

Safer Policy & Performance Board Priority Based Report

Reporting Period: Quarter 1 – 1st April to 30 June 2015

1.0 Introduction

This report provides an overview of issues and progress against key service area objectives and milestones and performance targets during the first quarter of 2015/16; for service areas within the remit of the Safer Policy and Performance Board.

The report has been structured by the following key priorities for Safer PPB, as identified in the Directorate and Corporate Plans:

- Community Safety
- Safeguarding and Dignity (including Consumer Protection and Substance Misuse)
- Domestic Violence
- Drugs & Alcohol
- Environmental Health
- Risk & Emergency Planning

The way in which the Red, Amber and Green, (RAG), symbols have been used to reflect progress to date is explained in Appendix 2 at the end of this report.

2.0 Key Developments

There have been a number of developments within the Directorate during the first quarter which include:

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

Community Safety

Halton has now established a Scrutiny review group led by Cllr Thompson to look at the issues of Legal Highs in Halton.

This group has recommended that Legal highs (NPS) are banned from all council owned premises. A report has been to executive board for ratification of this recommendation.

In addition to this we have already been working with our night time economy venues to raise awareness and as a result we launched a campaign at the Establishment night club in Widnes on Thursday 2nd July. The owner of Chambers night club from Runcorn was also in attendance and has agreed to run the PowerPoint at their venue.

The theme will be partnership working between the two biggest venues in Halton with Cheshire Police and Halton Borough Council tackling legal highs.

This will be rolled out across Halton, where a venue has the facility; they will be given the PowerPoint and slides to personalise with their logo. For the smaller venues we are having two of the slides made into posters to be put up in prominent areas. We are particularly keen to roll this out in areas such as the Hive where the bowling alley, cinema, skating rink etc. are located and of interest to children.

POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

Traffic

The Street Lighting Policy and Strategy Document was considered by the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (PPB) in June 2015 and will be considered by the Executive Board in September 2015. Consultation closed on 31st July 2015.

COMMISSIONING & COMPLEX CARE

There are no key developments to report for Commissioning and Complex Care.

PREVENTION AND ASSESSMENT

There are no key developments to report for Prevention and Assessment.

PUBLIC HEALTH

There are no key developments to report for Public Health.

3.0 Emerging Issues

PREVENTION AND ASSESSMENT

Safeguarding Thresholds Model

After a period of consultation and a pilot, the implementation of the thresholds model for safeguarding will be implemented from July. Due to the scale and varying needs of adults at risk, it is crucial that all agencies working with adults at risk are involved in the prevention of abuse. However, identifying when safeguarding referrals should be made is not always clear cut. In order to give some clarity to when a referral should be raised with Halton's Integrated Adults Safeguarding Unit, the safeguarding referral "thresholds" have been compiled. This threshold guidance aims to ensure adult protection issues and concerns are reported and investigated at the appropriate level.

PUBLIC HEALTH

There are no emerging issues to report for Public Health.

POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

Traffic, Risk and Emergency Planning / H&S

Emergency Planning: Due to changes in ownership of parts of the Ineos site in Runcorn, it is now classed as having six top tier Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) sites. Originally it was one site and then became three sites under previous ownership changes.

The full impact on the requirement for off-site emergency plans is under discussion with the Health & Safety Executive (HSE). Due to these changes there are now eight top tier COMAH sites within Halton.

Mersey Gateway: Construction of the Mersey Gateway is underway and beginning to impact on the road network. This is particularly evident in Runcorn at present but will increase particularly on the Widnes side as Ditton roundabout is re-modelled to a signalised junction and Watkinson Way is removed between Ashley Way and the Silver Jubilee Bridge. These works are impacting on service delivery and require staff resources to co-ordinate the works to minimise the impact on the Borough. More options are being discussed but every endeavour is being made to minimise the impact on the travelling public.

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT

There are no emerging issues to report for Community and Environment.

COMMISSIONING & COMPLEX CARE

There are no emerging issues to report for Commissioning and Complex Care.

4.0 Risk Control Measures

Risk control forms an integral part of the Council's Business Planning and performance monitoring arrangements. As such Directorate Risk Registers were updated in tandem with the development of the suite of 2015/16 Directorate Business Plans.

Progress concerning the implementation of all Directorate high-risk mitigation measures was reported in Quarter 2 and Risk Registers are currently being reviewed for 2015/16 in tandem with the development of next year's Directorate Business Plans.

5.0 Progress against high priority equality actions

Equality issues continue to form a routine element of the Council's business planning and operational decision making processes. Additionally the Council must have evidence to demonstrate compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) which came into force in April 2011.

There have been no high priority equality actions identified in the quarter.

6.0 Performance Overview

The following information provides a synopsis of progress for both milestones and performance indicators across the key priorities that have been identified for Safer PPB, as stated in the Directorate and Corporate Plans.

COMMISSIONING AND COMPLEX CARE

Key objectives, milestones and performance indicators



None applicable to Safer Halton priorities

PREVENTION AND ASSESSMENT

Key objectives and milestones

None applicable to Safer Halton priorities.

Key Performance Indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2014/15	Target 2015/16	Quarter 1	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
<u>PA 2</u>	Percentage of VAA Assessments completed within 28 days (Previously PCS15) (Previously PA5 [12/13], PA8 [11/12])	86.8%	85%	79.3%		

Supporting Commentary





PA 3 Percentage of VAA Assessments completed within 28 days: We are on target with current progress but the same time last year we had met a higher percentage. The reason for this variance is unclear so further analysis and quality checks will be undertaken with operational teams and assisted by the performance team.

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT

Key objectives and milestones

None applicable to Safer Halton priorities.

Key Performance Indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2014/15	Target 2015/16	Quarter 1	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
<u>CE LI 10</u>	Residual household waste per household	534 kgs	593 Kgs	143kg <i>Estimated</i>		
<u>CE LI 11</u>	Household waste recycled and composted	46.8%	40%	47%		
<u>CE LI 13</u>	Improved Local Biodiversity – Active Management of Local Sites	56%	55	N/A	N/A	N/A

Supporting Commentary



CE LI 10 Residual household waste per household: This is a cumulative figure however, estimated performance in Q1 is lower than the corresponding period from last year (151 kgs) and indications are that this target will be met.

CE LI 11 Household waste recycled and composted: This is an estimated figure but performance in Q1 is in line with the corresponding period from last year (47%) and indications are that this target will be met.

CE LI 13 Improved Local Biodiversity: Figure not available until Q4.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Key objectives and milestones

Ref	Milestones	Q1 Progress
PH04	Implement the Halton alcohol strategy action plan working with a range of partners in order to minimise the harm from alcohol and deliver on three interlinked outcomes: reducing alcohol-related health harms; reducing alcohol-related crime, antisocial behaviour and domestic abuse and establishing a diverse, vibrant and safe night-time economy. March 2016	
PH 04	Hold a community conversation around alcohol – using an Inquiry approach based on the citizen's jury model of community engagement and ensure recommendations for action are acted upon by all local partners.	

Supporting Commentary

PH 04 Alcohol Harm Reduction:

Good progress is being made towards implementing the Halton alcohol strategy action plan. Key activity includes:

- Developing a coordinated alcohol awareness campaign plan.
- Delivery of alcohol education within local school settings (Healthitude, R U Different, Amy Winehouse Foundation, Cheshire Police, Alcohol education Trust, wellbeing web magazine).

- Ensuring the early identification and support of those drinking above recommended levels through training key staff members in alcohol identification and brief advice (alcohol IBA).
- Reviewing alcohol treatment pathways
- Working closely with colleagues from licensing, the community safety team, trading standards and Cheshire Police to ensure that the local licensing policy supports the alcohol harm reduction agenda, promoting more responsible approaches to the sale of alcohol (e.g. promotion of Arc Angel and the local pub watch schemes within Halton), promoting a diverse night-time economy.
- Working to influence government policy and initiatives around alcohol: 50p minimum unit price for alcohol, restrictions of all alcohol marketing, public health as a fifth licensing objective.

PH 04 Community conversation around alcohol:


The Halton Alcohol Inquiry group have now met for 9 weeks. 11 commentators presented to the group over this period this included the Halton Director of Public Health, and colleagues from Licensing enforcement, trading standards, Young Addaction, Cheshire Police, Drink Wise, Diageo, Beer and Pub Association, University of Manchester.

The Inquiry group have developed recommendations for local action related to:

- Alcohol education in schools and educating parents
- Alcohol licensing and promoting responsible retailing
- Alcohol advertising
- Education around alcohol especially awareness of alcohol units and recommended safe drinking levels.

Local stakeholders will now support the group in making these recommendations a reality.

Key Performance Indicators

Ref	Description	Actual 2014/15	Target 2015/16	Quarter 1	Current Progress	Direction of Travel
PH LI 04	Alcohol related admission episodes - narrow definition Directly Standardised Rate, per 100,000 population	814.0 (2013/14)	808.4	766.3 (2014/15)	?	
PH LI 05	Under 18 alcohol-specific admissions Crude Rate, per 100,000 population	60.5 (11/12 to 13/14)	55.0	N/A	?	N/A

Supporting Commentary

PH LI 04 Alcohol admissions:

No data for 2015/16 will be available until September 2015.

PH LI 05 Under 18 alcohol-specific admissions:

2014/15 data unavailable until September 2015.

POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

Key objectives and milestones

None applicable under Safer Halton priorities.

Key Performance Indicators

None applicable under Safer Halton priorities.

APPENDIX 1 – Financial Statements

COMMISSIONING & COMPLEX CARE DEPARTMENT

Revenue Budget as at 30th June 2015

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure				
Employees	7,608	1,746	1,700	46
Premises	308	87	82	5
Supplies & Services	1,912	498	500	(2)
Carers Breaks	427	166	164	2
Transport	170	44	40	4
Contracts & SLAs	90	23	21	2
Payments To Providers	3,591	757	757	0
Emergency Duty Team	93	0	0	0
Other Agency Costs	446	87	87	0
Total Expenditure	14,645	3,408	3,351	57
Income				
Sales & Rents Income	-284	-129	-134	5
Fees & Charges	-176	-44	-29	(15)
CCG Contribution To Service	-392	-98	-89	(9)
Reimbursements & Grant Income	-648	-78	-75	(3)
Transfer From Reserves	-620	-0	0	0
Total Income	-2,120	-349	-327	(22)
Net Operational Expenditure	12,525	3,059	3,024	35
Recharges				
Premises Support	174	57	57	0
Transport	450	7	7	0
Central Support Services	1,515	376	376	0
Asset Charges	62	16	16	0
Internal Recharge Income	-2,012	-199	-199	0
Net Total Recharges	189	257	257	0
Net Departmental Total	12,714	3,316	3,281	35

Comments on the above figures:

Net operational expenditure is £35,000 below budget profile at the end of the first quarter of the financial year.

Employee costs are currently £46,000 below budget profile. This results from savings made on vacant posts, specifically in relation to Day Services. The majority of these posts have now either

been filled, or are in the process of being recruited to. It is therefore not anticipated that the current spend below budget profile will continue at this level for the remainder of the financial year.

Income is below target to date. There is an anticipated shortfall on Fees & Charges income as a result of revised contract arrangements for the homeless hostel. Additionally, income received from the Clinical Commissioning Group is projected to be below target. This income relates to Continuing Health Care funded packages within Day Services and the Supported Housing Network. The income received is dependent on the nature of service user's care packages, and is out of the direct control of the service. The shortfall is currently estimated to be in the region of £35,000 for the full year. This shortfall is likely to be partly offset by an over-achievement of trading income from Day Services ventures.

At this stage in the financial year, it is anticipated that a balanced budget overall will be achieved for the year. Whilst income is projected below target, this will be offset by in-year savings in other areas, principally on savings on staff turnover above the set target.

Capital Projects as at 30th June 2015

	2015-16 Capital Allocation £'000	Allocation To Date £'000	Actual Spend To Date £'000	Total Allocation Remaining £'000
ALD Bungalows	200	0	1	199
Lifeline Telecare Upgrade	100	0	0	100
Grangeway Court Refurbishment	360	0	0	360
Halton Carer's Centre Refurbishment	34	0	0	34
The Halton Brew	16	0	0	16
Social Care Capital Grant	413	0	0	413
Total	1,123	0	1	1,122

Completion of the first phase of the ALD Bungalows has been delayed due to the original contractor going into liquidation. The contract is currently being retendered, with the building works estimated for completion in November. Spend is now anticipated to be £200,000 in-year, with the remainder being spent in 2016/17.

The refurbishment of Grangeway Court is expected to be completed in-year, although approximately 10% of the capital allocation will be required in 2016/17 for retention payments.

It is expected that all other projects will be completed within the financial year.

COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

Revenue Budget as at 30 June 2015

	Annual Budget £'000	Budget To Date £'000	Actual To Date £'000	Variance To Date (overspend) £'000
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Employees	12,018	3,022	3,039	(17)
Other Premises	1,182	479	471	8
Supplies & Services	1,565	374	347	27
Book Fund	142	35	35	0
Hired & Contracted Services	1,151	225	239	(14)
Food Provisions	652	163	162	1
School Meals Food	2,077	389	382	7
Transport	54	9	5	4
Other Agency Costs	674	169	142	27
Waste Disposal Contracts	5,160	525	536	(11)
Leisure Management Contract	1,496	260	280	(20)
Grants To Voluntary Organisations	322	137	131	6
Grant To Norton Priory	222	115	117	(2)
Rolling Projects	20	21	21	0
Capital Financing	9	2	0	2
Total Spending	26,744	5,925	5,907	18
<u>Income</u>				
Sales Income	-2,259	-607	-563	(44)
School Meals Sales	-2,180	-349	-357	8
Fees & Charges Income	-3,235	-1,029	-1,000	(29)
Rents Income	-235	-48	-63	15
Government Grant Income	-1,186	-8	-8	0
Reimbursements & Other Grant Income	-516	-96	-100	4
Schools SLA Income	-79	-79	-83	4
Internal Fees Income	-120	-25	-30	5
School Meals Other Income	-2,270	-1,373	-1,375	2
Meals On Wheels	-196	-49	-37	(12)
Catering Fees	-225	-39	-15	(24)
Capital Salaries	-53	-13	-13	0
Transfers From Reserves	-32	0	0	0
Total Income	-12,586	-3,715	-3,644	(71)
Net Controllable Expenditure	14,158	2,210	2,263	(53)
<u>Recharges</u>				
Premises Support	1,947	522	522	0
Transport Recharges	2,390	165	164	1
Departmental Support Services	9	0	0	0
Central Support Services	3,146	845	845	0
Asset Charges	3,005	0	0	0
HBC Support Costs Income	-382	-382	-382	0
Net Total Recharges	10,115	1,150	1,149	1
Net Departmental Total	24,273	3,360	3,412	(52)

Comments on the above figures:

The net budget is £52,000 over budget profile at the end of the first quarter of the 2015/16 financial year.

Employee expenditure is subject to savings this year which have yet to take effect so the position is slightly worse than anticipated at this stage of the year. The use of agency staff across the department has fallen significantly since the introduction of the apprenticeship schemes and vacant posts being filled.

Other Agency costs are £27,000 under budget mainly due to underspending on the Area Forums for projects not yet started.

The Leisure Contract is now in its final year and will end in January 2016, the contract price exceeds budget and will overspend this year.

Expenditure on Waste contracts is currently over budget to date and will remain a pressure throughout the year. This budget will be closely monitored to ensure expenditure is brought back in line.

Sales income, Fees & Charges and Internal Catering Fees across the Department will significantly struggle to achieve income targets for the year. Last year income for these specific areas underachieved by over £322,000, although this was partially offset by other income streams. Sales targets have increased this year and as a result income budgets will be closely monitored and if necessary income targets will be realigned where possible. Income relating to the collection of green waste, approved as a saving item for 2015/16 is on target with the budget for the year.

Capital Projects as at 30th June 2015

	2015-16 Capital Allocation £'000	Allocation To Date £'000	Actual Spend To Date £'000	Total Allocation Remaining £'000
Stadium Minor Works	30	20	18	12
Stadium 3G Equipment	12	0	0	12
Widnes Recreation Site	741	530	524	217
Norton Priory	3,426	100	82	3,344
Norton Priory Biomass Boiler	140	0	0	140
Children's Playground Equipment	138	60	53	85
Upton Improvements	13	0	0	13
Crow Wood Play Area	13	0	0	13
Runcorn Hill Park	250	200	199	51
Runcorn Cemetery Extension	9	0	0	9
Cremators Widnes Crematorium	109	109	151	(42)
Open Spaces Schemes	18	15	15	3
Playground Third Party Funding	340	0	0	340
Litter Bins	20	0	0	20
Total	5,259	1,034	1,042	4,217

Comments on the above figures:

Most capital projects are on line to spend their allocations in year with the exception of the Norton Priory schemes which will run into next year.

The Widnes Recreation project has now completed with remaining invoices anticipated in quarter two. Total spend should be within the allocation.

The allocation for Playground Third Party Funding represents funding carried forward from previous years to provide match funding for external grants. Any residual funding will be carried forward at year-end.

PREVENTION & ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT

Revenue Budget as at 30th June 2015

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (underspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure				
Employees	6,613	1,620	1,588	32
Other Premises	63	18	6	12
Supplies & Services	420	40	41	(1)
Aids & Adaptations	113	28	24	4
Transport	8	2	2	0
Food Provision	28	7	3	4
Other Agency	22	3	4	(1)
	1,600	0	0	0
Transfer to Reserves				
Contribution to Complex Care Pool	17,330	1,476	1,419	57
	26,197	3,194	3,087	107
Total Expenditure				
Income				
Fees & Charges	-236	-59	-67	8
Reimbursements & Grant Income	-149	-4	-5	1
Transfer from Reserves	-1,001	0	0	0
Capital Salaries	-71	0	0	0
Government Grant Income	-154	-75	-75	0
CCG Contribution to Service	0	0	0	0
	-1,611	-138	-147	9
Total Income				
Net Operational Expenditure	24,586	3,056	2,940	116
Recharges				
Premises Support	331	525	525	0
Asset Charges	175	83	83	0
Central Support Services	2,193	0	0	0
Internal Recharge Income	-1,236	9	7	2
Transport Recharges	49	-386	-387	1
Net Total Recharges	1,512	231	228	3
	26,098	3,287	3,168	119
Net Departmental Total				

Comments on the above figures:

In overall terms, the Net Operational Expenditure for the third quarter of the financial year is £62,000 under budget profile excluding the Complex Care Pool.

Employee costs are currently showing £32,000 under budget profile. This is due to savings being made on vacancies within the department. Some of these vacancies have been advertised and have been or are expected to be filled in the coming months.

Overall income has over achieved by £9,000. Lifeline income is £4,000 higher than anticipated and this trend is expected to continue for rest of the financial year.

COMPLEX CARE POOL

Revenue Budget as at 30th June 2015

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure				
Intermediate Care Services	3,623	460	442	18
End of Life	192	47	47	0
Sub Acute	1,743	376	369	7
Urgent Care Centres	615	0	0	0
Joint Equipment Store	810	4	4	0
Contracts & SLA's	1,197	125	114	11
Intermediate Care Beds	596	149	156	(7)
BCF Schemes	2,546	436	436	0
Adult Care:				
Residential & Nursing Care	18,185	2,586	2,538	48
Domiciliary & Supported Living	10,921	2,048	2,047	1
Direct Payments	4,436	1,476	1,482	(6)
Day Care	523	64	65	(1)
Contingency	518	0	0	0
Total Expenditure	45,905	7,771	7,700	71
Income				
Residential & Nursing Income	-5,018	-740	-734	(6)
Community Care Income	-1,583	-234	-223	(11)
Direct Payments Income	-193	-58	-64	6
Income from other CCGs	-114	-29	-29	0
BCF Income	-9,451	-2,142	-2,142	0
Contribution to Pool	-12,166	-3,042	-3,042	0
Other Income	-50	-50	-47	(3)
Total Income	-28,575	-6,295	-6,281	(14)
Net Divisional Expenditure	17,330	1,476	1,419	57

Comments on the above figures:

The overall net expenditure budget is £57,000 under budget profile at the end of the first financial quarter.

Intermediate Care Services includes spend for the Therapy & Nursing Teams, Rapid Access Rehabilitation and Reablement. A number of invoices relating to Intermediate Care Services for the quarter have not yet been received so close monitoring will be undertaken throughout the next quarter to ascertain an accurate position moving forward.

There is a projected underspend on CCG Contracts due to Ship Street void. This underspend may actually increase as remaining tenants might move out.

The budgets across health and social care have been realigned to reflect the expenditure and income in the previous year. The total number of clients receiving a residential care package increased by 0.03% during the first quarter of the financial year, from 604 clients in April to 606 clients in May. However the average cost of a residential package of care reduced from £547 to £541 for the same period.

The total number of clients receiving a domiciliary package of care reduced by 1.15% during the first quarter, from 867 clients in April to 857 clients in May. However, the average cost of a domiciliary care package increased from £198 to £202 in the same period.

The total number of clients receiving a Direct Payment reduced by 1.6% during the first quarter, from 379 clients in April to 373 clients in May. The average cost of a DP package reduced from £252 to £250 for the same period.

The Adult Health and Social Care budget will continue to be monitored closely due to its volatile nature.

Capital Projects as at 30th June 2015

	2015-16 Capital Allocation £'000	Allocation To Date £'000	Actual Spend To Date £'000	Total Allocation Remaining £'000
Disabled Facilities Grant	500	100	35	465
Stair lifts (Adaptations Initiative)	250	60	36	214
RSL Adaptations (Joint Funding)	200	50	17	183
Community Meals Oven	10	0	0	10
Total	960	210	88	872

Comments on the above figures:

Whilst the spend to date on Disabled Facilities Grants, Stair Lifts and RSL Adaptations seems comparatively low, they are consistent with that for the equivalent period last year.

Spend for the period April to June 2014 was £98,000, comparable with the £88,000 for April to June 2015. The bulk of the capital allocations for 2014/15 were substantially spent by year-end and this trend is anticipated to continue in 2015/16.

The Community Meals Oven is a new project for 2015/16, and will be spent in full during the year.

POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Revenue Budget as at 30th June 2015

	Annual Budget	Budget To Date	Actual To Date	Variance To Date (overspend)
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Expenditure				
Employees	4,831	1,180	1,181	(1)
Other Premises	222	64	51	13
Hired & Contracted Services	307	67	43	24
Supplies & Services	283	73	76	(3)
Street Lighting	2,026	65	66	(1)
Highways Maintenance	2,281	300	295	5
Bridges	98	4	3	1
Fleet Transport	1,397	178	177	1
Lease Car Contracts	516	197	196	1
Bus Support – Hopper Tickets	180	30	30	0
Bus Support	525	151	154	(3)
Out of Borough Transport	51	9	7	2
Finance Charges	406	146	143	3
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	68	34	34	0
NRA Levy	60	15	15	0
Total Expenditure	13,250	2,513	2,471	42
Income				
Sales	-358	-51	-42	(9)
Planning Fees	-531	-133	-124	(9)
Building Control Fees	-201	-50	-57	7
Other Fees & Charges	-449	-76	-89	13
Rents	-8	0	0	0
Grants & Reimbursements	-527	-74	-74	0
Efficiency Savings	-60	0	0	0
School SLAs	-40	-40	-40	0
Recharge to Capital	-312	0	0	0
Transfer from Reserves	-217	0	0	0
Total Income	-2,703	-424	-426	2
Net Controllable Expenditure	10,547	2,089	2,045	44
Recharges				
Premises Support	681	271	271	0
Transport Recharges	629	147	157	(10)
Asset Charges	7,791	0	0	0
Central Support Recharges	2,120	530	530	0
Departmental Support Recharges	491	123	123	0
Departmental Support Recharges Income	-491	-123	-123	0
Support Recharges Income – Transport	-3,734	-850	-866	16
Support Recharges Income	-1,995	-430	-430	0

Net Total Recharges	5,492	-332	-338	6
Net Departmental Total	16,039	1,757	1,707	50

Comments on the above figures:

In overall terms revenue spending at the end of quarter 1 is below budget profile. This is due to a number of expenditure and income budget areas.

Other premises is below budget to date mainly due to lower than expected utility bills and lower than expected NNDR for Lower House Lane Depot within the Logistics division.

Contracted services expenditure is currently below budget due to expected goods and services not yet being received. The budget is expected to be fully spent by year end.

Planning fees are currently under budget; this income stream is however expected to increase as the year progresses and it is expected that income will be in line with the budget at year end.

Building Control income is exceeding the budget profile to date, the increased income reflects the increase in the number of control inspections provided by the department to members of the public, this is despite the strong competition from outside competitors who can provide the same service expect for the issuing of the certificate.

The above budget increase in other fees and charges is mainly due to income generated within the Traffic area for overrun charges and permits etc. This is expected to be just above budget throughout the year.

At this stage of the year it is anticipated that overall spend will be within the Departmental budget at the financial year-end.

POLICY, PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION

Capital Projects as at 30th June 2015

	2015/16 Capital Allocation £'000	Allocation To Date £'000	Actual Spend To Date £'000	Allocation Remaining £'000
Local Transport Plan				
Bridges & Highway Maintenance				
Bridge Assessment, Strengthening & Maintenance	967	105	85	882
Road Maintenance	1,261	300	290	971
	2,228	405	375	1,853
Total Bridge & Highway Maintenance				
	908	130	125	783
Integrated Transport				
	3,136	535	500	2,636
Total Local Transport Plan				
Halton Borough Council				
Street lighting – Structural Maintenance	200	50	31	169
Street lighting – replacement programme	4,700	50	50	4,650
Risk Management	120	10	0	120
Fleet Replacement	2,174	300	283	1,891
	7,194	410	364	6,829
Total Halton Borough Council				
<u>Grant Funded</u>				
Surface Water Management Grant	122	10	0	122




S106 schemes	384	5	4	380
STEPS program	534	0	0	534
Total Grant Funded	1,040	15	4	1,036
Total Capital Programme	11,370	960	868	10,502

The programme of spend regarding surface water management is dependent on uptake by members of the public. This in turn is affected by local weather conditions.

The STEP (Sustainable Transport Enhancement Package) programme is scheduled to start from quarter 2 this spend will then be reflected from this period onwards.




APPENDIX 2 – Explanation of Symbols

Symbols are used in the following manner:

Progress	Objective	Performance Indicator
Green	 Indicates that the <u>objective is on course to be achieved</u> within the appropriate timeframe.	<i>Indicates that the annual target <u>is on course to be achieved</u>.</i>
Amber	 Indicates that it is <u>uncertain or too early to say at this stage</u> , whether the milestone/objective will be achieved within the appropriate timeframe.	<i>Indicates that it is <u>uncertain or too early to say at this stage</u> whether the annual target is on course to be achieved.</i>
Red	 Indicates that it is <u>highly likely or certain</u> that the objective will not be achieved within the appropriate timeframe.	<i>Indicates that the target <u>will not be achieved</u> unless there is an intervention or remedial action taken.</i>

Direction of Travel Indicator

Where possible performance measures will also identify a direction of travel using the following convention

Green	 Indicates that performance is better as compared to the same period last year.
Amber	 Indicates that performance is the same as compared to the same period last year.
Red	 Indicates that performance is worse as compared to the same period last year.
N/A	Indicates that the measure cannot be compared to the same period last year.