

# QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT

**DIRECTORATE:** Environment  
**SERVICE:** Major Projects  
**PERIOD:** Quarter 1 to period end 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This quarterly monitoring report covers the Major Projects Department first quarter period up to 30 June 2008. It describes key developments and progress against 'key' milestones and performance indicators for the service.

The way in which traffic light symbols have been used to reflect progress to date is explained in Appendix 5.




## 2.0 KEY DEVELOPMENTS

Nothing to report

## 3.0 EMERGING ISSUES

- Resources issues in Property Services, reported in 2007-8 Q.4, have caused delays in several projects.
- The national financial situation has impacted adversely on proposed developments. At this stage these are primarily those on the Widnes Waterfront reported in MP01 below, although it is considered that Castlefields, 3MG and the Canal Quarter will be affected in the autumn.

## 4.0 PROGRESS AGAINST OBJECTIVES / MILESTONES

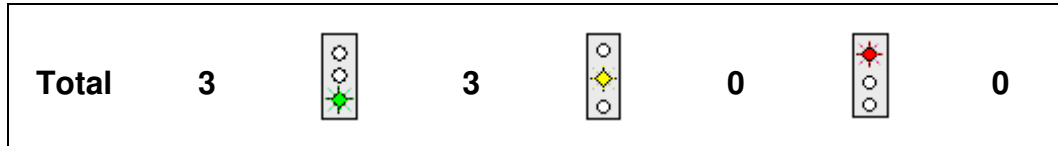
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Resources issues in Property Services have impacted on objectives. For further details, please refer to Appendix 1.

## 5.0 SERVICE REVIEW

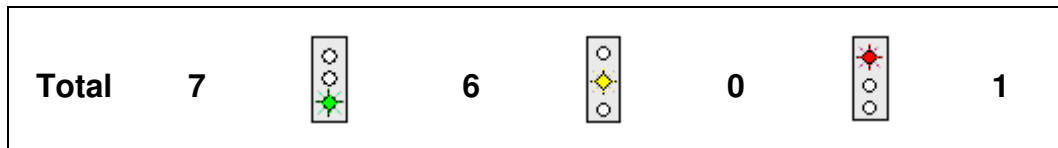
Two vacant posts in the Castlefields Regeneration Team have been filled.

## 6.0 PROGRESS AGAINST KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS



Good progress has been made in Q1 towards “Key” performance indicator targets. For further details, please refer to Appendix 2.

## 6.1 PROGRESS AGAINST OTHER PERFORMANCE INDICATORS



Performance re - new office accommodation, has this quarter been reported by exception. For further details, please refer to Appendix 3.

## 7.0 PROGRESS AGAINST LPSA TARGETS

There are no LPSA targets for this service

## 8.0 RISK CONTROL MEASURES

During the production of the 2008-09 Service Plan, the service was required to undertake a risk assessment of all Service Objectives.





Where a 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.





## 9.0 PROGRESS AGAINST HIGH PRIORITY EQUALITY ACTIONS




During 2007/08 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.




## 10.0 APPENDICES


Appendix 1- Progress against Objectives/ Milestones Appendix 2- Progress against Key Performance Indicators Appendix 3- Progress against Other Performance Indicators Appendix 4- Financial Statement Appendix 5- Explanation of traffic light symbols
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Service Plan Ref.	Objective	2008/09 Milestone	Progress to date	Commentary
MP 1	To implement a regeneration plan for the Widnes Waterfront EDZ in accordance with the EDZ Team Plan and Regeneration Masterplan resulting in 44 ha. of regenerated land on the Widnes waterfront	<p>Implementation according to Masterplan Phase 2:</p> <p>Completion of CPO procedures,</p> <p>Public Artwork completed,</p> <p>Linear Park completed. Mar 2009</p> <p>Implementation according to Masterplan Phase 2:</p> <p>Completion of Phase 1 of Venture Fields Leisure Development. Dec 2008</p>	   	<p>Resource issues in Property Services have delayed completion of property acquisitions.</p> <p>St Modwen Properties have pulled out of resourcing the CPO and other acquisitions.</p> <p>The original site for The Flower artwork has been found to be contaminated. An alternative site is being sought.</p> <p>The rail has been lifted from the Linear Park site and taken to the Llangollen Railway – as shown on the Consumer Police TV programme on 12<sup>th</sup>. June 2008. Landscape works have started on site.</p> <p>Resource issues in Property Services have delayed completion of property transfer.</p> <p>Because of the delays St Modwen have re-tendered the works..</p>

Service Plan Ref.	Objective	2008/09 Milestone	Progress to date	Commentary
MP 2	To implement a regeneration plan for Castlefields according to the Castlefields Team Plan and Regeneration Masterplan (See Team Plan) resulting in the achievement of The Masterplan's Vision of an improved estate	<p>Implementation according to Masterplan Phase 2:</p> <p>Commence demolition and redevelopment of the existing local centre. Mar 2009</p> <p>Implementation according to Masterplan Phase 2: Develop phase 3 of the programme. Mar 2009</p>	 	<p>Housing demolitions and redevelopment is on schedule.</p> <p>The Development Agreement with CDS, EP and Halton Borough Council is being finalised and details of vesting the local centre being finalised.</p> <p>Applications being made to the Housing Corporation by the RSLs for the next phases of housing renewal</p>
MP 3	To implement a regeneration plan for 3 MG (Ditton Strategic Rail Freight Park) resulting in the creation of a regionally-significant rail freight park	<p>Completion of CPO procedures. Mar 2009</p> <p>Implementation of infrastructure works including road access to Halton Borough Council Field. Aug 2008</p>	 	<p>Resource issues in Property Services delayed completion of property acquisitions. However, negotiations for the purchase of Eddarbridge and neighbouring properties have been taken on by Stobart Group.</p> <p>The planning application for the A5300 Link Road has been submitted to both Knowsley MBC and Halton Borough Council.</p>

Service Plan Ref.	Objective	2008/09 Milestone	Progress to date	Commentary
MP 4	Monitor investment levels in the 3 town centres in order to comply with Community Plan objectives (See Team Plan) and ensure a continued improvement in the quality of Halton's Town Centres	Ensure continued investment in town centres of at least £1 million per annum. Mar 2009		Redevelopment of the Windmill Centre continues on schedule and an announcement has been made confirming tenants, including Marks and Spencer.
MP 5	Reclamation of contaminated and derelict land including 48 ha. at St Michael's Golf Course to produce a safe and attractive replacement course	<p>Phase 1 reclamation of 18 ha. of the Golf Course begun with grant of £180,000 from Defra to finalise designs for Phase 2. Mar 2009</p> <p>Formal determination and funding application to Defra. Mar 2009</p>	  	<p>Phase 1 on-site works commenced.</p> <p>On schedule to submit Phase 2 application in the autumn.</p>

Ref	Description	Actual 2007/8	Target 08/09	Quarter 1	Progress	Commentary
<b>Service Delivery</b>						
<b><u>MP LI9</u></b>	Castlefields Regeneration: Outputs as set out in Masterplan (% achieved)	100	100	100		See MP02 above
<b><u>MP LI13</u></b>	Urban Renewal: Outputs as set out in Succession Urban Renewal Strategy and Action Plan (% achieved)	N/a	100	100		WNF for Urban Renewal approved and projects committed.
<b><u>MP LI14</u></b>	3MG: Outputs as set out in Masterplan (% achieved)	100	100	100		Refer to commentary for Objective MP03 in Appendix 1.

Ref	Description	Actual 2007/8	Target 08/09	Quarter 1	Progress	Commentary
<b>Service Delivery</b>						
MP LI2	New office accommodation (sq ft)	50000	50000	0		Langtree have delayed the start of their managed offices development for the foreseeable future because of the economic situation.



## **MAJOR PROJECTS**

### **Revenue Budget as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

	Annual Revised Budget £'000	Budget To Date £'000	Actual To Date £'000	Variance To Date (Overspend) £'000	Actual Including Committed Items £'000
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Employees	637	161	151	10	151
Premises Support	33	0	0	0	0
Supplies & Services	73	12	5	7	6
Transport	35	10	8	2	8
Central Support Services	166	0	0	0	0
Departmental Support Services	23	0	0	0	0
Asset Charges	372	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,339</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>165</b>
<b>Income</b>					
Fees & Charges	-112	-28	-28	0	-28
Recharges to Capital	-431	-101	-89	(12)	-89
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>-543</b>	<b>-129</b>	<b>-117</b>	<b>(12)</b>	<b>-117</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>48</b>

### **Comments on the above figures:**

In overall terms spend to the end of quarter one is slightly below budget.

A vacancy existed within the department, which has now been filled, that resulted in the variance between budgeted and actual employee and transport costs.

The vacancy also resulted in a slightly lower recharge to capital projects.

It is anticipated that overall revenue spending will be in line with the departmental budget at year end.

## **MAJOR PROJECTS**

### **Local Strategic Partnership Schemes as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

	Annual Revised Budget £'000	Budget To Date £'000	Actual To Date £'000	Variance To Date (Overspend) £'000	Actual Including Committed Items £'000
Partnership Co-ordinator	20	5	10	(5)	10
Victoria Road EDZ	25	6	0	6	0
Masterplanning 2 Town Centre Initiative	25	6	0	6	0
	75	19	9	10	9
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>

#### **Comments on the above figures:**

The expenditure above budget with regards to the Partnership Co-ordinator will be offset by external funding obtained throughout the year and therefore net expenditure will be in line with budget by year-end.

## **MAJOR PROJECTS**




### **Capital Projects as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008**

	2008-09 Capital Allocation £'000	Allocation To Date £'000	Actual Spend To Date £'000	Total Allocation Remaining £'000
<b><u>Multi-Funded Projects</u></b>				
Widnes Waterfront	5,376	1,685	405	4,971
Castlefields	3,620	50	11	3,609
3MG	2,123	647	547	1,576
<b><u>LSP (Urban Renewal) Projects</u></b>				
Contaminated Land	270	0	4	266
Sites Purchase	605	7	0	605
Town Centre Streetscapes	240	7	7	233
Business Park Improvements	211	3	3	208
Widnes Waterfront	290	55	34	256
<b><u>HBC Projects</u></b>				
Golf Course	157	0	7	150
Queens Hall	50	0	0	50
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>12,942</b>	<b>2,454</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>11,924</b>

### **Comments on the above figures:**

With regard to the three programmes detailed under the Multi Funded Projects header, there is continued change to the programmes and the costings/funding allocations are being continually updated.

The traffic light symbols are used in the following manner:

	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Performance Indicator</u>
<b><u>Green</u></b>	 <p>Indicates that the <u>objective is on course to be achieved</u> within the appropriate timeframe.</p>	<p>Indicates that the <u>target is on course to be achieved</u>.</p>
<b><u>Amber</u></b>	 <p>Indicates that it is <u>unclear</u> at this stage, due to a lack of information or a key milestone date being missed, <u>whether the objective will be achieved</u> within the appropriate timeframe.</p>	<p>Indicates that it is either <u>unclear</u> at this stage or too early to state whether the target is on course to be achieved.</p>
<b><u>Red</u></b>	 <p>Indicates that it is <u>highly likely or certain that the objective will not be achieved</u> within the appropriate timeframe.</p>	<p>Indicates that the <u>target will not be achieved</u> unless there is an intervention or remedial action taken.</p>