Public Document Pack



AGENDA

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, 17 June 2021

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Virtual Meeting Via Skype*

Membership:

Councillors Lloyd Bowen (Chairman), Richard Darby, Steve Davey, Mike Dendor (Vice-Chairman), Oliver Eakin, Tim Gibson, James Hall, Carole Jackson, Denise Knights, Pete Neal, Hannah Perkin, Ken Pugh and Bill Tatton.

Quorum = 4

Pages

Information for the Public

*Members of the press and public can listen to this meeting live. Details of how to join the meeting will be added to the website on Wednesday 16 June 2021.

Privacy Statement

Swale Borough Council (SBC) is committed to protecting the privacy and security of your personal information. As data controller we ensure that processing is carried out in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulations. In calling to join the meeting your telephone number may be viewed solely by those Members and Officers in attendance at the Skype meeting and will not be shared further. No other identifying information will be made available through your joining to the meeting. In joining the meeting you are providing the Council with your consent to process your telephone number for the duration of the meeting. Your telephone number will not be retained after the meeting is finished.

If you have any concerns or questions about how we look after your personal information or your rights as an individual under the Regulations, please contact the Data Protection Officer by email at dataprotectionofficer@swale.gov.uk or by calling 01795 417179.

- 1. Apologies for Absence and Confirmation of Substitutes
- 2. Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 March 2021 (Minute Nos. 582 - 589) and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 8 April 2021 (Minute Nos. 618 – 622) as correct records.

3. Declarations of Interest

Councillors should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves or their spouse, civil partner or person with whom they are living with as a spouse or civil partner. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

The Chairman will ask Members if they have any interests to declare in respect of items on this agenda, under the following headings:

- (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) under the Localism Act 2011. The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared. After declaring a DPI, the Member must leave the meeting and not take part in the discussion or vote. This applies even if there is provision for public speaking.
- (b) Disclosable Non Pecuniary Interests (DNPI) under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council in May 2012. The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared. After declaring a DNPI interest, the Member may stay, speak and vote on the matter.
- (c) Where it is possible that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts would conclude that there was a real possibility that the Member might be predetermined or biased the Member should declare their predetermination or bias and then leave the meeting while that item is considered.

Advice to Members: If any Councillor has any doubt about the existence or nature of any DPI or DNPI which he/she may have in any item on this agenda, he/she should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer, the Head of Legal or from other Solicitors in Legal Services as early as possible, and in advance of the Meeting.

Part One - Substantive Items

4. Sittingbourne Town Centre Update

5 - 6

To consider the written update.

The Cabinet Member for Economy and Property has been invited to attend for this item.

5. Performance Monitoring Report

The Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and the Business Support Officer – Policy have been invited to attend for this item.

The Committee is asked to consider the Performance Monitoring Report – 2020/21 Quarter 4.

Part Two - Business Item

Cabinet Forward Plan

The Committee is asked to consider the Forward Plan with a view to identifying possible items for pre-decision scrutiny.

Issued on Wednesday, 9 June 2021

The reports included in Part I of this agenda can be made available in **alternative formats**. For further information about this service, or to arrange for special facilities to be provided at the meeting, **please contact DEMOCRATIC SERVICES on 01795 417330**. To find out more about the work of the Scrutiny Committee, please visit www.swale.gov.uk

Chief Executive, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT



Sittingbourne Town Centre Regeneration Update to Scrutiny Committee 17th June 2021

	Progress Update
SBC	
Bourne Place	
Cinema and Bowling Alley Opening	Following the latest Covid-19 lockdown The Light Cinema held an invitation only event on 27th May to showcase the cinema and bowling alley ahead of their public opening on 28th May. In attendance were the Mayor and Mayoress, Senior SBC Members and Officers along with representatives from Spirit.
	The Light officially opened the cinema and the bowling alley to the public on Friday 28 th June 2021.
Travelodge / Sentado Lounge	Travelodge has continued to trade throughout the lockdown periods. Sentado Lounge re-opened on 17 th May.
Unit Fit Outs (Unit 3b – Nando's)	The base build changes to unit 3b were completed by PDR at the end of March however we are still awaiting some of the final handover documentation. Nando's have now confirmed that they plan to commence their fit out in unit 3b on 28th June. The fit-out works are due to take 12 weeks with an opening date in October. Nando's fit out information has been reviewed by Cushman's building and M&E surveyors and they have identified more information is required before full approval can be given.
Prospective Tenants	Savills continue to work to fill the vacant units in a challenging market caused by COVID-19. There is interest from potential tenants in the remaining units 1, 2 & 3a. Unit 1 is further advanced, it is currently in legals.
Princes Street Retail Park	The Food Warehouse, Home Bargains and Costa Coffee all continue to trade well on the retail development. Lease payments continue to be paid on time.
Managing Agent	Cushman & Wakefield continue to assist with the Managing Agent duties for the Retail Park, MSCP and Bourne Place and their Building Surveyor expertise is being utilised to monitor the unit fit outs.

	Following complaints, SBC's property team have been discussing improvements to the cleanliness of the Bourne Place site and have requested that Cushman provide an action plan.
Meetings	High Level meetings continue to be held with Spirit on a bimonthly basis by conference call with the previous meeting being held on 5th May.
	Monthly meetings continue to be held with Cushman & Wakefield on a monthly basis by conference call with the previous meeting being held on 14 th May.
SPIRIT OF SITTINGBOURNE	
Highway Works	Spirit and KCC carried out a joint inspection of phases 1 – 4 of the highway areas on 25 th May. Issues on the highway works remain outstanding. Spirit have confirmed they will be able to provide a list of items identified and agreed with KCC during week commencing 7 th June.
Bourne Place	Vodafone completed their fibre optic cable relocation works in the North West corner of Bourne Place at the beginning of May however the final footway reinstatement is still outstanding.
	The end of defects period for the cinema and public realm ends on 26 th June. A date is being scheduled by Spirit's employer's agent for a joint site inspection to determine if any snagging items or defects need to be carried out. A final review of all snagging items identified in the hotel and Sentado Lounge will also be carried out to ensure they have been completed by PDR.
	A decision for the planning application submitted by Spirit for the tenant signage on the North West face of the cinema building is expected imminently.
Wayfinding	Reade Signs installed the signage in the four totems in and around Bourne Place ahead of the cinema and bowling alley opening.
Princes Street Retail Park	With regard to Princes Street Retail Park no further progress has been made between Spirit's Director and Mitchells to agree a way forward for the floor slab repairs in the Food Warehouse (TFW). SBC Capital Projects Manager continues to chase for an update.

Scrutiny Meeting		
Meeting Date	17 June 2021	
Report Title	Annual Performance Management Report (2020/21)	
Cabinet Member	Cllr Roger Truelove, Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance	
SMT Lead	David Clifford, Head of Policy, Communications and Customer Services	
Lead Officer	Tony Potter, Policy and Performance Support Officer	

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

1.1 This report presents the year-end annual performance management report for 2020/2021 (to 31 March 2021) as previously reported to SMT on 4 May 2021 and Informal Cabinet on 17 May 2021 (attached as Appendix I).

2 Background

2.1 This report follows on from the previous Q3 report for 2020/21.

3 Proposal

3.1 Scrutiny are asked to **note** the Annual Performance Management Report for 2020/2021 as attached at Appendix I.

4 Appendices

- 4.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:
 - Appendix I: Annual Performance Management Report (2020/21)

8 Background Papers

- Previous SMT performance reports
- Quarterly complaints reports
- Internal audit reports
- Finance reports

SMT Meeting		Agenda Item: x
Meeting Date	4 May 2021	
Report Title	Annual Performance Manageme	nt Report (2020/21)
Cabinet Member	Cllr Roger Truelove, Leader and C Finance	abinet Member for
SMT Lead	David Clifford, Head of Policy, Con Customer Service	nmunications and
Head of Service	David Clifford, Head of Policy, Con Customer Service	nmunications and
Lead Officer	Tony Potter, Policy and Performan	ce Officer
Recommendations	That SMT <i>notes</i> the final performa	nce outturns for 2020/21

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 This is the annual performance report summarising the Council's performance against the corporate indicators for the financial year to 31 March 2021.
- 1.1 The impact of Covid-19 and subsequent lockdowns since 23 March 2020 has had a considerable impact on council services that also extends beyond those areas covered within this report. Whilst the outcome in this report is lower than previous years, the 'Direction of travel analysis' in Appendix I shows that overall performance is better than last year. SMT will recall the challenges that teams have faced as reported within these and other reports throughout the year and are reminded that reporting, whilst being captured, was suspended for the first half of the year. As a result, discussion regarding any mid-year reviews of targets impacted by factors beyond managers controls did not take place.
- 1.2 To summarise the year-end position statement for all indicators, 21 (64%) met their target (Green), and 12 (36%) did not (Amber or Red). This is 6 percentage points worse than the previous year and 21% below the metatarget level we set ourselves of 85%. However, it should also be noted that 4 indicators (12%) were less than 3% away from meeting their targets.
- 1.3 More detail on each of the performance indicators on which this report is based can be accessed online at http://www.swale.gov.uk/monthly-performance-monitoring/.

2 Background

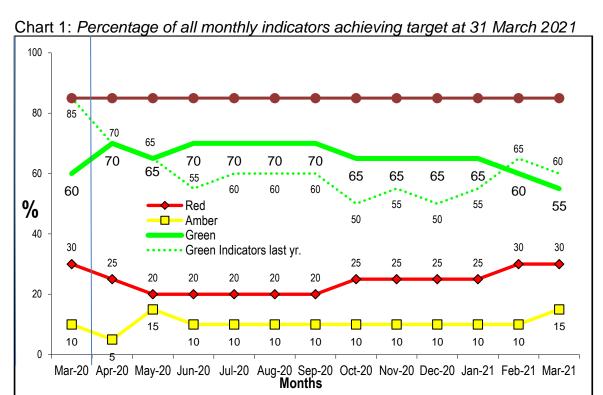
2.1 This report follows on from the previous Quarter 3 performance report.

Performance indicators

2.2 The complete list of corporate indicators in use during 2020/21 is detailed in **Appendix I.** This includes those indicators that are managed and recorded on a monthly or quarterly basis (KPIs), and those that are recorded for monitoring purposes (MPIs)

KPI Performance indicators – Monthly indicators

- 2.3 Twenty indicators have been routinely recorded on a monthly basis. Their year-end status is summarised as follows:
 - eleven indicators (55%) met target (Green); and
 - nine indicators (45%) did not meet target (Amber or Red).



KPI Performance indicators – Quarterly indicators

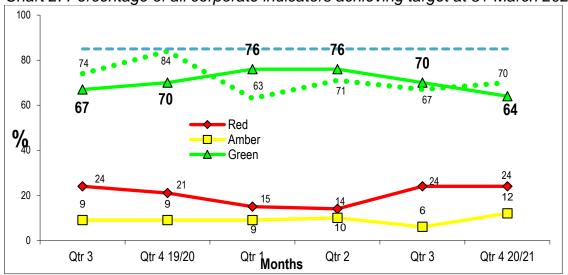
- 2.4 Thirteen performance indicators are routinely monitored on a quarterly basis and summarised as follows;
 - ten indicators (77%) met target (Green); and
 - three indicators (23%) did not meet target (Red).

KPI Performance indicators – All indicators 2019/20

- 2.5 The year-end position for all thirty-three performance indicators is as follows:
 - twenty-one indicators (64%) met target (Green); and.
 - twelve indicators (36%) did not meet target (Amber or Red).

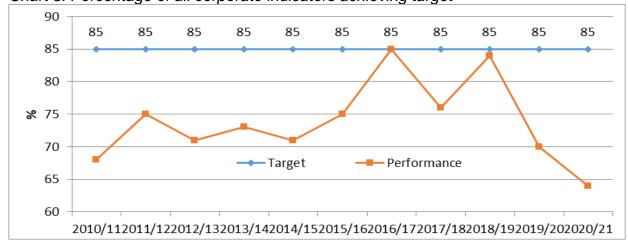
2.6 SMT may wish to note that of the twelve indicators that failed to achieve their target, five were within 3 percentage points of their targets, with two being within 1%, as detailed in Table 1.

Chart 2: Percentage of all corporate indicators achieving target at 31 March 2021



- 2.7 Chart 3 tracks annual performance over the past decade against the metatarget previously set of 85%.
- 2.8 When comparing year on year performance it should be noted that full midyear target reviews have not taken place in the last two years, thereby negating opportunities to adjust the impact of any external impactors on performance. The impact of such cannot be retrospectively quantified thus this should be considered when making year on year comparisons.

Chart 3: Percentage of all corporate indicators achieving target



2.9 The twelve indicators which have not achieved their target are detailed in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Performance Indicators not meeting target in 2020/21

Reference	Frequency Mth/Qtr	Description	2020/21 Outturn	2020/21 Target
BV109a	Monthly	Processing of planning apps: Major Applications (within 13 weeks)	88.2%	89%

Performance against this indicator had been exceptional up until the last month of this year, with the year-to-date value being 6% above target at the end of February (95%). However, In March, 4 contentious holiday park applications required considerable legal discussion over policy interpretations resulting in their delay and eventual refusal. As a result, this indicator finished unexpectedly less than 1% below target.

BV218a Monthly Abandoned vehicles - % investigated within 24hrs 99.75%

It should be noted that the target for this indicator is set keenly high as under normal circumstances all abandoned vehicles should be inspected within 24hrs. Performance for the previous 5 years shows an unblemished 100% rate for every month up until April this year. Since then, lockdown impacts caused resource availability issues, prevented visits in some instances and caused priorities to change. These circumstances have prevented the team from continuing their 100% success rate, by 1.6%.

LI/DC/DC	Monthly	Refused Planning Applications	16.6%	15.00/
E/006	Wioritrily		10.0%	15.0%

Performance against this indicator throughout this year has been just above or just below target, resulting in the year end value being 1.6% above the target. Whilst there can be a degree of ambiguity, planning applications are assessed against regulations and guidelines and only refused where its considered that they do not comply with these and policies within the Local Plan. Applications that have been refused in each month where the target has not been met have been reviewed and no trends or concerns have been highlighted above and beyond normal volumes of contentious applications. It has been noted in several months that additional take-up of the pre-app service would improve outcomes, but this would only have a marginal impact on the overall performance.

LI/DC/DC	Monthly	Planning Enforcement - Informing complainant	84.7%	95%
E/007	Wioritrily	within 21 days	04.7%	95%

Performance against this indicator had previously consistently achieved target for several years prior to April 2020. Covid lockdowns impeded officer's abilities to visit sites and carry out inspections in order to facilitate responses within the target timescales and gave rise to other resource issues as reported on within the year. Work is ongoing to review protocols and working practices through a revised Planning Enforcement Strategy and Charter, to increase the workflow and improve performance.

LI/IC/CSC/	Monthly	Percentage of calls to Customer Contact Centre	66.7%	75.0%
004	Willing	answer. in 20secs	00.7 /0	75.076

Over the last year the team has adapted to different ways of working and taken on new services to support various teams including the Covid hotline. The closure of face-to-face services caused an increase in telephone/electronic demand requiring staff resources be refocused to accommodate this. Call handling times increased to help support customers in different ways and to handle more complex enquiries, and deal with surges in demand on matters such as waste issues, as previously reported. The team lost experienced members of staff at the beginning of the year and had to deal with the challenges that Covid restrictions caused to recruitment and complexities of training across the various supported services. Remote working also created technical challenges and extended work processes to log calls, that impacted on the overall call handling and response times.

LI/LS/LCC Monthly Percentage of all Local Land Searches completed in 5 working days	94.3%	95.0%
-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------	-------	-------

Performance has been above target for 9 out of the 12 months. However, resource issues previously reported in October / November had considerable impact on performance during those two months (average 82%), such that average performance of 97% over the last 4 months has not been able to quite make up for this.

LI/CC/01	Monthly	Number of missed refuse and recycling bins per	3489	2148
	ivioritrily	annum	3409	21 4 0

Performance issues relating to this indicator have been publicised throughout this year with several actions being implemented to improve the situation, as previously reported. As a result, missed bin numbers continue to improve, and have hit monthly targets for the last 4 months. However, the high number of missed bins during the first lockdown combined with the volume of garden waste collections not completed throughout the summer, has meant that it has not been possible to achieve the year-end target.

NI 191	Monthly	Residual household waste per household	504 kgs	460 kgs
NI 192	Monthly	Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting	41.6%	45.0%

Due to more residents being at home during lockdown, kerbside collection tonnages have been much higher in most areas nationally. The sticker campaign is underway encouraging residents not to place recyclables, food or garden waste into the refuse bins to help improve this performance indicator. Plans to change Marine Town (approximately 3000 properties) recycling collections later in 2021 are expected to also improve performance. Various additional campaigns focusing on improving garden and food waste uptake are planned for the coming year. Following audits carried out on tonnages, reconciliations are taking place on figures provided by KCC and Biffa as discrepancies have been found. Therefore this indicator outcome value may change slightly dependent on the outcome of these reconciliations.

LI/HS/01 Quarterly Number of long-term empty homes brought back into use	I/HS/01	Number of long-term empty he	omes brought back 74	90
--------------------------------------------------------------------------	---------	------------------------------	----------------------	----

This indicator only achieved target in one quarter out of four. A recent mailshot to property owners tried to boost performance. It resulted in a good response but unfortunately those that did respond all had the same type of reply, namely that Covid restrictions were preventing the reoccupation of the property and owners are facing difficulties carrying out remedial works before they can let their property to tenants. Consequently, property sales are being affected as viewings can't take place, and mortgages lenders aren't lending. Cases where the owner is deceased are being affected as Covid restrictions are impacting on both the operations of the Probate Office and the solicitors who are dealing with the affairs of the deceased. This indicator is expected to improve as lockdown restrictions ease.

NI 195ii	Quarterly	Improved street and environmental cleanliness: Detritus	90%	93%
141 10011	Quartony	Detritus	0070	0070

This newly calculated indicator commenced in December 2019, with measurements being taken 3 times per year (April, August/December) and published the following month. Following the implementation of an action plan with Biffa as a result of the impact of Covid on resources, and mechanical vehicle issues reported in previous months, this indicator achieved target in December. These earlier issues meant it has only been possible to achieve amber status against the year-end target.

LI/FH/002	Quarterly	Food Hygiene – The percentage of food inspections completed that were due	52%	90%
LI/LI 1/002	Quarterly	inspections completed that were due	JZ /0	30 70

Inspections were not carried out in Q1 or Q2 due to Covid restrictions, therefore performance is only calculated based on Q3 and Q4. Q4 overlapped with Lockdown 3 which saw temporary closure of many hospitality businesses. This meant that many of the inspections due could not be undertaken because the businesses were not operational, and this accounts for the reduced inspection numbers. None the less, the service continued with the Food Standards Agency

priorities, with enforcement focused on businesses linked to export (approved premises), the high-risk noncompliant premises and responding to intelligence and undertaking investigations throughout the lockdown. The FSA do not require the usual Local Authority Enforcement Management System return but a shorter summary to assess the national backlog of inspections, to inform the potential risks to the food system.

Monitored performance indicators (MPIs)

- 2.10 Eight monthly and eight quarterly indicators are of interest and therefore monitored for trends against previous levels as detailed in Table 2 below.
- 2.11 Please note the crime statistic is normally reported in arrears. Currently the latest report available is up to the end of February 2021.

Table 2: Monitored performance indicators as at 31 March 2021

NI 156	Number of households living in temporary accommodation Long-term working days lost due to sickness	275	292
	, ,	4 40	
	absence	1.13 days	1.49 days
LI/CC/MON16	% of fly-tipping incidents attended to within 3 working days	99.4%	98.0%
LI/EC/MON10	Swale Means Business - Website analytics	1025	1359
LI/EC/MON11	No. of Visitor Economy Businesses supported by ECS	137	134
LI/EC/MON28	Swale VCS – Number of enquiries received	105	77
LI/EC/MON2	No. of enquiries to the business support service	1246	2099
LI/HO/MON9	Rough Sleepers in Accommodation	67	46
NI 155	Number of affordable homes delivered	0	283
LI/CSC/006	Complaints escalated to Stage 2 .	5%	6%
CSP/001	All crime per 1000 population .	105.6	95.5
HO/MON7	Percentage of households who secured accommodation for 6+ months when prev. duty ended	52%	56%
HO/MON8	Percentage of households who secured accommodation at the end of relief duty	14%	31%
EC/MON33	Safeguarding training (% of all staff fully trained)	48.8%*	62.7%
LI/CEL/001	No. of visits to Council owned or supported leisure centres	0	0
LI/CSC/001	% of contacts transacted digitally compared to other methods of contact to Customer Services	54%	43%
	LI/EC/MON11 LI/EC/MON28 LI/EC/MON2 LI/HO/MON9 NI 155 LI/CSC/006 CSP/001 HO/MON7 HO/MON8 EC/MON33 LI/CEL/001	LI/EC/MON10 Swale Means Business – Website analytics LI/EC/MON11 No. of Visitor Economy Businesses supported by ECS LI/EC/MON28 Swale VCS – Number of enquiries received LI/EC/MON2 No. of enquiries to the business support service LI/HO/MON9 Rough Sleepers in Accommodation NI 155 Number of affordable homes delivered LI/CSC/006 Complaints escalated to Stage 2 . CSP/001 All crime per 1000 population . HO/MON7 Percentage of households who secured accommodation for 6+ months when prev. duty ended HO/MON8 Percentage of households who secured accommodation at the end of relief duty EC/MON33 Safeguarding training (% of all staff fully trained) LI/CEL/001 No. of visits to Council owned or supported leisure centres LI/CSC/001 % of contacts transacted digitally compared to other	Working days LI/EC/MON10 Swale Means Business – Website analytics LI/EC/MON11 No. of Visitor Economy Businesses supported by ECS LI/EC/MON28 Swale VCS – Number of enquiries received LI/EC/MON2 No. of enquiries to the business support service LI/EC/MON9 Rough Sleepers in Accommodation NI 155 Number of affordable homes delivered LI/CSC/006 Complaints escalated to Stage 2 . 5% CSP/001 All crime per 1000 population . 105.6 HO/MON7 Percentage of households who secured accommodation for 6+ months when prev. duty ended HO/MON8 Percentage of households who secured accommodation at the end of relief duty EC/MON33 Safeguarding training (% of all staff fully trained) LI/CEL/001 No. of visits to Council owned or supported leisure centres LI/CSC/001 % of contacts transacted digitally compared to other

* Q2 value

Planning Performance Designation

2.12 In 2013 DCLG (now MHCLG) introduced a measure to manage authorities' underperformance in the quality and timeliness of decision making on major

- planning applications. These were further updated in 2016 to include non-major applications (see notes below Table 3). In November 2018 MHCLG reviewed the measure and confirmed that current timescales and thresholds will remain unchanged for the time being.
- 2.13 'Designation' occurs when an indicator exceeds set thresholds, with additional penalties applied for failing to report at all. Current performance and thresholds are as indicated in Table 3 below,
- 2.14 Note official appeals statistics have not yet been published for 2020/21, therefore current assessments for this element are based on manual calculations. As can be seen from Table 3, based on current performance Swale will not be in a position of Designation.

Table 3: Rolling two-year designation performance as at 31 March 2021

Status	Indicator	Designation criteria	Threshold	Most recent assessment	Current assessment
	Percentage of major applications determined in 13 weeks	Lower % than threshold	60%	89.8% (12/2020)	85.8%
②	Percentage of major planning applications overturned at appeal*(2) (= overturns / total major applications)	Higher % than threshold	10% (10/106)	4.1% (03/2019)	2.8% (3 /106)
②	Percentage of non-major applications ⁽¹⁾ determined in 8 weeks	Lower % than threshold	70%	94.1% (12/2020)	92.9%
②	Percentage of non-major applications overturned at appeal *(2) (= overturns / total non-major applications)	Higher % than threshold	10% (153/1536)	1.4% (03/2019)	4.2% (64/1536)
	Number of missed quarterly returns to DCLG	More than threshold	2	0	0

^{*(1)} Non-major applications are defined as minor developments plus 'Change of Use' and 'Householder Developments' (PS2 codes 13-21)

3 Proposal

3.1 SMT are asked to **note** the contents of this report.

4 Alternative Options

4.1 There are no alternative options as this report is largely for noting only.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

5.1 Heads of Service have been consulted in preparing this report.

^{*(2)} Official statistics not yet available beyond Mar 2019 (Tables 152 & 154)

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Without putting in place appropriate performance management arrangements the Council may not be able to demonstrate how it achieves the corporate plan and its objectives.
Financial, Resource and Property	None specific to this report.
Legal and Statutory	The Council continues to have a statutory duty to report certain performance-related information to central government and its departments. In addition, as part of the emerging transparency agenda, there is a requirement to make performance information available to the community. Swale publishes regular monthly performance reports on its website at http://www.swale.gov.uk/monthly-performance-monitoring/ .
Crime and Disorder	There are no direct crime and disorder implications.
Environmental Sustainability	There are no direct sustainability implications. However, there are a number of sustainability related indicators featured in the Council's current set of performance indicators.
Health and Wellbeing	There are no direct health and wellbeing implications, although many aspects of Council performance will have a bearing on the health and wellbeing of residents.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	Not managing performance appropriately may result in the Council not achieving its priorities, resulting in risk to its reputation.
Equality and Diversity Implications	There are no direct equality and diversity implications. However, there are a number of equality and diversity related indicators featured in the Council's current set of performance indicators.

7 Appendices

- 7.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report
 - Appendix I: Corporate Plan Indicators Year End Outturn 2020/21 table and Direction of travel analysis.

8 Background Papers

- 8.1 The following background documents relate:
 - Quarterly SMT performance reports
 - Internal Audit Reports

Appendix I

Appendix					T	T .			T -					T	T	T	T
	rmance Indicators		20/21	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	2021	Direction of Travel compared to
	thly results reported MONTHLY (Colour = YEAR TO DATE)		Target 97%	_	-	 		 	-	-	_	_			-	Outcome	2019/20
BV8	Percentage of invoices paid on time (within 30 days)			G	<mark>G</mark>	G	G	G	<u>A</u>	G	G	A	G	G	G	99.7%	Improved
BV9	Percentage of Council Tax collected			G	G	G	G	G	│ <mark>G</mark>	G	G	G	G	G	G	95.5%	Static
BV10	Percentage of Non-domestic Rates collected		97.8%/90	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	93.4%	Deteriorated
BV12b	Short-term working days lost due to sickness absence		3.2 days	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	1.0 days	Significantly improved
BV78a	Speed of processing – new Housing /Council Tax Benefit claims		20 days	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	12.9 days	Significantly improved
BV78b	Speed of processing - changes of circumstances for HB/CTB claims		6.5/9days	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	5.4 days	Significantly improved
BV109a	Processing of planning apps: Major Applications (within 13 weeks)		89%	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	A	G	G	A	R	88.2%	Deteriorated
BV109b	Processing of planning apps: Minor Applications (within 8 weeks)		82%	G	R	A	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	91.7%	Significantly improved
BV109c	Processing of planning apps: Other Applications (within 8 weeks)		91%	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	98.8%	Improved
BV218a	Abandoned vehicles - % investigated within 24hrs		99.75%	A	G	G	A	G	A	G	G	G	A	A	A	98.4%	Deteriorated
LI/DC/DCE/004	Percentage of delegated decisions (Officers)		86.5%	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	A	G	G	G	G	91.5%	Static
LI/DC/DCE/006	Refused Planning Applications		15%	G	G	A	R	R	G	R	G	G	R	R	R	16.6%	Improved
LI/DC/DCE/007	Planning Enforcement - Informing complainant within 21 days		95%	R	G	A	R	R	R	G	G	G	A	R	R	84.7%	Significantly deteriorated
LI/IC/CSC/002	Percentage of abandoned calls		8.5%	G	R	A	G	R	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	6.5%	Significantly improved
LI/IC/CSC/004	Percentage of calls to Customer Contact Centre answer. in 20secs		75%	G	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	G	G	R	R	66.7%	Static
LI/LS/LCC01	Percentage of all Local Land Searches completed in 5 working days		95%	R	G	G	G	G	G	R	R	G	G	G	G	94.3%	Improved
LI/CC/01	Number of missed bins per annum		2148	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	G	G	G	G	3489	Significantly deteriorated
LI/TBC/02	Proportion of Major Planning Applications overturned at appeal		10%	G	G	G	G	G	G	R	G	G	G	G	G	2.0%	Significantly deteriorated
NI 191	Residual household waste per household		460kgs	R	R	R	R	G	G	R	G	R	R	G	R	504kgs	Static
NI 192	Percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and comp		45%	R	A	G	A	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	41.6%	Static
LI/ICT/0006	Website availability		99%		G			G		_	G	_		G		99.8	Static
BV79b(j)	Percentage of Recoverable Overpayments Recovered (HB) that are recovered during per	riod	80%		G			G			G			G		100.0	Significantly improved
LI/CSC/003	Complaints responded to within 10 working days		90%		G			R			G			G		92.9	Improved
LI/HS/01	Number of long-term empty homes brought back into use		90		A			G			R			R		74	Significantly deteriorated
NI188	Planning to Adapt to Climate Change		3		G			G			G			G		3	Static
NI195i	Improved street and environmental cleanliness: Litter % at B standard		95%		G			Х			G			G		96	Improved
NI195ii	Improved street and environmental cleanliness: Detritus % at B standard		93%		R			Х			G			G		90	Improved
LI/EH/001	Percentage of Planning consultations responded to in 21 days		90%		G			Х			G			G		94.7	Improved
□1/1 EH/002	Food Hygiene – The % of food inspections completed that were due.		90%		G			Х			R			R		52.0	Significantly deteriorated
Ω) IA/004	Audit recommendations implemented		95%		G			G			G			G		100	Significantly improved
CEL/002	Percentage of beach huts occupied		75%		G			G			G			G		88.5	Deteriorated
LI/CEL/003	Percentage of disabled parking bay applications processed within 3 months		95%		G			G			G			G		100	Static
(5)°AR/001	Civil enforcement officer accuracy rate		98%		G			G			G			G		99.8	Static
<i>G j</i> · · · · <i>j</i> · · · · <i>j</i>	COMBINED INDICATOR RESULTS (M+Q) (20 + 13 = 33) (Q2 = 29)	YEAR TO DATE	(Colour)	14G 1A 5R	13G 3A 4R 14G	25G 3A 5R 25G	14G 2A 4R	14G 2A 4R 13G	22G 3A 4R 21G	13G 2A 5R	13G 2A 5R	23G 2A 8R 26G	13G 2A 5R	12G 2A 6R	21G 4A 8R 24G		Static (+/- 1%) Deteriorated (-1 to -5%) Significantly Deteriorated (>-5%) Improved (+1 to +5%)
	(20 + 13 = 33) (UZ = 29)	(TEXT		14G 1A 5R	14G 1A 5R	3A 5R	2A 5R	0A 7R	21G 2A 6R	0A 7R	2A 5R	1A 6R	2A 3R	2A 4R	1A 8R		Significantly Improved (> +5%)

Monthly MPIs – Monitored Performance Indicators (no targets / performance not managed)		19/20 Month Ave.	A-M-J / Q1		J-A-S / Q2			O-N-D / Q3			J-F-M / Q4			
NI 156	Number of households living in temporary accommodation	253	257 267 275		270	285	280	279	278	283	299	287	292	
BV12a	Long-term working days lost due to sickness absence	7.64 days/ <u>yr</u>	0.39	0.72	1.13	1.50	1.88	2.35	2.7	3.28	3.80	4.06	4.49	5.29
LI/CC/MON16	% of fly-tipping incidents attended to within 3 working days	99%	100	95	99.4	99.4	95	93	94	100	75	94	98.5	98.0
LI/EC/MON10	Swale Means Business – Website analytics	520	227	390	408	481	193	228	250	185	159	405	304	650
LI/EC/MON11	No. of Visitor Economy Businesses supported by ECS	24	62	47	28	2	4	1	3	42	25	31	27	76
LI/EC/MON28	Swale VCS – Number of enquiries received	23	50	33	22	15	12	8	13	25	14	25	22	30
LI/EC/MON2	No. of enquiries to the business support service	162	636	390	220	128	108	32	51	450	344	816	586	697
LI/HO/MON9	Rough Sleepers in Accommodation	n/a	65	61	67	59	56	47	50	50	52	47	52	46

Quarterly MPIs - Monitored Performance Indicators (no targets / performance not managed)			Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
NI155	Number of affordable homes delivered (gross / target)	25	0	99	204	283(75)
LI/CSC/006	Proportion of complaints escalating from Stage 1 (Service Unit) to Stage 2 (Chief Executive)	8%	5%	8%	5%	6%
CSP/0001	All crime per 1000 population	111.4	105	105.6	101.2	95.5 (Feb)
HO/MON7	Percentage of households who secured accommodation for 6+ months when prev. duty ended	41%	52%	57%	67%	56%
HO/MON8	Percentage of households who secured accommodation at the end of relief duty	18%	14%	36%	24%	31%
EC/MON33	Safeguarding training (% of training modules completed)	46.2%	X	48.8%	48.5%	62.7%
LI/CEL/001	No. of visits to Council owned or supported leisure centres	159,440	0	31,741	4,753	0
LI/CSC/001	% of contacts transacted digitally compared to other methods of contact to Customer Services	39%	54%	50%	54%	43%

Direction of travel analysis	No.	%	%
	Indicators	20/21	19/20
Static	9	27%	40%
Deteriorated or significantly deteriorated	9	27%	47%
Improved or significantly improved	15	46%	13%
Achieved target	21	64%	70%
Achieved target and performance improved	12	57%	20%
Achieved target and performance static	6	29%	45%
Achieved target and performance deteriorated	3	14%	35%

Failed target	12	36%	33%
Failed target but performance improved	3	25%	0%
Failed target and performance static	3	25%	30%
Failed target and performance deteriorated	6	50%	70%

SWALE BOROUGH COUNCIL FORWARD PLAN AND NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS

July 2021 - October 2021

Notes:

A key decision is defined as 'an Executive decision which is likely to (a) result in the local authority incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the local authority's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or (b) to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards or electoral divisions in the area of the local authority.'

The key decision threshold, confirmed by Council, is set at £100,000 (this relates to (a) of the definition above).

Where the decision will be made by Cabinet, the Members of the Cabinet are:

Councillor Roger Truelove – Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance

Councillor Mike Baldock - Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning

Councillor Richard Palmer – Cabinet Member for Community

Councillor Monique Bonney - Cabinet Member for Economy and Property

Councillor Julian Saunders - Cabinet Member for Environment

Councillor Angela Harrison – Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

Councillor Ben J Martin - Cabinet Member for Housing

Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies or extracts of any documents listed below can be viewed at Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT. Please contact Democratic Services to arrange a time to view the documents or to request copies by post by e-mailing democraticservices@swale.gov.uk or by telephone on: 01795 417330. Fees may be charged in accordance with the Council's Fees and Charges policy.

Other documents relevant to the decision item may be submitted to the decision maker; please contact Democratic Services (contact details above) to request details of these documents as they become available.

Item	Decision item and background information	Decision maker, date of meeting	Key Decision	Will the report be exempt or have any exempt appendices?	List of the documents submitted to the decision maker	Lead Member and Lead Officer
	Procurement of Utility Supplies To consider whether to enter into a contract with Laser Energy Buying Group for the purchase of gas and electricity.	Cabinet 14 July 2021	Key	Open		Councillor Roger Truelove - Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance Anne Adams
Page 18	Land at Colegates Close, Oare - Community Asset Transfer This reports seeks approval for the transfer under the Community Asset Transfer Policy of the vacant land at Colegates Close, Oare to Oare Parish Council for use as a community orchard.	Cabinet 14 July 2021	Non-Key	Open		Councillor Monique Bonney - Cabinet Member for Economy and Property Kent Parker
	Financial Management Report - Financial Outturn Report 2020/21 Cabinet is asked to consider this report which shows the revenue and capital outturn for 2020/21 and to approve rollovers into 2021/22.	Cabinet 14 July 2021	Non-Key	Open		Councillor Roger Truelove - Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance Nick Vickers
	Community Asset Transfer - The Walled Garden, Faversham To grant a 25-year lease to Brogdale CIC on a peppercorn rent to develop and manage the asset for community benefit.	Cabinet 14 July 2021	Non-Key	Open		Councillor Richard Palmer - Cabinet Member for Community Lyn Newton

Item	Decision item and background information	Decision maker, date of meeting	Key Decision	Will the report be exempt or have any exempt appendices?	List of the documents submitted to the decision maker	Lead Member and Lead Officer
	Future Delivery of Property Maintenance	Cabinet 14 July 2021	Key	Open		Councillor Monique Bonney - Cabinet Member for Economy and Property Anne Adams
	Recommendations from the Swale Joint Transportation Board meeting held on 21 June 2021	Cabinet 14 July 2021	Non-Key	Open		
Page	Recommendations from the Local Plan Panel meeting held on 8 July 2021	Cabinet 14 July 2021	Non-Key	Open		Councillor Mike Baldock - Cabinet Member for Planning James Freeman
ge 19	Swale House refurbishment - Award of Contracts	Cabinet 22 September 2021	Key	Open		Councillor Monique Bonney - Cabinet Member for Economy and Property Anne Adams
	Recommendations from the Local Plan Panel meeting held on 2 September 2021	Cabinet 22 September 2021	Non-Key	Open		Councillor Mike Baldock - Cabinet Member for Planning James Freeman
	Recommendations from the Swale Joint Transportation Board meeting held on 6 September 2021	Cabinet 22 September 2021	Non-Key	Open		

Item	Decision item and background information	Decision maker, date of meeting	Key Decision	Will the report be exempt or have any exempt appendices?	List of the documents submitted to the decision maker	Lead Member and Lead Officer
	Financial Management Report: April - June 2021 This report shows the revenue and capital projected outturn for 2021/22 as at the end of period 3, covering the period from April to June 2021.	Cabinet 22 September 2021	Non-Key	Open		Councillor Roger Truelove - Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance Nick Vickers
U	Recommendations from the Local Plan Panel meeting held on 7 October 2021	Cabinet 27 October 2021	Non-Key	Open		Councillor Mike Baldock - Cabinet Member for Planning James Freeman
Page 20	Review of Fees and Charges 2022/23 The report invites Cabinet to consider the proposals for the level of fees and charges to be levied for the next financial year 2022/23 for submission to Council. Charges will take effect from 1 April 2022. It will be proposed to Council at the meeting on 12 January 2022.	Cabinet 27 October 2021	Non-Key	Open		Councillor Roger Truelove - Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance Nick Vickers
	Medium Term Financial Plan and 2022/23 Budget This report set out the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan and proposals for the 2022/23 Budget.	Cabinet 8 December 2021	Non-Key	Open		Councillor Roger Truelove - Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance Nick Vickers

Iten	Decision item and background information	Decision maker, date of meeting	Key Decision	Will the report be exempt or have any exempt appendices?	List of the documents submitted to the decision maker	Lead Member and Lead Officer
	Recommendations from the Local Plan Panel meeting held on 25 November 2021	Cabinet 8 December 2021	Non-Key	Open		Councillor Mike Baldock - Cabinet Member for Planning James Freeman
	Recommendations from the Swale Joint Transportation meeting held on 6 December 2021	Cabinet 8 December 2021	Non-Key	Open		
Pe	Recommendations from the Local Plan Panel meeting held on 27 January 2022	Cabinet 9 February 2022	Non-Key	Open		Councillor Mike Baldock - Cabinet Member for Planning James Freeman
Page 21	Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Investment Strategy 2022/23 This report sets out and seeks approval of the proposed Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy for the Council in 2022/23. It will be proposed to Council at the meeting on 23-2-22.	Cabinet 9 February 2022	Non-Key	Open		Councillor Roger Truelove - Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance Nick Vickers
	Medium-Term Financial Plan and 2022/23 Budget This report set out the Council's Medium-Term Financial Plan and proposals for the 2022/23 Budget. It will be proposed to Council at	Cabinet 9 February 2022	Non-Key	Open		Councillor Roger Truelove - Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance Nick Vickers

Item	Decision item and background information	Decision maker, date of meeting	Key Decision	Will the report be exempt or have any exempt appendices?	List of the documents submitted to the decision maker	Lead Member and Lead Officer
	the meeting on 23 February 2022 as an appendix to the Council Tax Resolution.					
T	Financial Management Report: April - December 2021 This report shows the revenue and capital projected outturn for 2021/22 as at the end of period 9, covering the period from April to December 2021.	Cabinet 16 March 2022	Non-Key	Open		Councillor Roger Truelove - Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance Nick Vickers
age 22	Recommendations from the Swale Joint Transportation Board meeting held on 28 February 2022	Cabinet 16 March 2022	Non-Key	Open		
	Recommendations from the Local Plan Panel meeting held on 24 March 2022	Cabinet	Key	Open		Councillor Mike Baldock - Cabinet Member for Planning James Freeman