borough. A Draft Audit report dated 26th March 2008 is now with Divisional Managers for comment.</p> <p><u>Waste Management Division</u> Nothing to report.</p> |
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6.0 PROGRESS AGAINST KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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| Total | 21 |  | 10 |  | 0 |  | 10 |
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The final outturn for the cost of waste disposal is still awaited, for details of “Key” performance indicators, please refer to Appendix 2.

6.1 PROGRESS AGAINST OTHER PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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| Total | 20 |  | 12 |  | 0 |  | 7 |
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The final outturn for the cost of waste collection is still awaited, for details of “Other” performance indicators, please refer to Appendix 2.

7.0 PROGRESS AGAINST LPSA TARGETS

Progress against the 2 LPSA targets for this service can be found in Appendix 4.

8.0 RISK CONTROL MEASURES

During the production of the 2007-08 Service Plan, the service was required to undertake a risk assessment of all Key Service Objectives.

Where a Key Service Objective has been assessed and found to have associated ‘High’ risk, progress against the application of risk treatment measures is to be monitored, and reported in the quarterly monitoring report in quarters 2 and 4.

For details please refer to Appendix 5.





9.0 PROGRESS AGAINST HIGH PRIORITY EQUALITY ACTIONS




During 2006/07 the service was required to undertake an Equality Impact Assessment. Progress against actions identified through that assessment, with associated High priority are to be reported in the quarterly monitoring report in quarters 2 and 4.







There are no High priority actions for this service, therefore, there is no progress to report.





10.0 APPENDICES

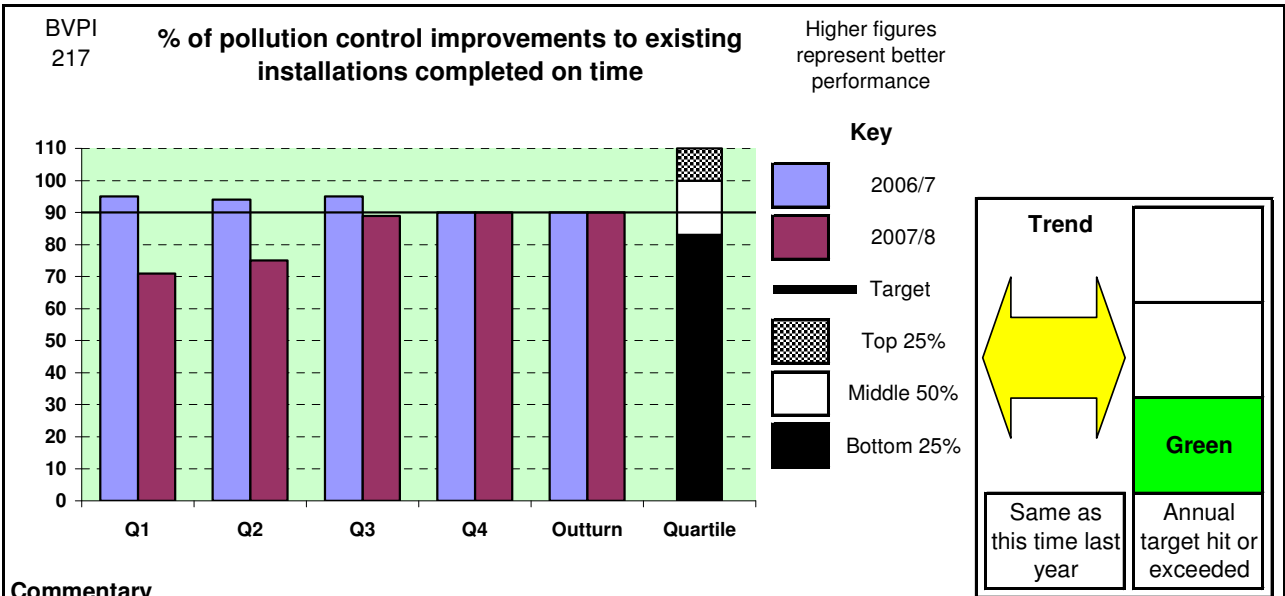
Appendix 1- Progress against Key Objectives/ Milestones
Appendix 2- Progress against Key Performance Indicators
Appendix 3- Progress against Other Performance Indicators
Appendix 4- Progress against LPSA targets
Appendix 5- Progress against Risk Treatment Measures
Appendix 6- Explanation of traffic light symbols

| Service Plan Ref. | Objective | 2007/08 Key Milestone | Progress to date | Commentary |
|-------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | Halton are the highest scoring local authority in terms of play value score. |
| ER 03 | Natural Assets_Strategy - Publish the reviewed and revised Strategy and commence implementation of the relevant aspects of the new 5 year Action Plan. | <p>Open Wigg Island Visitor Centre, May 2007</p> <p>Secure funding, from National Lottery Fund, for Hale Park restoration plan, July 2007</p> <p>Hale Park restoration complete, March 2008</p> <p>Secure 7 Green Flag Awards, August 2007 (An additional site, Victoria Park, in for the award)</p> |     | <p>Wigg Island Visitor Centre opened on the 31st October 2007.</p> <p>Funding was secured to enable a full restoration plan to be drawn up and a submission made to NLF for full implementation funding.</p> <p>The Hale Park Restoration Plan and bid for HLF funding was submitted on the 25th March 2008.</p> <p>Only six Green Flag Awards were achieved in 2007. In January 2008 submissions from Halton were made for 10 Green Flag Awards. Resubmissions have been made for the existing 6 sites (Hough Green Park, Pickerings Pasture LNR, Rock Park, Runcorn Hill Park & LNR, Wigg Island Community Park 7 Victoria Park). New submissions have been made for</p> |

| Service Plan Ref. | Objective | 2007/08 Key Milestone | Progress to date | Commentary |
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| | | <p>Adoption of the Design of New Residential Development SPD, November 2007</p> <p>Adoption of the Transport & Accessibility SPD, February 2008</p> |   | <p>undertaken following unforeseen flooding events. This modelling work was completed and approved by EA in autumn 2007 allowing revised Masterplan and, design of mitigation measures to proceed. This SPD is on public consultation between 27 March and 8 May 2008. Adoption will take place during the last quarter of 2008.</p> <p>This SPD will be delayed due to priority given to other SPDs and the Core Strategy and to take account of recent appeal decisions on residential development design standards.</p> <p>This SPD will be delayed due to priority given to other SPDs and the Core Strategy and to take account of recent appeal decisions on residential development design standards.</p> |
| ER 05 | To develop and implement a strategy for the three town centres in order to maximise the social, economic and cultural well-being of the local population | Complete consultation with interested parties, April 2007 |  | Work has been delayed due to priority given to other SPDs and the Core Strategy. |

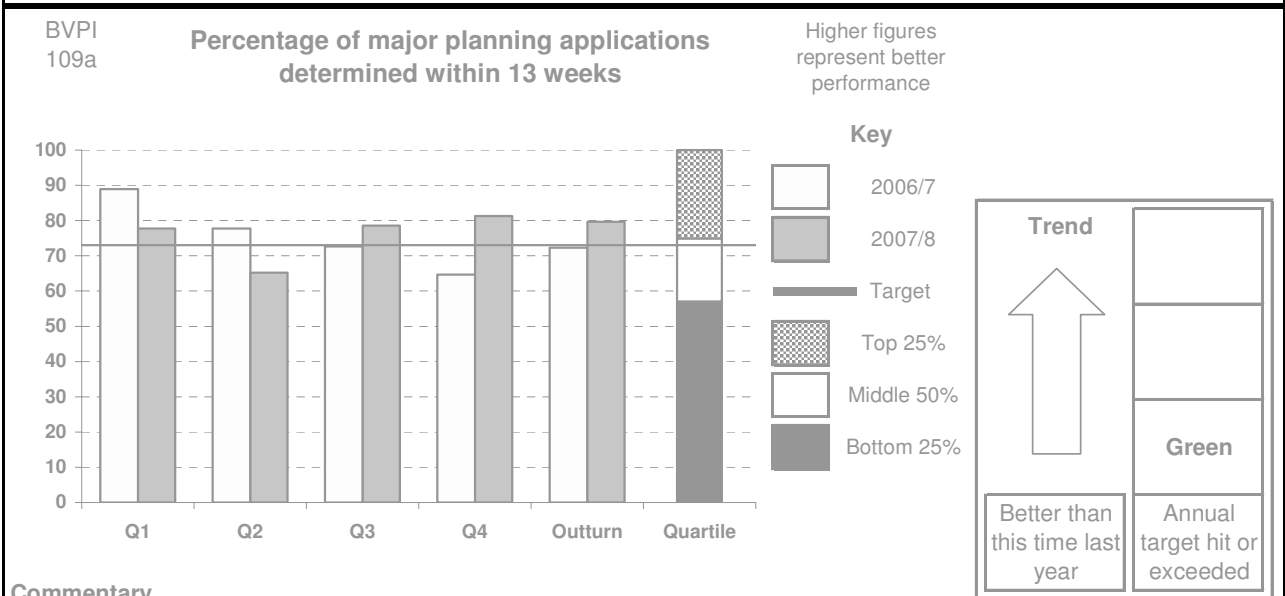
| Service Plan Ref. | Objective | 2007/08 Key Milestone | Progress to date | Commentary |
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| | | Produce strategy document and submit to Exec. Board for approval. December 2007. |  | The issues raised in the commentary to ER04, above, are also applicable here. The most relevant is the staffing issue. |
| ER 06 | Review and publish an updated Municipal Waste Management Strategy and commence implementation of the relevant objectives contained within the strategy, so as to secure compatibility with wider Merseyside strategy. | <p>Exercise to Update Waste Management Strategy, April 2007</p> <p>Consultation on draft Updated Strategy, Autumn 2007</p> <p>Adoption of Updated Strategy, December 2007</p> <p>Approval of Waste Action Plan, July 2007</p> <p>Pilot scheme to deliver kerbside multi-material recycling services (subject to the approval of the Waste Action Plan), October 2007</p> |      | <p>Work to update the Council's Waste Management Strategy commenced as planned.</p> <p>Consultation on the draft updated strategy took place between December 2007 and January 2008.</p> <p>The Council's Strategy was approved in March 2008</p> <p>At it's meeting of the 19th July 2007, the Executive Board approved the principles of the Council's Waste Action Plan</p> <p>The Pilot Multi-Material recycling scheme commenced in October as planned.</p> |

| Service Plan Ref. | Objective | 2007/08 Key Milestone | Progress to date | Commentary |
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| ER 07 | To procure an integrated waste management infrastructure/partnership to meet the requirements of the Municipal Waste Management Strategy | <p>Halton agreed Contract Procurement Strategy with Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority, March 2007</p> <p>Approval of Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) to formalise partnership arrangement with MWDA for the procurement of facilities and services, July 2007</p> |   | <p>The Strategy was agreed in March 2007. Progress on the implementation of this strategy continues to be made on contract procurement with the MWDA.</p> <p>Although the IAA has not been formally signed within the target timescale, agreement on the principles of the Agreement has been reached.</p> |
| ER 08 | Develop policy and practice regarding the introduction of legislation to ban smoking in public places introduce and continue to undertake effective balanced enforcement and review impact after 12 months and 24 months with the objective of ensuring appropriate smoke free environments. | <p>Establish Smoking, Education & Enforcement Team by May 2007.</p> <p>Complete programme of education for all premises by July 2007.</p> |   | <p>The Department has continued to enforce across the range of workplaces within the borough both within and outside working hours.</p> <p>Compliance rates have been good and only one fixed penalty notice has needed to be served. Areas of non-compliance on the whole are due to lack of correct signage and relate to small businesses. The section continues to work with partners in Merseyside to ensure a consistent approach and the PCT to maximise the health benefits.</p> |



Commentary

The purpose of this bvpi is to record performance in delivering the improvements envisaged in statutory guidance issued on pollution control standards for Part A(2) and B installations. Authorities should aim to secure completion of at least 90% of all pollution control improvements to the timetable specified in the guidance. 'Completed' means that the core pollution control purpose has been achieved. If there are minor ancilliary matters that have not yet been complied with, the pollution control improvements can be recorded as complete for the purpose of this BVPI.



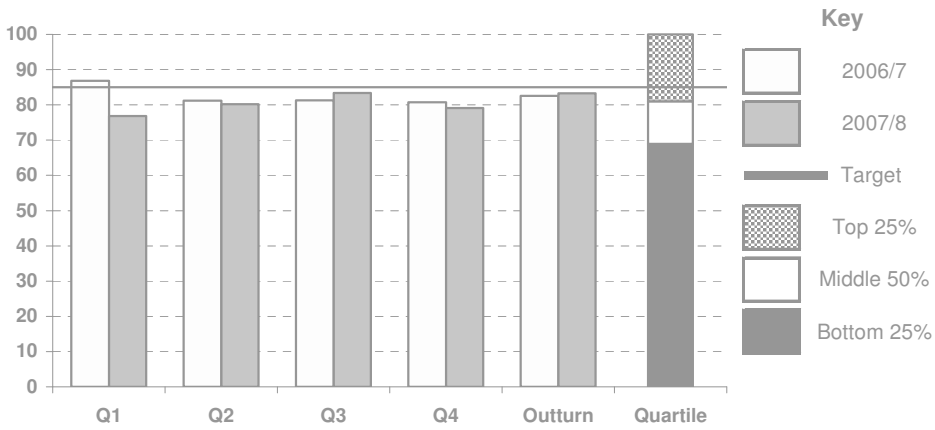
Commentary

13 applications were decided within the 13 weeks. 3 applications took over 13 weeks to be decided.

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Percentage of minor planning applications determined within 8 weeks

Higher figures represent better performance



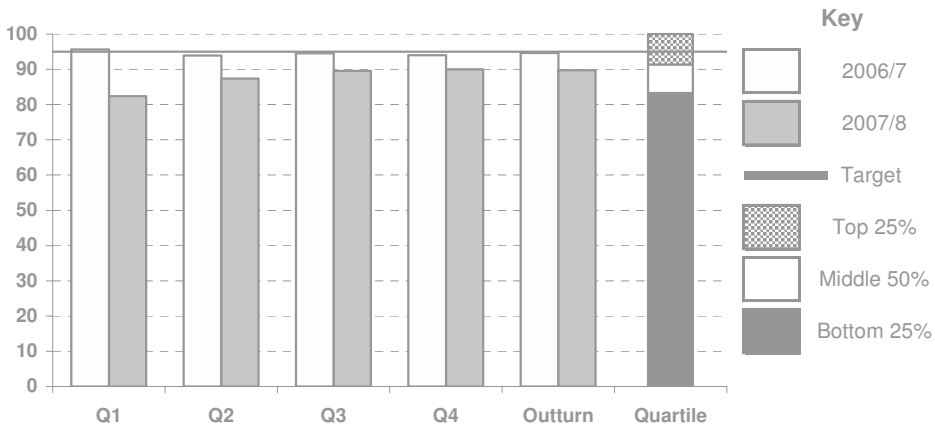
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34 applications were decided within 8 weeks. 9 took over 8 weeks to be decided.

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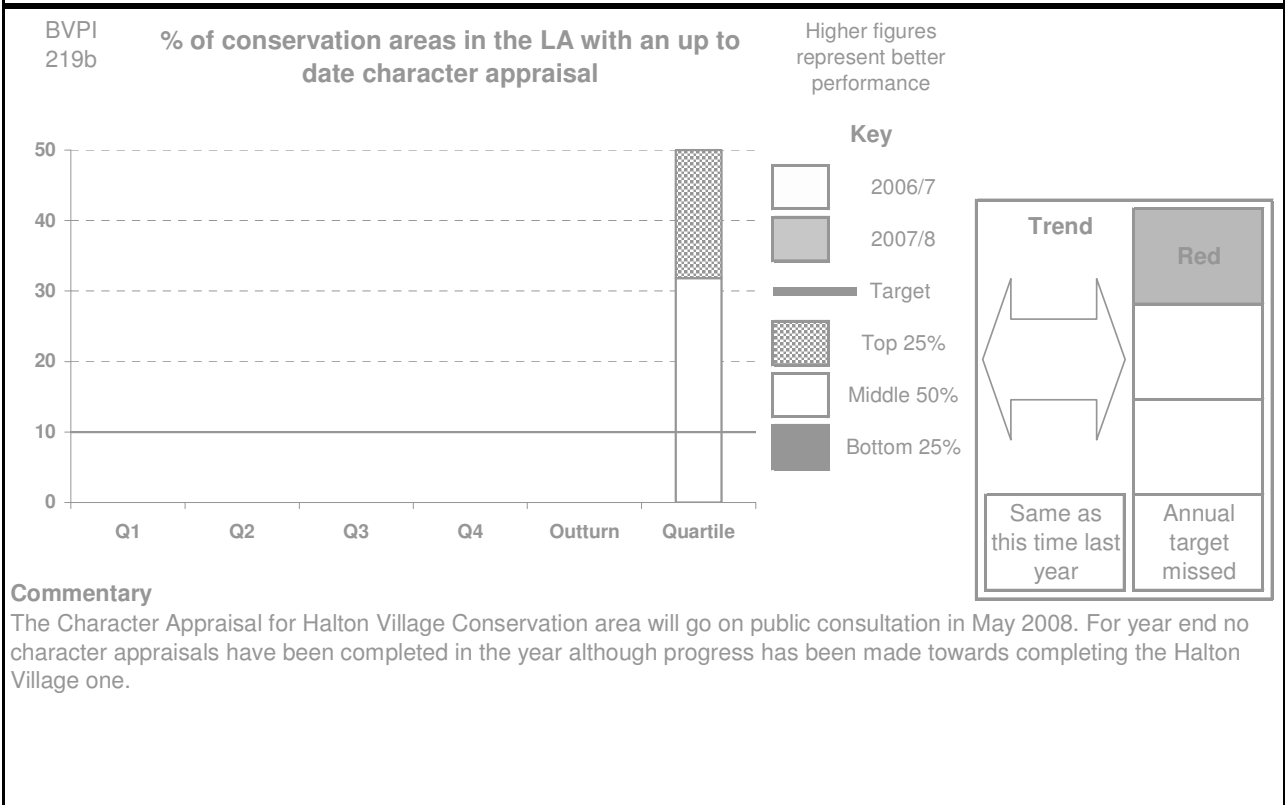
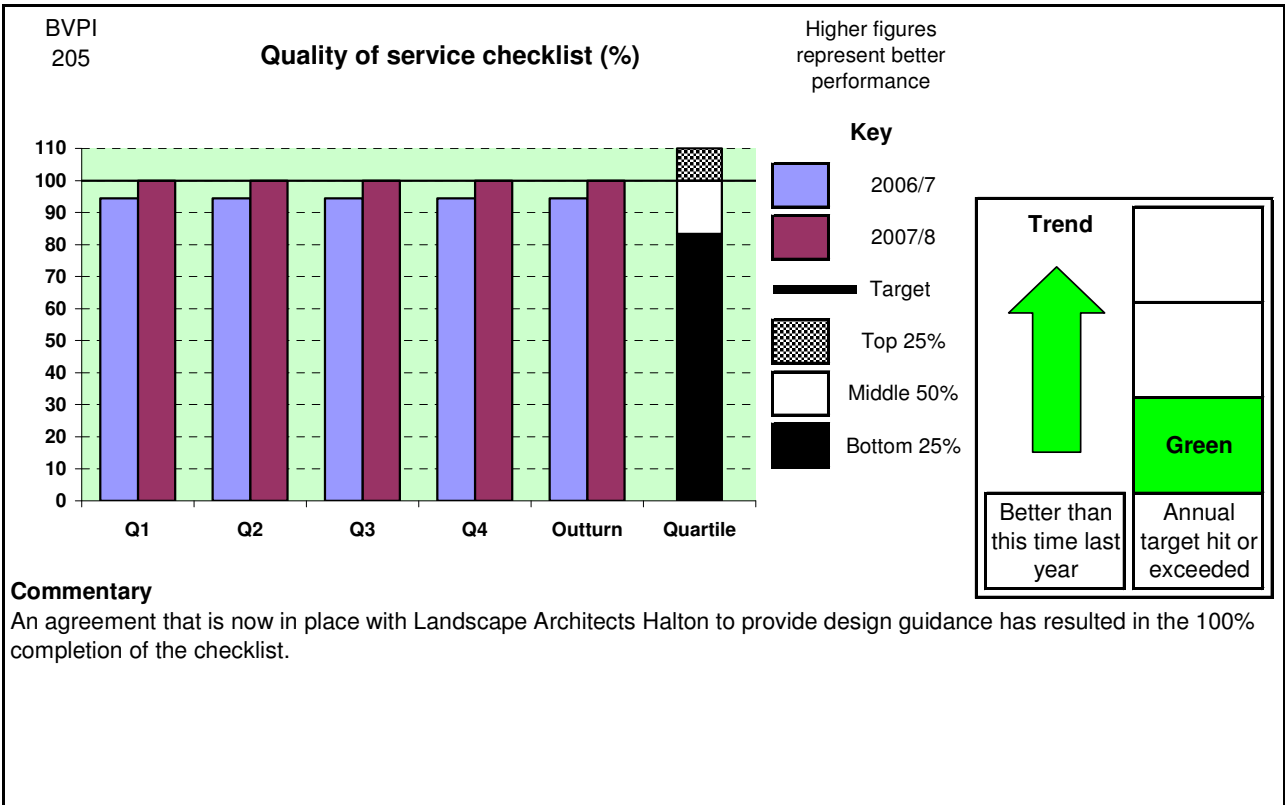
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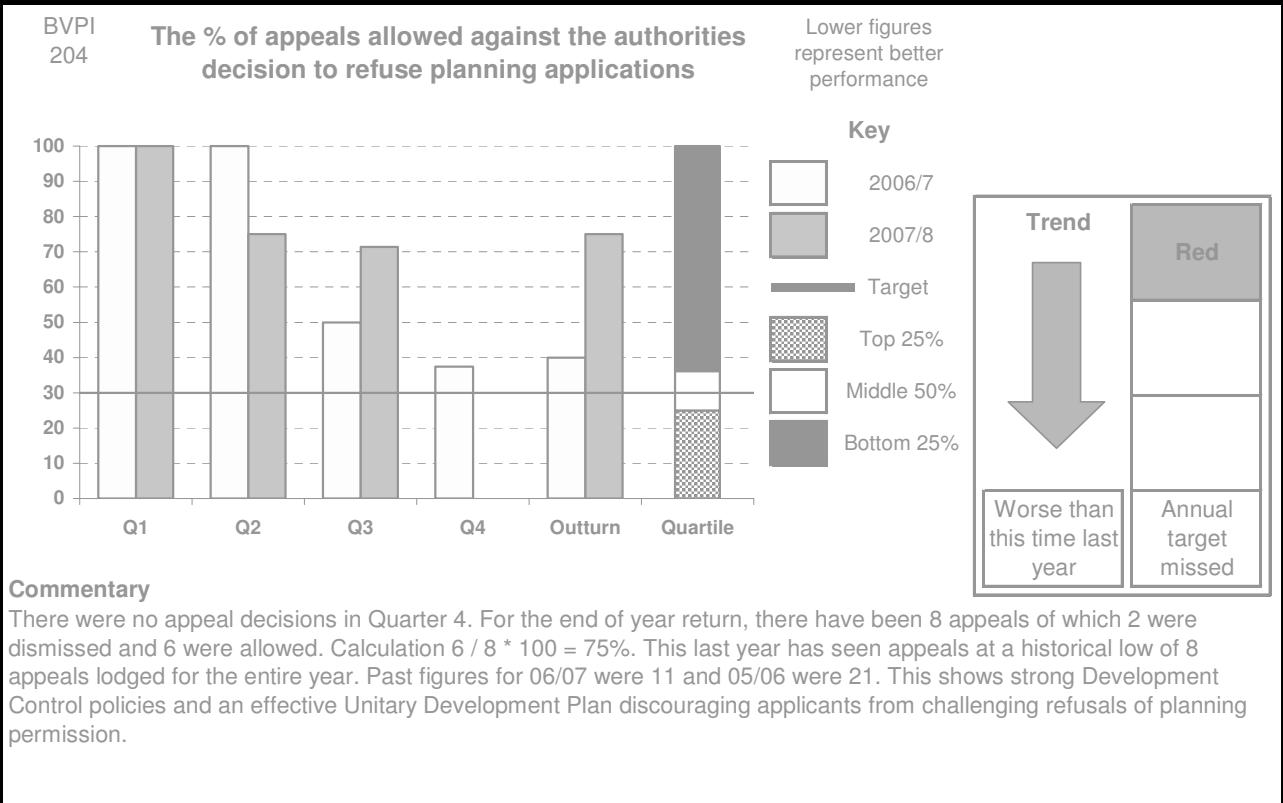
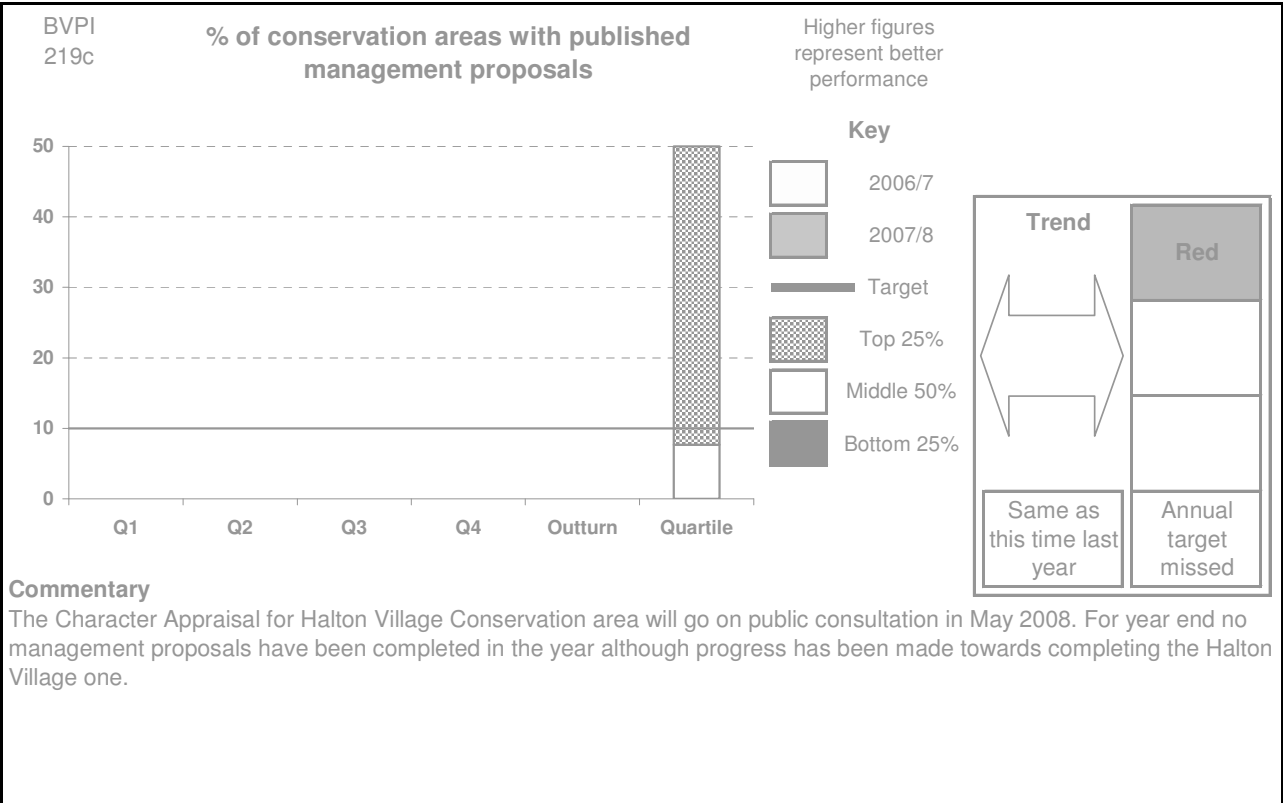
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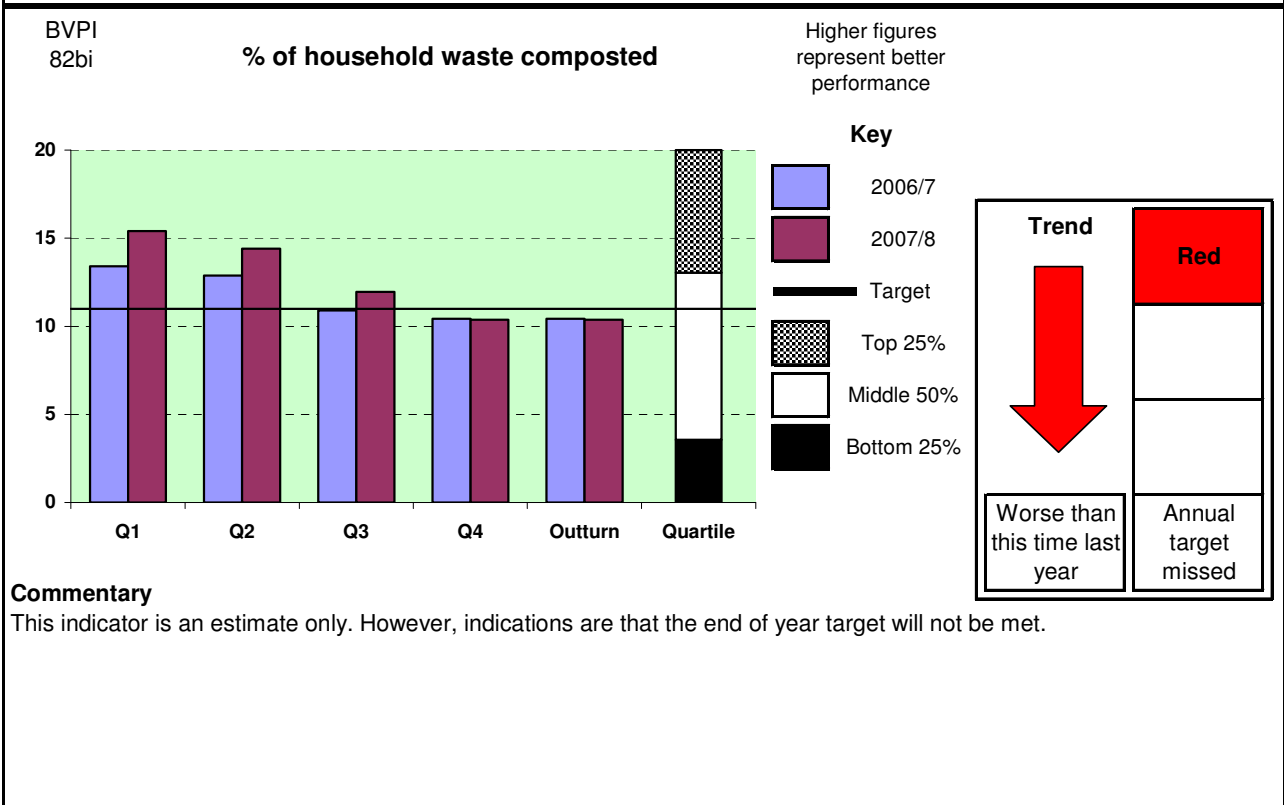
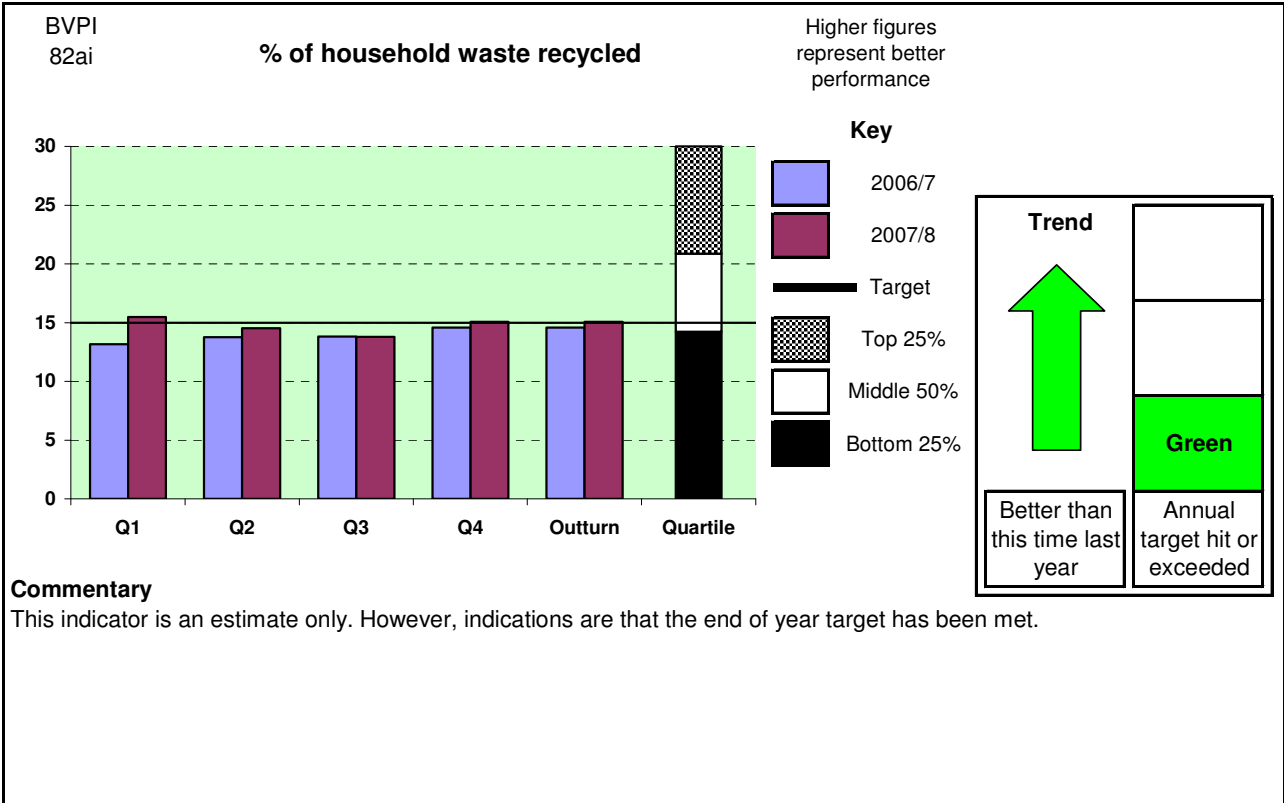


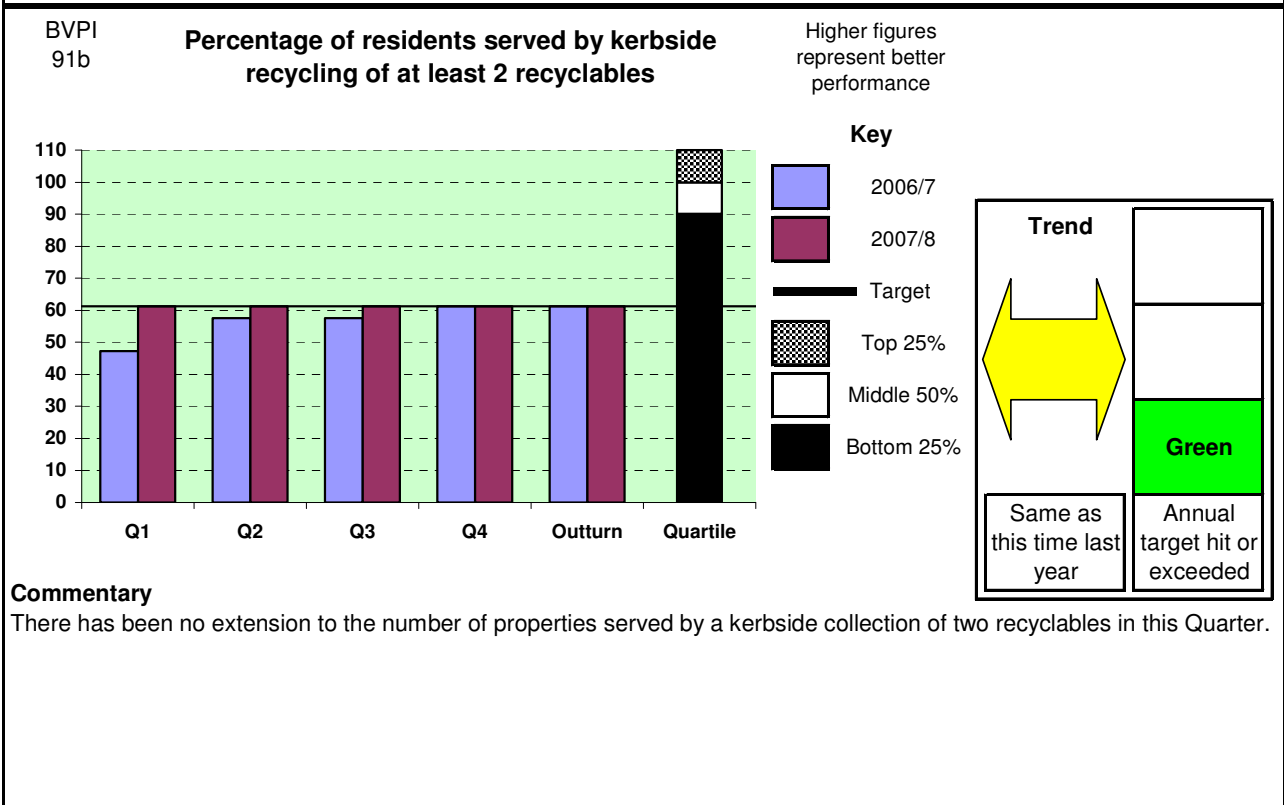
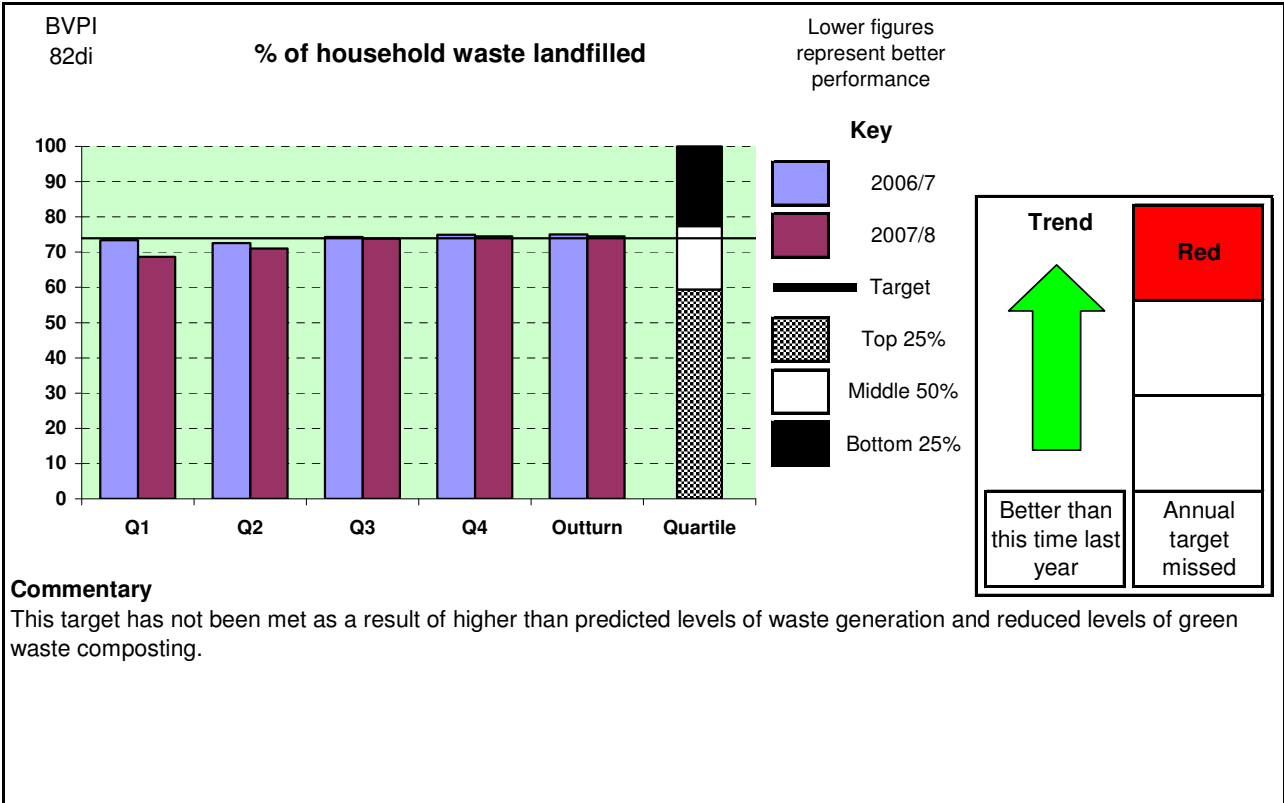
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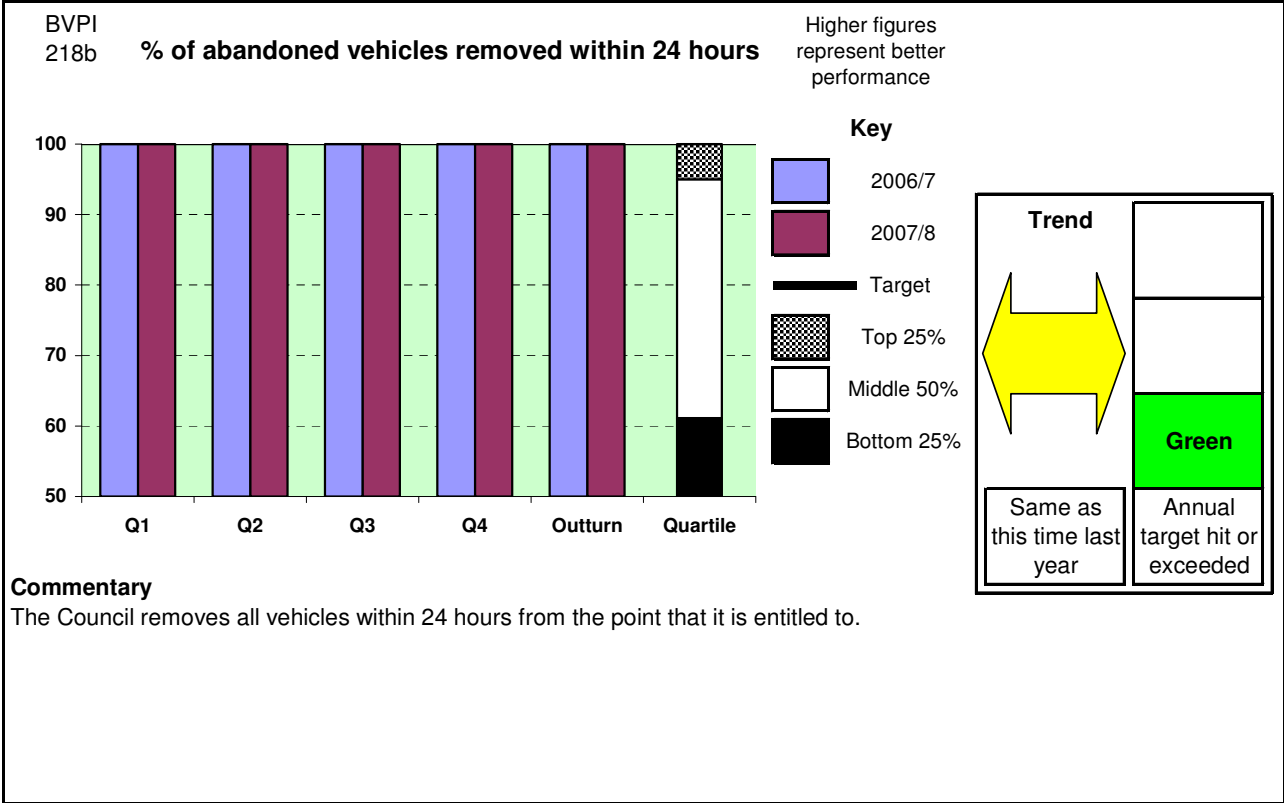
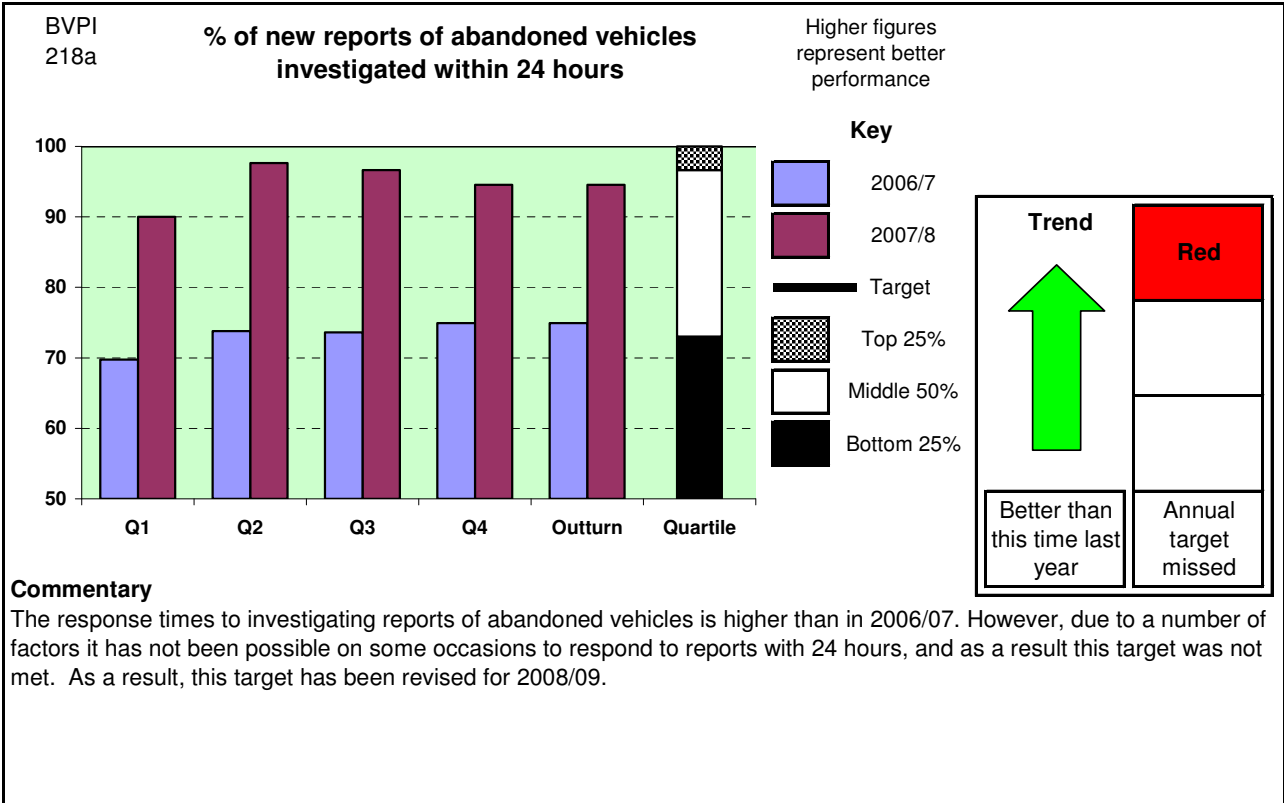
90 applications were decided within 8 weeks. 10 applications took over 8 weeks to decide.

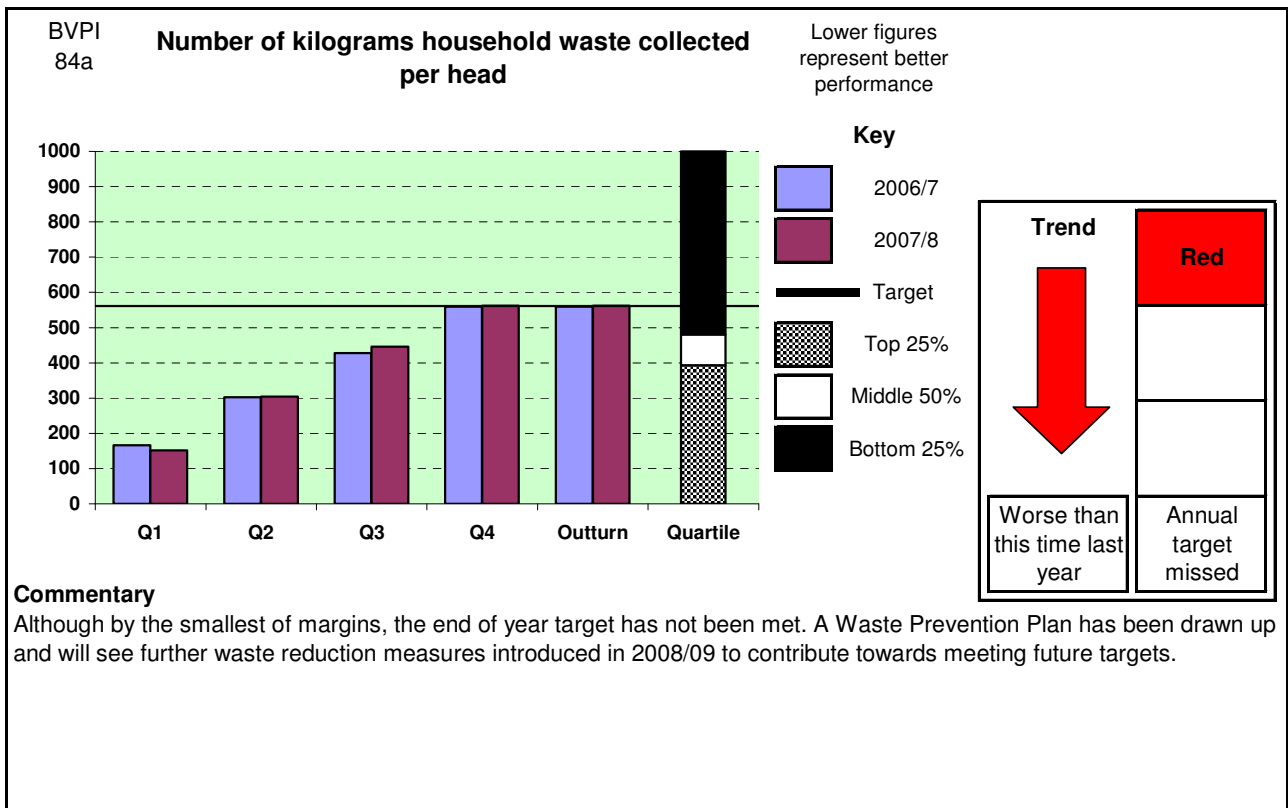
















The following Key Performance Indicators are reported on an annual basis,




| Ref | Indicator | Actual 06/07 | Target 07/08 | Actual 07/08 | | Commentary |
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| BV 87 | Cost of waste disposal per tonne for municipal waste (£) | 49.12 | 46.89 | | | Figure not yet available |
| BV 106 | % of new homes built on previously developed land | 87.54 | 50 | 85.34 % | | The past year has seen Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) housing figures limiting opportunities in other boroughs resulting in developers coming to Halton. This has given rise to a number of 'unexpected' (known as windfall) developments being promoted. Low lending rates have also fuelled the |

| Ref | Indicator | Actual 06/07 | Target 07/08 | Actual 07/08 | | Commentary |
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| | | | | | | development boom experienced over the last year. The Unitary Development Plan allocates a significant area of Greenfield in Sandymoor, Runcorn but this has been slow to commence. Next year these circumstances will change. For the coming year the RSS housing figures have been increased and the 'credit crunch' is starting to bite. This is likely to lead to less development in Halton. Once the Sandymoor development occurs it is expected that the BV 106 statistics will decrease to around 50% as the Greenfield allocation are built out. |
| BV 199a | Prop relevant land/highways with combined deposits of litter/detritus below acceptable levels | 22 | 16 | 14 | | A number of initiatives have contributed towards an improvement in this indicator. Further initiatives are planned to see performance increase to meet future targets. |
| BV 199b | Proportion of relevant land/highways from which unacceptable levels of graffiti visible | 2 | 1 | 1 | | The Council maintains a dedicated specialist cleansing team to provide a rapid response to incidents of graffiti. |
| BV 199c | Proportion of relevant land/highways from which unacceptable levels of fly posting visible | 1 | 1 | 0 | | The Council maintains a dedicated specialist cleansing team to provide a rapid response to incidents of fly-posting. |
| BV 199d | Reduction in incidents & increase in enforcement actions, taken to | 1 | 1 | 2 | | In 2006/07 there were 1648 incidents of fly-tipping and in 2007/08 there 1438. In 2006/07 the Council recorded 187 enforcement actions and |



| Ref | Indicator | Actual 06/07 | Target 07/08 | Actual 07/08 | | Commentary |
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| | deal with fly tipping | | | | | in 2007/09 recorded 132. Although the total number of fly-tipping incidents dealt with in 2007/08 has decreased from the previous year, the total number of enforcement actions has decreased and the Council's grading is therefore categorised as '2' or 'Effective' |



| Ref | Indicator | Actual 06 / 07 | Target 07 / 08 | Quarter 4 | Progress | Commentary |
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| Service Delivery Indicators. | | | | | | |
| BV 216 | Identifying Contaminated Land (a) Sites of potential concern with land contamination (b) % of sites with information to decide if remediation is necessary | 258 9% | 1393 1% | 1393 1% |   | Progress has this year has been as expected. The total number of potentially contaminated sites has significantly increased from previous years due the completion of the first phases of the Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy. The Contaminated Land Regime (Part 2A EPA 1990) has not addressed a large number of sites (no new site investigated this year – resources have been absorbed by ongoing cases, e.g. St Michael’s Golf Course) and the majority of sites that have been assessed through the planning process have either not been included on the main list of potentially contaminated land or are the continuation of sites already included in previous years returns. |
| ENV R LI 1 | % of playgrounds that conform to national standards for locally equipped areas | 66% (24 sites) | 77.7% (28 sites) | 97.14% (34 sites) |  | Target exceeded. |
| BV 82a (ii) | Total tonnage of household waste arisings sent for recycling. | 9684 | 10067 | 10133 |  | Target exceeded. |



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| BV 82b (ii) | Tonnage of household waste arisings composted or sent for treatment by anaerobic digestion. | 6930 | 7383 | 6983 | | The level of waste collected for composting this year has not reached targeted levels. |
| BV 82c (i) | Percentage of household waste arisings used to recover heat, power & other energy sources. | 0% | 0% | 0% | | N/A |
| BV 82c (ii) | Total tonnage household waste arisings used to recover heat, power & other energy sources. | 0 | 0 | 0 | | N/A |
| BV 82d (ii) | Total tonnage of household waste arisings landfilled. | 49837.4 | 49667 | 50139 | | This target has not been met as a result of higher than predicted levels of waste generation and reduced levels of green waste composting. |
| BV 84b | Percentage change on previous year in Kg of household waste collected per head. | 1.8 | 1 | 2.18 | | Despite a number of waste prevention activities, waste production in Halton has been higher than predicted. |
| BV 91a CPA | % of households served by a kerbside collection - 1 recyclable. | 100% | 100% | 100% | | The Council provides a kerbside paper collection service to all properties in the borough. |
| ENV R LI 5 | % of incidents of offensive graffiti responded to within 24 hours of notification | 82.35% | 100% | 90.91% | | Due to a number of factors it has not been possible on some occasions to respond to incidents with 24 hours. As a result, this target has been revised for 2008/09. |

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| ENV R LI 6 | % of incidents of fly-tipping responded to within 48 hours | 96.41% | 100% | 98.57% |  | Due to a number of factors it has not been possible on some occasions to respond to fly-tipping with 48 hours. As a result, this target has been revised for 2008/09. |
| Quality of Service Indicators. | | | | | | |
| BV 166 (b) | Score against a checklist of enforcement best practice for Environmental Health | 90% | 100% | 90% |  | This BVpi is made up of a number of components reflecting functions across the division. Each component is worth 10% but must be performed in each function. Due to maternity leave and other staffing issues there was slippage on the targeted enforcement related information and educational programmes elements of the indicator. Such programmes can be resource intensive. |
| ENV R LI 2 | Survey satisfaction with the level of cleanliness in parks.” | 77% | 84% | 92% |  | Taken from Greenstat for period 1 st January to 31 st March 2008. |

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| ENV R LI 3 | Number of Green Flag Awards achieved for Halton | 6 | 8 | 6 | | Only six Green Flag Awards were achieved in 2007. In January 2008 submissions from Halton were made for 10 Green Flag Awards. Resubmissions have been made for the existing 6 sites (Hough Green Park, Pickerings Pasture LNR, Rock Park, Runcorn Hill Park & LNR, Wigg Island Community Park 7 Victoria Park). New submissions have been made for an additional 4 sites (Phoenix Park, Runcorn Town Hall Park, Spike Island & Victoria Promenade). Judging will take place in May and June 2008. |
| BV 200 | Plan-Making (a) current development plan? (b) proposals on deposit? (c) annual monitoring report? | Yes Yes Yes | Yes Yes Yes | | | The Borough has a development plan in the form of the UDP (Unitary Development Plan). It is actively pursuing the completion of the LDS (Local Development Scheme) and it has proposals on deposit. The AMR (Annual Monitoring Report) was submitted in December 07. |
| ENV R LI 7 | % of residents satisfaction with the cleansing standards in Halton (Annual PI). | 68.8% | 72% | 81% | | Taken from the Halton 2000 survey February 2008 (Q. d6) |
| Fair Access Indicators. | | | | | | |
| BV 86 | Cost of waste collection per household. | £27.44 | £29.39 | NYA | NYA | Figure not yet available. |



| LPSA Ref. | Indicator | Baseline | Target | Perform 06/07 | Perform 07/08 Q4 | Traffic light | Commentary |
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| 6 | Reducing vehicle arson: The number of incidents of arson occurring to non derelict vehicles (during the year 1 April to 31 March) | 200 (Jan – Dec 2005) | 140 (Apr 07 – Mar 08) | 143 | 143 |  | Despite a significant reduction in incidents of vehicle arson from baseline year, this target has been narrowly missed. |
| 7 | Improving health and well-being: The number of people reporting to the NHS stop smoking services who had set a quit date and who are still not smoking at the four weeks review (during the year 1 April to 31 March) | 850 (2005/6) | 2000 (2008/9) | 1049 | N/a |  | Q4 Figures not available from NHS yet. Q3 figures (not reported) were 199 |

| Key Objective (Service Plan Ref. Only) | Risk Control Measures | Target / Deadline | Progress | Commentary |
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| | <p>Risk Identified: Risk in underestimating level of finance required to deliver.</p> <p>Risk Control Measure(s): Consultation with internal and external financial experts to ensure proper financial analysis.</p> <p>Risk Identified: Risk of changes to central/regional & Local Authority Governed Policy affecting the agreed strategy.</p> <p>Risk Control Measure(s): Final strategies should be flexible to account for such changes and continual monitoring of policy should be maintained to keep abreast of any potential changes</p> <p>Risk Identified: Failure to produce strategy could jeopardise future government funding e.g. planning delivery grant.</p> | <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> | <p></p> <p></p> | <p>Difficultly retaining the requisite level of budget to deliver the LDF within the traditional annual budget setting process. At least a three-year rolling budget is required to cater for the Examination and various consultants' studies.</p> <p>Regular updates on changing legislation are obtained e.g. the Planning Bill of November 2007. The affect the legislation will have on the tasks to be carried out is then assessed.</p> |

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| | <p>Risk Control Measure(s):</p> <p>Ensure delivery of strategies in line with government requirements.</p> | On-going |  | The LDF has been made a Division priority for 2008. |
| ER06 | <p>TO PRODUCE A WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR HALTON</p> <p>Risk Identified: Failure to comply with statutory duty – leading to detrimental consequences to the Authority.</p> <p>Risk Control Measure(s):</p> <p>Continual monitoring to ensure compliance with statutory duties. Engagement of external consultants to provide expert advice and guidance.</p> <p>Risk Identified: Absence of a W M Strategy – leading to difficulties in planning future WM Services.</p> <p>Risk Control Measure(s):</p> | On-going |  | See Service Plan Reference ER06 – The Council's Waste Management Strategy has been updated to ensure compliance with statutory duties. |

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| | <p>relevant officers.</p> <p>Monitoring and control measures in place to ensure that targets and pledges are met.</p> | | | |

The traffic light symbols are used in the following manner:

| | <u>Objective</u> | <u>Performance Indicator</u> |
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| <u>Green</u> |  <p>Indicates that the <u>objective has been achieved</u> within the appropriate timeframe.</p> | <p>Indicates that the annual 06/07 target <u>has been achieved</u> or exceeded</p> |
| <u>Red</u> |  <p>Indicates that that the <u>objective has not been achieved</u> within the appropriate timeframe.</p> | <p>Indicates that the annual 06/07 target <u>has not been achieved.</u></p> |