

What we said we'd achieve in 2012/13

Priority Outcome: Place - Improved Living Environment

Quarter 2

How are we doing so far?

We said we would: Improve and protect our parks and green spaces and living environment.

By:

Reducing the amount of residual household waste per household as stated within the Staffordshire Waste Action Plan:
Estimates for the second quarter show that we continue to be better than the annual target of 545kg per household (prior to Staffordshire County Council publishing the final figures for the quarter)



Increasing the volumes of waste recycled as stated within the Staffordshire Waste Action Plan:
Second quarter period estimate that 59% of waste was recycled against a plan target of 52% (prior to Staffordshire County Council publishing the final figures for the quarter)



Undertaking an information and motivational campaign to increase food waste and increase recycling:
In the second quarter our recycling road show has attended two outdoor events and given two talks in schools within the district in relation to waste minimisation and recycling.



Inspecting and monitoring all Flood Risk sites within the District:
All the flood risk sites were inspected monthly within the quarter 2 period



Ensuring all abandoned vehicles are removed within 24 hours of notification:

A total of 6 abandoned vehicles were reported during the second quarter, these were inspected within 24 hours of the report but none of these were found to be abandoned because either the vehicles not there, they were not considered abandoned or had already been moved by the owner

**Implement the 2012-13 HRA Capital Programme:**

By the end of Quarter 2 the following works had been completed:

External Envelope Works	Completions 260	Annual Target 750
Electrical Upgrading	Completions 282	Annual Target 500
Kitchen Replacement	Completions 84	Annual Target 100
Bathroom Replacement	Completions 19	Annual Target 360

**Moss Road Estate Regeneration – Redesign of the entrance halls to the four blocks of three storey traditional flat blocks for implementation during 2013-14:**

Scheme design agreed Cabinet 21 June 2012.

**As performance measures:****Residual household waste per household: Annual target=545kgs:**

Second quarter estimated figures shows a tonnage of 104 tonnes against a target of 136 tonnes (NB: Actual figures still to be confirmed with Staffordshire County Council)

**% of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting:**

Second quarter estimated figures show a recycling and composting rate of 59% (NB: Actual figures still to be confirmed with Staffordshire County Council)



Number of affordable homes delivered:

In Q2 a total of 28 affordable homes were complete. A total of 52 have been completed in the year to date which is projected to meet the 116 annual target. The total includes 10 nominations for the ERZ, Rugeley site which is in Lichfield District.

**We said we would: Work with partners to reduce the impact and perceptions of anti-social behaviour**

By:

Undertake 2 stop and search exercises with Staffordshire Police to determine compliance with waste carrier legislation:

These exercises were undertaken on 12th July & 23rd August 2013.



Quarter 2 Case Study

LSP Summer Diversionary Scheme 2012

Background

During the summer school holidays the LSP, through its Joint Operations Group (JOG), managed a series of diversionary opportunities for targeted young people in Cannock Chase to get involved in positive activities. The JOG is managed and facilitated by the Council's Partnership Team and meets monthly to ensure a co-ordinated, proactive approach to community safety issues across the District.

The Right Stuff summer Boxing Initiative was one element of the JOG's summer activities. The initiative was lead by PC Andy Whitehall of Staffordshire Police and was jointly funded by the JOG, Cannock Targeted Youth Support Group and South Staffs PCT. The aim of the project was to provide a positive activity in the form of amateur boxing to young people aged 7-16 years old in the Cannock and Rugeley area during the 6 week school summer holidays of 2012. Although the initiative was open to all young people between these ages, a proportion of the young people

were targeted by the project in conjunction with other professional partners in an effort to address issues of ASB, criminality or other underlying detrimental life issues, particularly around health. Rather than be a short lived intervention for part of or all the six week holiday the project aimed to integrate the young people into the permanent Right Stuff project sites at Huntington* and Stafford to make long term sustainable gains. The impact of this project will be evaluated by the Joint Operations Group who, in turn, will use that evaluation to inform the delivery planning process for 2013/14.

**The Right Stuff has previously operated in the evening out of Coniston Hall, Chadsmoor when the Substance Misuse Service was renting the building during the day. However, when the Substance Misuse team moved out of the building it was no longer feasible to operate the scheme from this location. Littleton School in Huntington was identified as a suitable venue due to the size of the room available and has now become the permanent site for this project for the time being. Whilst the new venue is not ideal from a District perspective, a large number of the young people from Chadsmoor who had been accessing the service at Coniston Hall are travelling to the new venue.*

Who attended?

The initiative was run at four separate locations in Cannock and 102 young people attended, of which the majority were male (78% or 80 people). 75% of attendees (77 people) were aged between 11-16 years with the remaining 25% (25 people) aged between 7-10 years.

Ninety of the attendees were from Cannock and surrounding areas (88%) with 12 from the Rugeley area (12%).

Where were referrals received from?

70 of the 102 young people that attended were referred by partner agencies, representing 69% of those attending. Most referrals were from the targeted youth support team, the local support team and the police.

Impact on Anti Social Behaviour

Police statistics in respect of recorded Anti Social Behaviour in the Cannock Chase Local Policing team the area where the scheme took place fell in the months of July 2012 by 28.9% (237 incidents compared to 333 for the same month last year) and 28.7 % for August (234 incidents as compared to 328 for the same month last year). Whilst it is not credible to claim that this significant decrease was entirely a result of the boxing scheme, it is indicative of a successful summer programme of diversionary activity for young people.

Community Projects Undertaken

In addition to the diversionary element of the scheme, young people have to 'earn' their place on the course through demonstrating good behaviour and taking part in community projects, as follows:

Vegetation Clearance Welcome Club, Heath Hayes area = 4 hours / 35 young people/ 1 parents, 40 sacks of Garden rubbish. Estimated Community Saving £1500.

Ground clearance, Nursery Cannock area= 4 hours / 32 young people/ 1 parent. Estimated Community Saving £1200

Case Studies

Child A

A 16 year old male Referred through Families First Cannock Targeted Youth Support extremely vulnerable and complex issues with severe self harming issues. Attended for 3 weeks of programme achieving his Preliminary, Standard and Bronze award. He took part in 3 community projects. He expressed a desire to volunteer for the Right Stuff and become a young leader and is now regularly attending the Huntington club. His confidence and self esteem have improved markedly.

Child B

16 year old female known for anger issues, assaults and excluded from school. Attended summer scheme for 4 weeks, achieving her Preliminary, Standard and Bronze award and took part in 3 community projects. Despite residing in Rugeley this individual is now attending weekly female only sessions run at the Stafford Right Stuff gym, she attends by catching the bus on her own to Stafford and then walking from the town centre to the gym.

Vulnerable People's Champion

This July the Vulnerable People's Champion (VPC) received a referral from Cannock Chase District Council's Housing Team. The referral detailed that a couple were experiencing anti-social behaviour, harassment and intimidation from a nearby homeowner, whom they alleged had the potential to be extremely violent. As a result, the victims were concerned for their safety, stating that the situation was affecting their day-to-day lives and that they were desperate to move to a different property. However, due to concerns over the family's health and fear of reprisals, the couple were unwilling to make an official statement to Staffordshire Police, whilst Cannock Chase District Council's Housing Team options were limited as the alleged perpetrator was not one of their tenants.

The full range of housing options was explained to the couple, who ultimately felt that the best option would be to pursue a mutual exchange or an internal move into social housing stock. The VPC assisted the couple in registering correctly and applying for appropriate properties and the coordination of medical and social need documentation to the Council by way of supporting evidence for their application.

The VPC built an effective relationship with the couple and though the trust and rapport which had been established, was able to provide encouragement, assurance

and support for the couple to provide the identity of the perpetrator which they had previously been reluctant to do.

The victims were reassured that only Victim Support, Cannock Chase District Council and Staffordshire Police would have access to the information. Ultimately this enabled corroborating evidence of the perpetrator's behaviour to be taken into account in support of their application to move from their current property as a priority case.

At the time of writing, the couple were moving into their new home and have expressed their sincere gratitude to the VPC for being a key advocate in resolving their situation.