








Report of the Head of Economic Development and Regeneration




1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update of quarter 1 performance for the authority's priorities relevant to our Corporate Aim, Build a Strong Economy.
2. To gain maximum impact of performance management intelligence from Performance Plus, the Authority's performance management system, tolerances and milestones have been set for 2007/08 targets.

Key to Tables

-  increasing, improved performance
-  decreasing, improved performance
-  decreasing, deteriorating performance
-  increasing, deteriorating performance
-  no change

-  performance worse than target
-  performance better than target by less than 10%
-  performance better than target by 10% or more

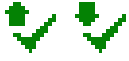
Key to CPA Indicators




-  below lower threshold
-  between thresholds
-  above upper threshold

Key to Quartile Positions

-  bottom quartile
-  third quartile
-  second quartile
-  top quartile

3. Performance and comments relating to indicators relevant to the Corporate Aim, Build a Strong Economy are reported in Appendix A. An overview of performance is as follows;

Direction of Travel since year-end 2006/07		Number of measures	% of total
	Improved	3	18%
	Maintained	0	0%
	Deteriorated	2	12%
Data is unavailable (N/a) during quarter 1		11	68%
Total		16	

Comparison to target		Number of measures	% of total
	Worse than	9	56%
	Better than by <10%	6	37%
	Better than by 10% or more	0	0%
Data is unavailable (N/a) during quarter 1		1	6%
Total		16	

4. 15 indicators aligned to Build a Strong Economy are included in the authority's priorities for improvement. Of these indicators three were updated during quarter 1. The following table summarises the performance of these indicators.

	Achieved Q1 target	Did not achieve Q1 target
Improved from year-end		Number of businesses
Deteriorated from year-end		Number of Incapacity Benefit Claimants – Countywide Number of Incapacity Benefit Claimants – NRF Districts

Areas of concern,

(Indicators not achieving quarter 1 target with deteriorating performance since 06/07 year-end)

- The number of incapacity benefit claimants in the County has reduced slightly from the last quarter of 2006/07 and is now back at the baseline position. However, the 2007/08 target for this indicator is 33,300, i.e. 2,800 lower than the figure achieved. The nature of the activity required to improve this indicator means that any improvement is hoped to be reflected in the 2008/09 figures.

5. A summary of all other indicators reported during quarter 1 is shown in the table below,

	Achieved Q1 target	Did not achieve Q1 target
Improved from year-end	% of the working population claiming JSA	
Remained static	Number of people in self employment % of VAT Deregistrations NVQ Level 2 or equivalent in NRF Districts	Employment Rate New VAT Registrations Maintain the County GVA Number of businesses NVQ Level 2 or equivalent across the County NVQ Level 2 or equivalent in Non-NRF Districts % of working age population with NVQ Level 4 or higher
Deteriorated from year-end		

6. It is recommended that Economy Scrutiny Sub-Committee Members:

- (i) note the contents of this report
- (ii) agree to receiving subsequent quarterly performance progress reports