

Theme summary – Economic Regeneration and Transport	
<i>Under this theme the following indicators are included in the Council Plan:</i>	Target
Principal roads where maintenance should be considered – 4% in 2011/12 (baseline – 4% in 2010/11).	★
Non principal roads where maintenance should be considered - 4% in 2011/12 (baseline – 4% in 2010/11).	★
250 start-up businesses assisted (baseline 225 in 2010/11).	★
Increase learner numbers by 5% on 2010/11 outturn (4,494 learners and 9,614 enrolments, August 2010 - July 2011).	★
270 unemployed people trained to assist them to access employment opportunities during 2011/12 (baseline 139 in 2010/11).	★
Job Seekers Allowance Claimant Count maintain -0.8% points gap between Stockton and Tees Valley in 2011-12 (Number of claimants resident in an area as a percentage of the population aged 16-64 resident in that area – average baseline of 0.8% gap 2008-11).	★
75% of Major Planning Applications processed within 13 weeks in 2011/12 (baseline 92.45% in 2010/11).	★
80% of Minor Planning Applications processed within 8 weeks in 2011/12 (baseline 91.09% in 2010/11).	★
88% of Other Planning Applications processed within 8 weeks in 2011/12 (Baseline 92.38% in 2010/11).	★
530 net additional homes in 2011/12 (baseline 459 in 2010/11).	■
Young people not in employment education or training (NEET) to be engaged in a 16-18 learning programme with Tees achieve during 2011/12 academic year	★
Overall progress	
Performance	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal roads where maintenance should be considered – SCANNER survey results carried out August 2011 indicate that maintenance should be considered on 3% of principal roads in the Borough, which is better than the target of 4%. • Non principal roads where maintenance should be considered – SCANNER survey results carried out August 2011 indicate that maintenance should be considered on 4% of non-principal roads in the Borough, which is on target. • Start-up businesses assisted – 311 business start-ups assisted during 2011/12 exceeding year-end target of 250. 151 Stockton Borough Council (SBC) Start-up grants have been awarded. 21 businesses were assisted to locate at the Business Centre. 190 start-up businesses assisted through Five Lamps funded by SBC Communities Fund, 51 of which also received SBC Start-up grants. • Learner numbers – 3,506 learners and 7,610 enrolments up to the end of March 2012. We are on track to increase the number of learners by 5% during 2011/12 academic year compared with the previous year when we had 4,494 learners and 9,614 enrolments. • Unemployed people trained to assist them to access employment opportunities – 240 unemployed people have started training since 1 August 2011 through Tees Achieve programmes. Referrals were initially only received from JobCentre Plus, but have now been extended to include work programme providers such as Avanta TNG and Triage Central. We are on track to achieve academic year target of 270 by July 2012. • Young people not in employment, education or training (NEET) trained – 127 young people not in employment, education or training (NEET) have started the 16-18 learning 	

programme with Tees Achieve since 1 August 2011. On track to achieve academic year-end target of 170 by July 2012.

- **Job Seekers Allowance Claimant Count** – the number of claimants resident in Stockton as a percentage of the population aged 16-64 resident in the area was 5.8% at the end of March 2012. This compares with Tees Valley at 6.8%, North East 5.6% and Great Britain 4.1%. The gap between Stockton and the Tees Valley is better than the target of maintaining the gap of minus 0.8% points.
- **Planning applications determined** – all categories of planning applications achieved their individual targets, with 84.44% of major applications (75% target), 89.88% of minor applications (80% target) and 94.38% of other applications (88% target) determined within timescale.
- **Net additional homes** – 471 net additional homes provided during 2011/12. The target of 530 has not been met due to the housing market. We have an adequate supply of sites; however they are not delivering as many as expected.

Actions taken

No remedial actions required.

Customer perception/ satisfaction

No updates on customer perception/satisfaction.

Risk

There are one Economic Regeneration and Transport high related risk featured in the Corporate Risk Register:

- Economic Downturn – (Risk rating of 16).

Finance

- Due to the reduced numbers of planning applications income targets were not achieved. There was an income shortfall of £229k in year.
- Due to the current economy Building Regulation income targets were not achieved. There was an income shortfall of £98k in year.
- Management review of the Planning Services has recently taken place with the aim of reducing costs to offset income reductions.
- DFT Grant funding of £408k awarded to the authority to repair pot holes.
- Gross expenditure of £4.2m made in-year on the learning services carried out under Tees Achieve. This expenditure was fully funded through fees and grant contributions.