Council Performance Overview – Quarter 2, 2011/12

Cabinet – 15 December 2011



Introduction



- This presentation covers:
 - Context
 - Performance for the Council overall at Quarter 2
 - A breakdown for each Corporate Priority at Quarter 2
 - Cross-London comparisons using the London
 Councils LAPS tool for the latest available period
 - Summary

Context



- Draft budget being presented at Cabinet tonight
- Low spend high performing Council
- Significant budget constraints frontloaded central government cuts
- Changing National Policy environment:
 - Housing
 - Localism
 - Health Reforms
 - Academies

Council overview



Corporate Priorities

Clean, green & safe

United & involved

Supporting & protecting

Town Centre, shopping, business

Customer & corporate

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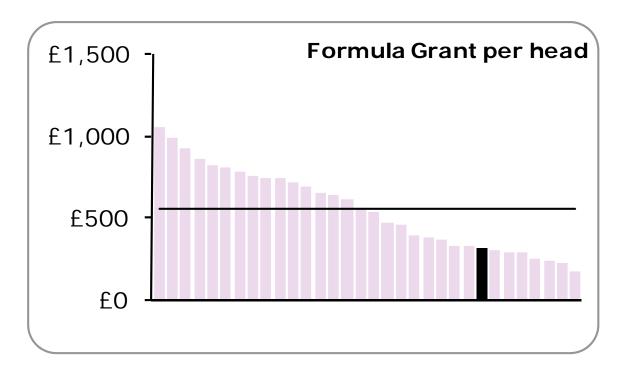
Resources

Priority Actions

Performance v. cost (1)



Harrow is the eighth lowest funded local authority in London, putting it in the bottom quartile of 32 boroughs



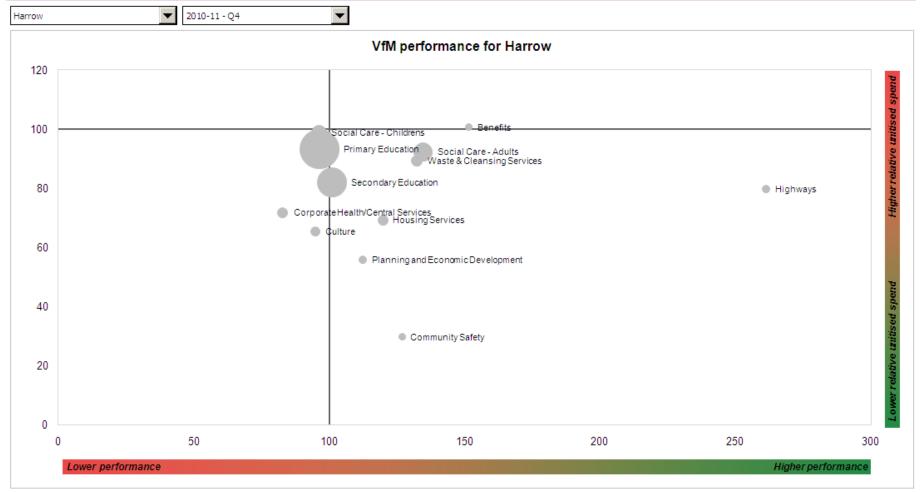
Formula Grant per head of population: CIPFA London RA Benchmarking 2011-12

Performance v. cost (2)



LOCAL AREA PERFORMANCE SOLUTION - Benchmarked performance 2010-11 - Q4 View VfM performance by borough





Keeping neighbourhoods clean, green and safe



Key achievements

- Household waste recycled and composted
- Street cleanliness litter and flyposting
- Drug users in effective treatment
- Serious violent crime
- New technology for street cleansing & grounds mtce

- Street cleanliness detritus and graffiti
- Repeat incidents of domestic violence
- Residential burglaries
- Serious acquisitive crime

London benchmarking



Keeping neighbourhoods clean, green and safe

	Indicator	Period	Quartile Best Worst
NI 32	Repeat incidents of domestic violence	Q4	
NI 15	Serious violent crime rate	Q1	
NI 16	Serious acquisitive crime rate	Q1	
NI 191	Residual household waste per household	Q1	
NI 192	Household waste – re-use, recycling, composting	Q4	
NI 195a	Street and environmental cleanliness - Litter	Q4	
NI 195b	Street and environmental cleanliness - Detritus	Q4	
NI 195c	Street and environmental cleanliness - Graffiti	Q4	
NI 195d	Street and environmental cleanliness – Fly posting	Q4	

United and involved communities: a Council that listens and leads



Key achievements

- Volunteers engaged in developing Housing service
- Adult social care user involvement

- Key improvement challenges
- No. of trained Neighbourhood Champions

- Involvement Tracker (Q1):
 - Satisfied with Council

Supporting and protecting people who are most in need (1)



Key achievements

- Reablement outcomes
- Adults with disabilities (LD/MH) in employment
- Social care clients with personal budgets
- Major adaptations to disabled people's homes

Key improvement challenges

Adult client reviews (Amber)

Supporting and protecting people who are most in need (2)



Key achievements

- Families with direct payments
- Young people NEET
- Overall school absence
- Schools with good or outstanding behaviour
- Corporate parenting
- Ofsted assessment

- School exclusions overall
- Children with protection plan over 2 years

Supporting and protecting people who are most in need (3)



Key achievements

- Homelessness prevention
- People in temporary accom.
- Affordable homes delivered
- Reletting Council housing
- Dwellings returned to use

- Number homeless, priority need
- Number assisted in private rented sector

London benchmarking



Supporting and protecting people who are most in need

	Indicator	Period	Quartile Best Worst
NI 146	Adults with learning disabilities in paid employment	Q1	
NI 130	Adult social care users receiving self-directed support	Q4	
NI 150	Adults – secondary MH services – in paid employment	Q1	
NI 19	Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders	Q4	
NI 117	16-18 year olds not in education/employment/training	Q4	
	Total no. accepted as homeless and in priority need	Q1	
NI 156	No. of households living in temporary accommodation	Q1	

Supporting our Town Centre, local shopping centres and businesses



Key achievements

- Deliver Harrow's long term spatial vision
- Town Centre vacancy rate and empty commercial properties
- Support local shopping centres,
 Fair Trade
- Visits to Leisure Centre & libraries
- Sports development

- Refreshing the People's Network and wi-fi at libraries
- Visits to Museum
- Funding application for Tithe Barn

Customer service/corporate health



Key achievements

- Access Harrow waiting time, resolution and satisfaction
- Answering calls, emails, web forms (Access Harrow)
- Avoidable contact (Access Harrow)
- Transactions via Web
- Minor and Other Planning Application processing
- Investor in People silver award
 - Housing and Chief Exec
- Resourcing contract

Key improvement challenges

Major Planning Application processing

Resources



Key achievements

- Staff sickness absence
- Processing benefit claims
- Collecting Council Tax and business rates
- Collecting Housing rents and arrears
- Capital expenditure v target
- Procurement savings
- IT critical systems availability

- IPAD reviews
- Purchase orders raised before invoice
- Forecast budget variance
- IT customer complaints

London benchmarking



Resources

	Indicator	Period	Qu Best	artile Worst
BV 12	Working days lost due to sickness absence	Q1		
NI 181	Time to process new benefit claims and change events	Q1		
BV 9	Percentage of council tax collected	Q1		
BV 10	Percentage of non-domestic rates collected	Q1		

Summary



- The Council continues to make good progress despite a difficult funding position
- It is nonetheless aware of its challenges and actions are in place to address them