







Quarter 3 - April 2024 to December 2024

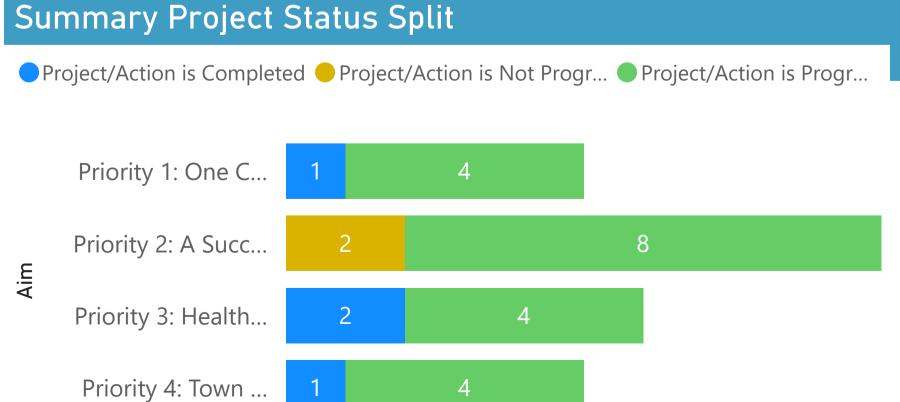


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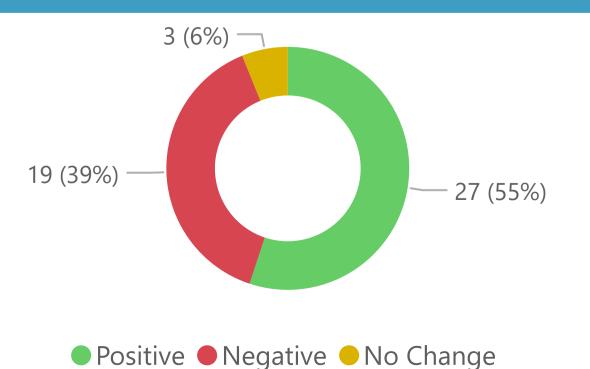
Corporate Aim (Priority)	Count
Priority 1: One Council delivering for Local People	16
Priority 2: A Successful and Sustainable Growing Borough	6
Priority 3: Healthy, Active and Safe Communities	24
Priority 4: Town Centres for All	3
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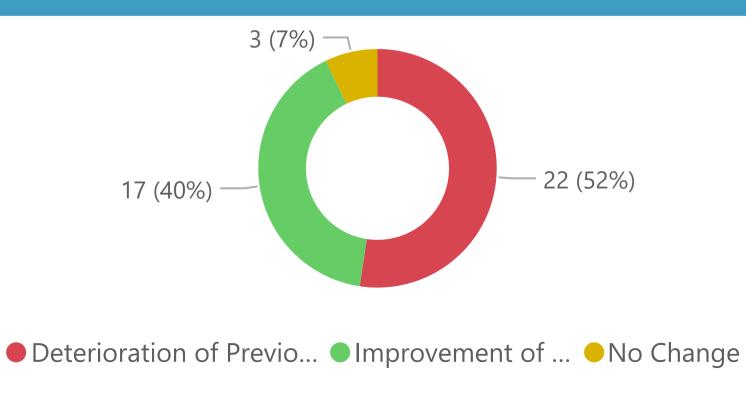
- There are 29 Indicators which have set targets this quarter.
- 65% met their targets within Quarter Three. 7 Indicators which met their target also showed improvement when compared to the same time period last year. 9 Indicators which met their target showed a negative trend when being compared to last year. 3 Indicators showed no change.
- 35% of Indicators were off target this quarter. 3 of these indicators showed an improvement when compared to last year and 7 indicators showed a negative trend.
- There are 20 Indicators which are contextual this quarter and do not have a target to meet. When compared to last year 7 measures showed an improved trend with 6 of the contextual measures showing a negative trend. 7 measures did not have any historic data to compare against.
- There are 4 Projects/Actions that have been classified as completed being split between Priority 1, 3 and 4. Priority 2 has 2 Project/Action's that have been identified as not progressing as expected detail of these is provided in this report.



All Qtr.3 Trend Direction of PI's Compared to Previous Quarter



All Qtr.3 Trend Status of PI's Compared On Same Qtr in the Previous Financial Year





Priority 1: One Council delivering for Local People



Priority 1: Performance Indicators Current Status Contextual

Off Target - Negative Trend Target Met Off Target - Positive Trend

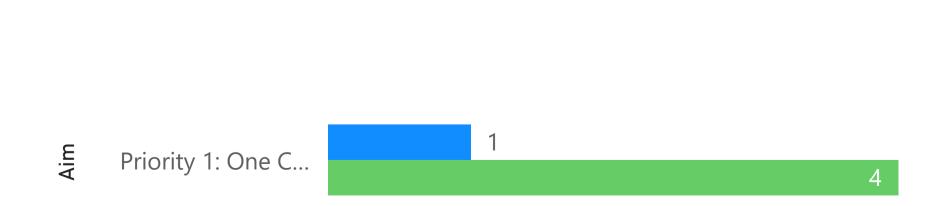
Corporate Objective	Count
Deliver services to a high standard every day	3
Develop professional talent across the Council and provide opportunities for staff to grow their careers	4
Ensure our services are efficient and accessible	7
Ensure strong financial discipline across the Council	2
Total	16

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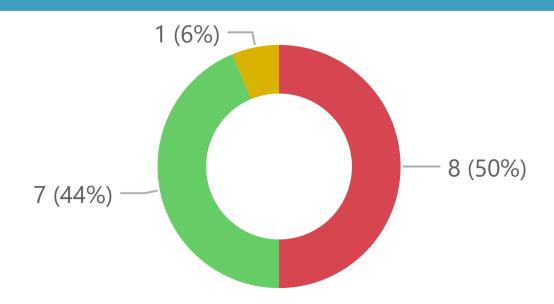
- There are 11 Indicators which have set targets this quarter within Priority 1.
- 45% met their targets within Quarter Three. 1 Indicators which met their target also showed improvement when compared to the same time period last year. 4 Indicators which met their target showed a negative trend when being compared to last year.
- 55% of Indicators were classed as off target this quarter. 2 of these indicators showed a positive trend when compared to last year and 4 showed an negative performance on the year previous.
- There are 5 Indicators which are contextual this quarter and do not have a target to meet. When compared to last year, 1 of these measures showed a negative trend, 3 measure demonstrated an improvement and 1 measure did not have any historic data to compare against.
- There has been one Project/Action that has been classed as completed in Priority 1, this being the Delivery of the One Council Programme. All other Projects/Actions within Priority 1 are classed to be progressing as expected.

Priority 1: Summary Project Status Split

Project/Action is CompletedProject/Action is Progressing as Expected



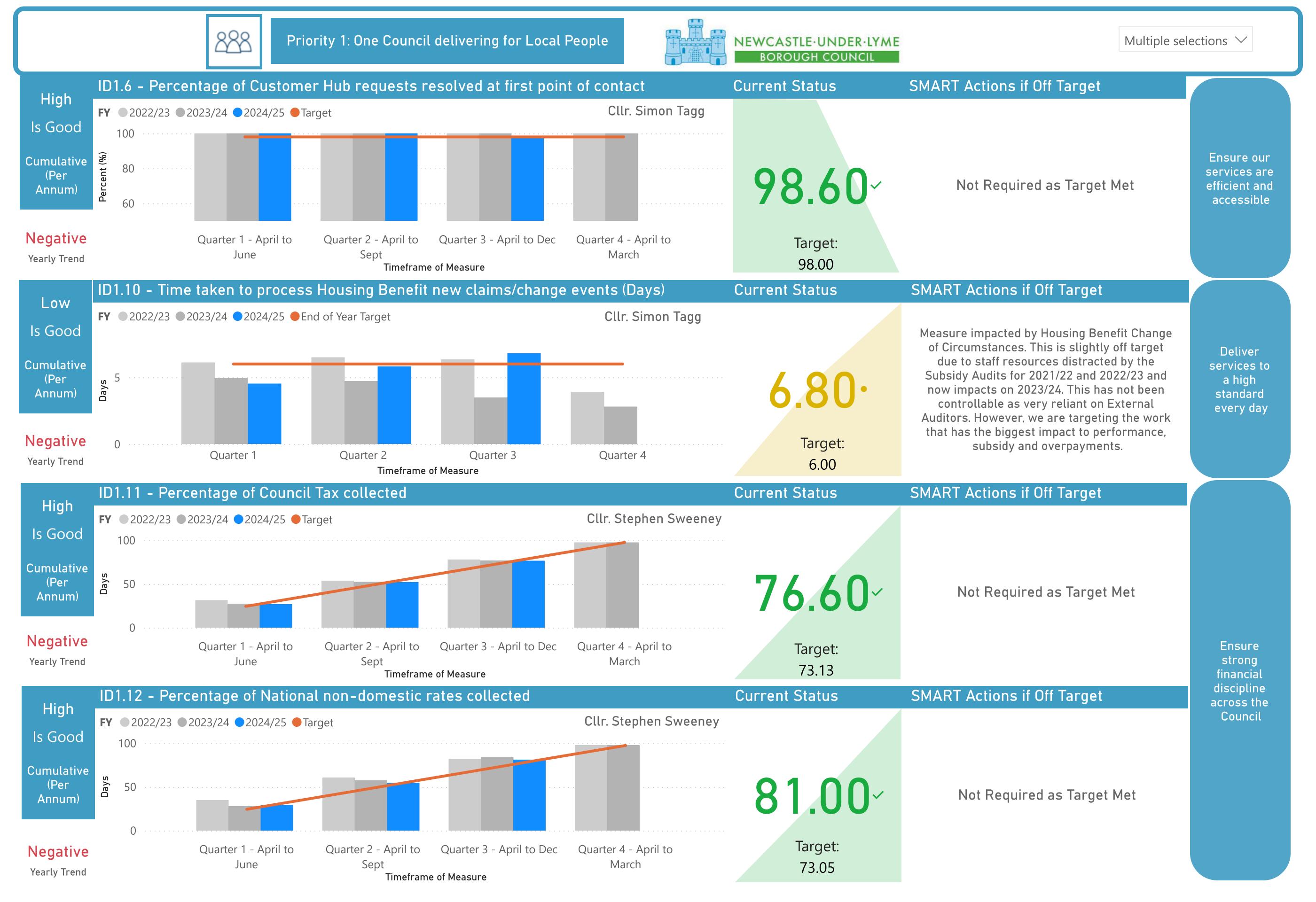
Priority 1: Qtr.3 Trend Direction of PI's Compared to Previous Quarter



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Priority 1: Qtr.3 Trend Status of PI's Compared On Same Qtr in the Previous Financial Year







Priority 1: One Council delivering for Local People



Project Status Split for Priority 1.

Project/Action is Progressing as Expected

Project/Action is Completed

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Portfolio Holder	Service Area	Action	Corporate Objective	Status report	Commentary on progress
Cllr. Simon Tagg	 Strategy, People and Performance 2. All services 	Deliver a Workforce Strategy	Develop professional talent across the Council and provide opportunities for staff to grow their careers	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	Strategy in place and work continues on progressing the themes and actions
Cllr. Simon Tagg	 Strategy, People and Performance 2. IT and Digital 3. Neighbourhoods All (digital enablement) 	Deliver the One Council Programme	Ensure our services are efficient and accessible	roject/Action is Completed	Project/Action has been completed.
Cllr. Stephen Sweeney	1. CommercialDelivery 2. Finance3. Legal &Governance	Identify and deliver opportunities to generate income from commercial development	Ensure strong financial discipline across the Council	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	Officers are beginning a new programme to investigate commercialisation opportunities across the Council, in the next quarter a new Commercialisation Board will be established.
Cllr. Simon Tagg	1. Strategy, People and Performance 2. All services	Work with our communities to ensure services reflect local need	Work with our communities to ensure services reflect local need	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	Ongoing partnership work continues. Work continues in developing our Priority Delivery Plans in line with our understanding of our communities and the overall Council Priorities and Plan. We continue to work with partners and also with data to understand the context in which we operate, invite feedback and consultation e.g. budget consultation, local plan consultation.
Cllr. Simon Tagg	1. Strategy, People and Performance 2. neighbourhoods 3. Regulatory	Work with partners to deliver the best for our communities	Work with partners to deliver the best for our communities	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	Ongoing partnership work continues. Partnership working continues to be a strength for the organisation with positive outcomes in regard to Community Safety, Town Centre experience and ease of access to council services. Significant progress is being achieved in relation to Better Health outcomes as the Active Referral scheme is embedded





Priority 2: Performance Indicators Current Status



Corporate Objective	Count
A strong and sustainable economy where everyone benefits	1
Protecting our communities by improving how we use our enforcement powers.	1
Support the sustainable development of our towns and villages	4
Total	6

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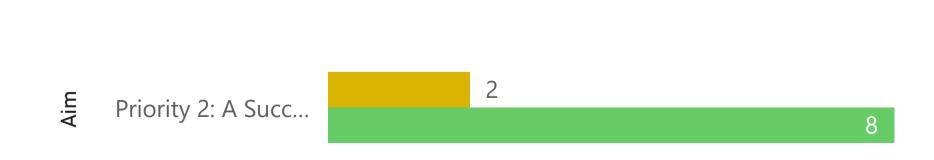
- There are 6 Indicators which have set targets this quarter within Priority 2.
- 83% met their targets within Quarter Three. 2 Indicators which met their target showed improvement when compared to the same time period last year. 2 Indicators which met their target showed a negative trend when being compared to last year. 1 Indicator showed no change when compared to the previous year.
- Within Priority 2, there are 2 Projects/Actions that have been raised to not be progressing as expected and relate to the following; "Secure a Successful Resolution to Walleys Quarry" and "Delivering the £16m Kidsgrove Town Deal" Further detail in regards to this project/action is supplied within the body of the report.

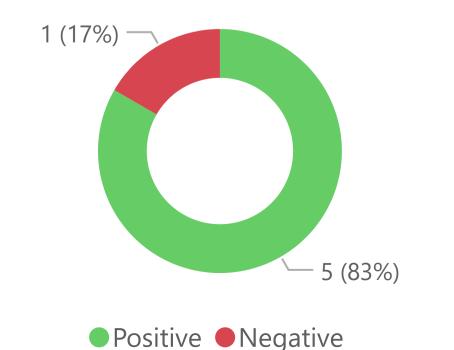
Priority 2: Summary Project Status Split

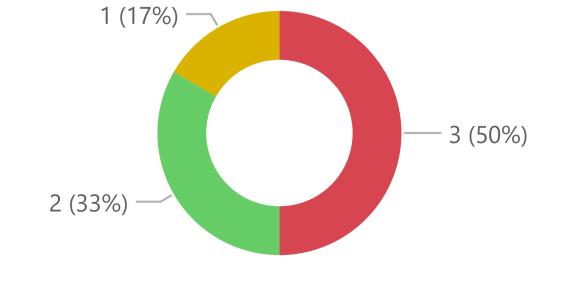
Project/Action is Not Progressing as Expected Project/Action is Progressing as Expe...

Priority 2: Qtr.3 Trend Direction of PI's Compared to Previous Quarter

Priority 2: Qtr.3 Trend Status of PI's Compared On Same Qtr in the Previous Financial Year







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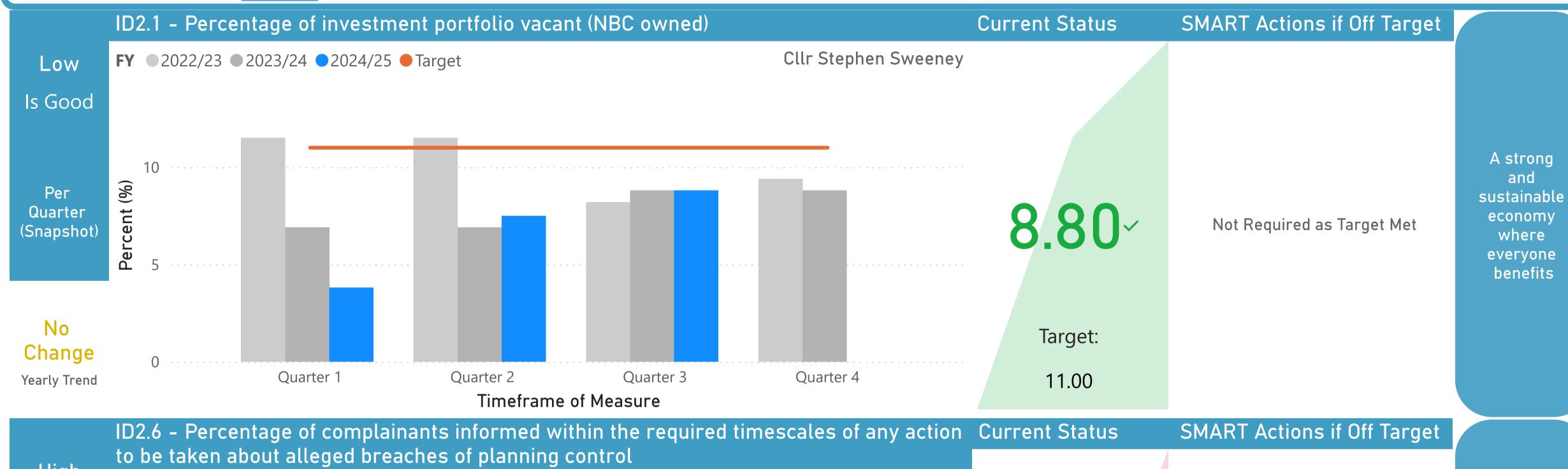


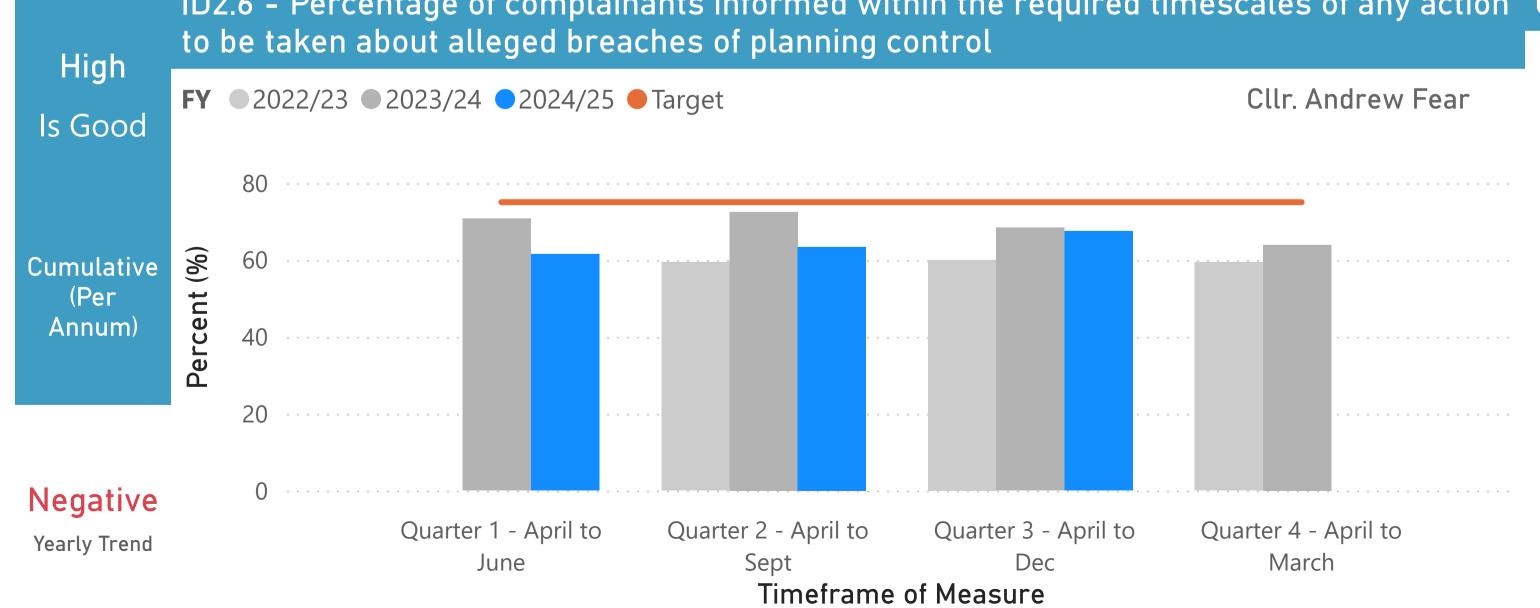
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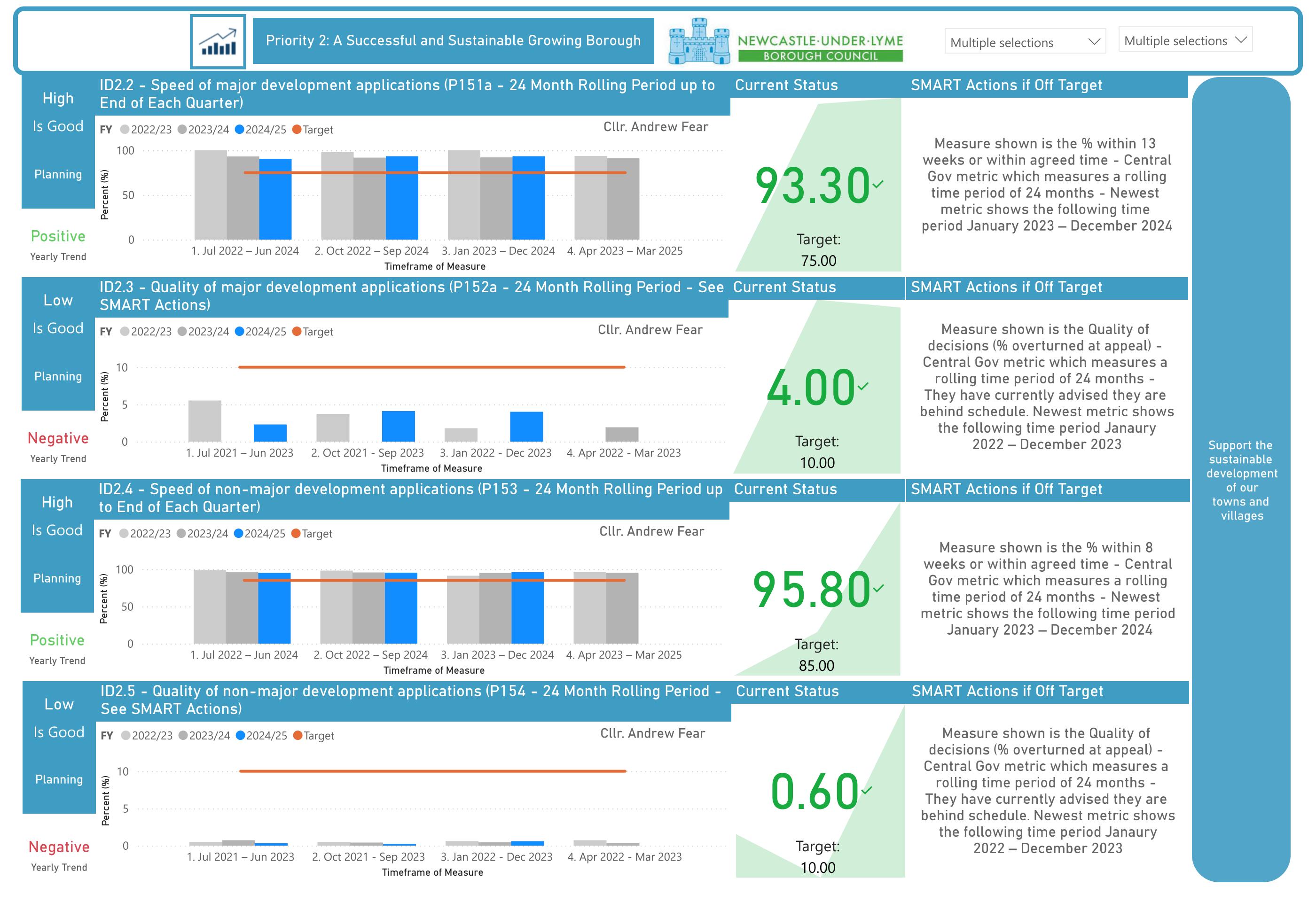


like performance compared with Q2, with 76.5% complainants responded to within the relevant timescales. However, notwithstanding this the overall cumulative figure for the year to date remains below the 75% target. As previously issues around complexity of cases, work absences and capacity have impacted. The improvement in performance reflects a more rigorous performance management approach and monitoring which will

be continued going forward.

A significant difference in like for

Protecting
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Project Status Split for Priority 2.

Project/Action is Progressing as Expected

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Portfolio Holder	Service Area	Action	Corporate Objective	Status report	Commentary on progress
Cllr. Gill Heesom	1. Regulatory 2. Legal & Governance	Ensure that there are good homes for everyone and that every citizen has a safe and secure place to live	Ensure that there are good homes for everyone and that every citizen has a safe and secure place to live		A busy quarter for Housing Standards dealing with 129 resident service requests, including 18 relating to disrepair, 19 relating to house in multiple occupation licence applications, 8 to house in multiple occupation regulatory inspections and 5 relating to empty homes.
Cllr. David Hutchison	1. Regulatory 2. Neighbourhoods	Secure a successful resolution to the Walley's Quarry odour problem.	Protecting our communities by improving how we use our enforcement powers.	Project/Action is Not Progressing as Expected	LEGAL ACTION On 29 July 2024 the Secretary of State Environment, Food and Rural Affairs responded to the Leader's request for permission to prosecute Walleys Quarry Ltd under statutory nuisance legislation. The Secretary of State granted consent for a prosecution to proceed.
					On 30 September the Chief Executive provided an update stating; "there are very few precedents for taking legal action against an operator regulated by a Government agency, so there is a great deal of legal advice and preparation involved, however I believe we will be ready to take the next step by the end of October".
					The work involved in preparing legal proceedings continued into November and as the legal submission was being drafted the EA served a Closure Notice on Walleys Quarry Ltd on 28 November. This in effect required the operator to stop taking waste into the site from 29 November and to take steps to initiate closure of the site as specified in the Schedule to the Notice.
					On 6 December Walleys Quarry Ltd appealed against the Closure Notice to the Planning Inspectorate. Interested Parties have until 13 January 2024 to make representations on this appeal. The appeal process does not suspend the Closure Notice.
					COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY This action is in line with the Committee of Inquiry Report which looked at the impact on local communities from the Walleys Quarry landfill operation and recommend that the EA serve a Closure Notice to commence the process of the site being closed.
					COMPLAINTS Odour complaints in October to December have seen a significant upturn from the previous quarter with complaints reaching over 1000 complaints in the months of November and December.
Cllr. David Hutchison	1. Neighbourhoods	Protect our parks and green spaces for future generations	Ensuring that the Council's operations are carbon neutral by 2030		Phase 6 of the Borough Tree Planting Strategy has been tendered and tree planting will take place in February/March 2025, with selected sites designated as Carbon Capture Areas in the Local Plan





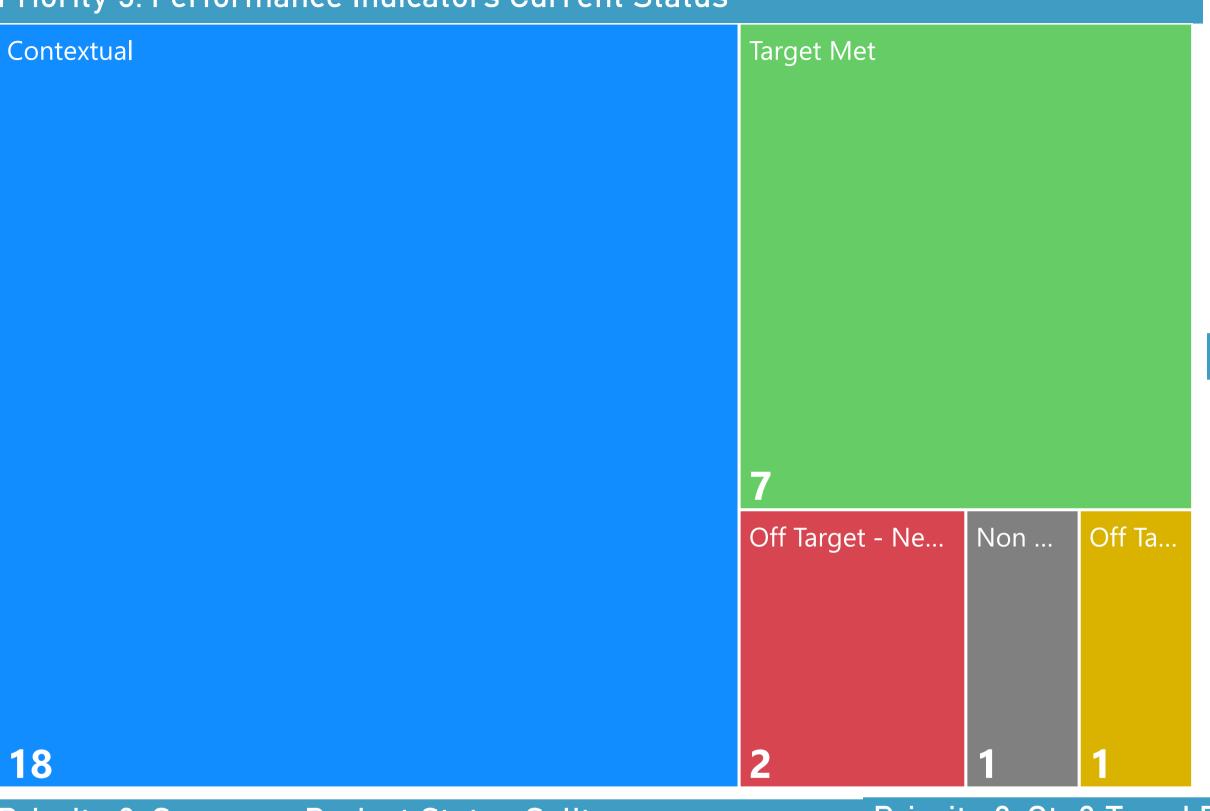
Portfolio Holder	Service Area	Action	Corporate Objective	Status report	Commentary on progress
Cllr. Stephen Sweeney	1. Commercial Delivery 2. Strategy, People and Performance 3. Finance	Continue to bid for government funding to support the borough's ambitions, including the further development of Keele Science and Innovation Park and the University Growth Corridor.	A strong and sustainable economy where everyone benefits	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	Delivery on current funding programmes is progressing at pace. The Council has been notified of a further 1 year allocation for the Shared Prosperity Fund.
Cllr. David Hutchison	1. Sustainable Environment 2. All	Deliver the Sustainable Environment Strategy	Ensuring that the Council's operations are carbon neutral by 2030	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	good progress continues to be made in delivery of the Councils SES. All directorates now have agreed action plans with possitive work being undertake which will contribute to the Councils Net Zero Goal. Over the last 12 months the Council has reduced its Carbin emmissions by 35% and by 68.37% from 2009/10.
Cllr. Stephen Sweeney	Commercial Delivery	Delivering the £16m Kidsgrove Town Deal, including: Facilitating the Chatterley Valley Enterprise Zone development to deliver 1700 quality jobs for local people; Enhancing Kidsgrove Railway Station and access to the local canal network; Developing a Shared Service Hub with key partners.	A strong and sustainable economy where everyone benefits	Project/Action is Not Progressing as Expected	Two of the five projects are complete. Kidsgrove Town Deal Board has resolved to pause and review the Shared Service Hub project with a view to delivering a revised scheme. The Board is scheduled to meet at the end of January 2025 to decide on the preferred way forward and progress accordingly. Issues around the Railway Station project and insurance for a Coal Authority permit for ground investigations are close to resolution.
Cllr. Stephen Sweeney	Commercial Delivery	Delivering the £23m Newcastle Town Deal, including: Development of key gateway sites including the 'Zanzibar' and Midway; Connecting residents and businesses to skills training for the digital world; Improving bus, cycling and walking infrastructure; Delivering a circus-themed performing arts Centre; Building more than 400 homes in Knutton and Chesterton.	A strong and sustainable economy where everyone benefits	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	All projects are in delivery. A contract has been signed with ITS to deliver a fibre network in the Newcastle Town Deal area. Delivery of sustainable transport projects is underway with some elements complete. Work has started on site on the housing sites for both Knutton and Cross Heath. Development of a football pavillion at the Wammy is expected to be complete in early 2025. Keele in Town is nearing completion with a planned opening in January 2025. A planning application has been submitted for redevelopment of the Midway multi storey car park.
Cllr. Stephen Sweeney	1. Commercial Delivery 2. Neighbourhoods	Delivering the £4.8m Uk Shared Prosperity Fund programme, including: Improving the town centre; Supporting culture and heritage; Skills development for local people; Supporting the most vulnerable people.	A strong and sustainable economy where everyone benefits	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	During the 3rd quarter the UKSPF grant funding is approaching its final funding of this 1st phase and we have seen over 33 projects funded with 3 projects reaching its completed stages. The successes include over 30 new jobs created with over 10 online digital courses supporting adult learning and created support for over 212 people in terms of job searching which includes CV writing and basic English and Maths qualifications. We have hosted nearly 24 Community network events supported by over 100 individual business representatives. Demonstrating the need for informal communications with our local business network. The projects have supported 12 businesses to submit applications for innovation funding and over 60 businesses have received one to one business support or housed a student placement for a minimum period of 100 hours. The knowledge transfer from Education to Business has improved and this has generated a business to education network which has seen improvement on curriculum delivery. In the community theme we have seen volunteering in the open spaces improve with a gardening club at the Brampton and Philip Astley Centre receiving support with the facility.
Cllr. Andrew Fear	1. Planning 2. Legal & Governance	Delivering the Newcastle Local Plan	Support the sustainable development of our towns and villages	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	The Borough Local Plan was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination on the 20th December 2024. The examination is anticipated to start in early 2025. Future timings are dependent on the appointed Inspector and progress during the examination process.
Cllr. David Hutchison	1. Sustainable Environment 2. All	Play an active role in the Staffordshire Sustainability Board	Secure a carbon neutral Borough by 2050		The Council continues to provide possiive contributions the the SSB, with the majority of the ten base pledges for this year delivered.



Priority 3: Healthy, Active and Safe Communities



Priority 3: Performance Indicators Current Status



Corporate Objective	Count
Delivering an economic and cultural legacy from the celebration of the borough's 850th anniversary in 2023.	1
Ensure that our most vulnerable residents are supported through the impact of the rising cost of living.	1
Ensure that there are good homes for everyone and that every citizen has a safe and secure place to live	10
Further increasing recycling rates across the borough with a particular focus on food waste	4
Reduce anti-social behaviour and crime in our communities	5
Secure a step change in street cleanliness and the quality of the public domain	6
Support the development of community solutions to local problems	2
Total	29

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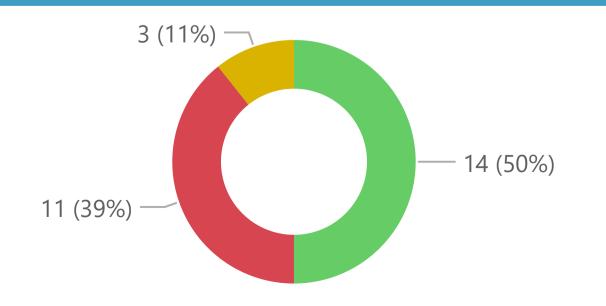
- There are 10 Indicators which have set targets this quarter within Priority 3.
- 70% met their targets within Quarter Three. 3 Indicators which met their target also showed improvement and 2 measures showed a negative trend. 2 measures did not show any change in their trend when comparing to the previous year.
- 1 measure which relates to Food % participation is unavailable due adverse weather impacting service delivery.
- There are 18 Indicators which are contextual this quarter and do not have a target to meet. When compared to last year, 5 measures had showed a negative trend, 7 measures demonstrated an improvement when comparing to 23/24, 1 measure show no change and 5 contextual measure did not have any historic data to compare against.
- Within Priority 3, there were 2 Projects/Actions which was been classed as completed, these being "Expansion of the street warden scheme and the creation of neighbourhood delivery teams." and "Delivery the 850 Anniversary in 2030". All other Projects remain are shown to be progressing as expected.

Priority 3: Summary Project Status Split

Project/Action is CompletedProject/Action is Progressing as Expected

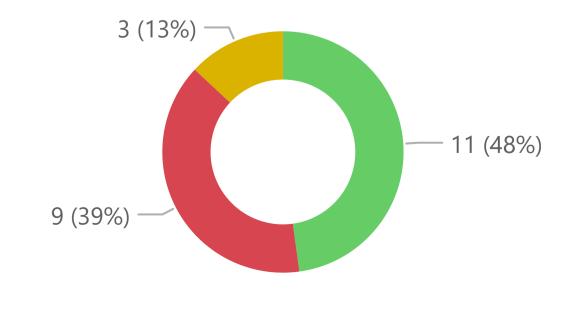
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Priority 3: Qtr.3 Trend Direction of PI's Compared to Previous Quarter

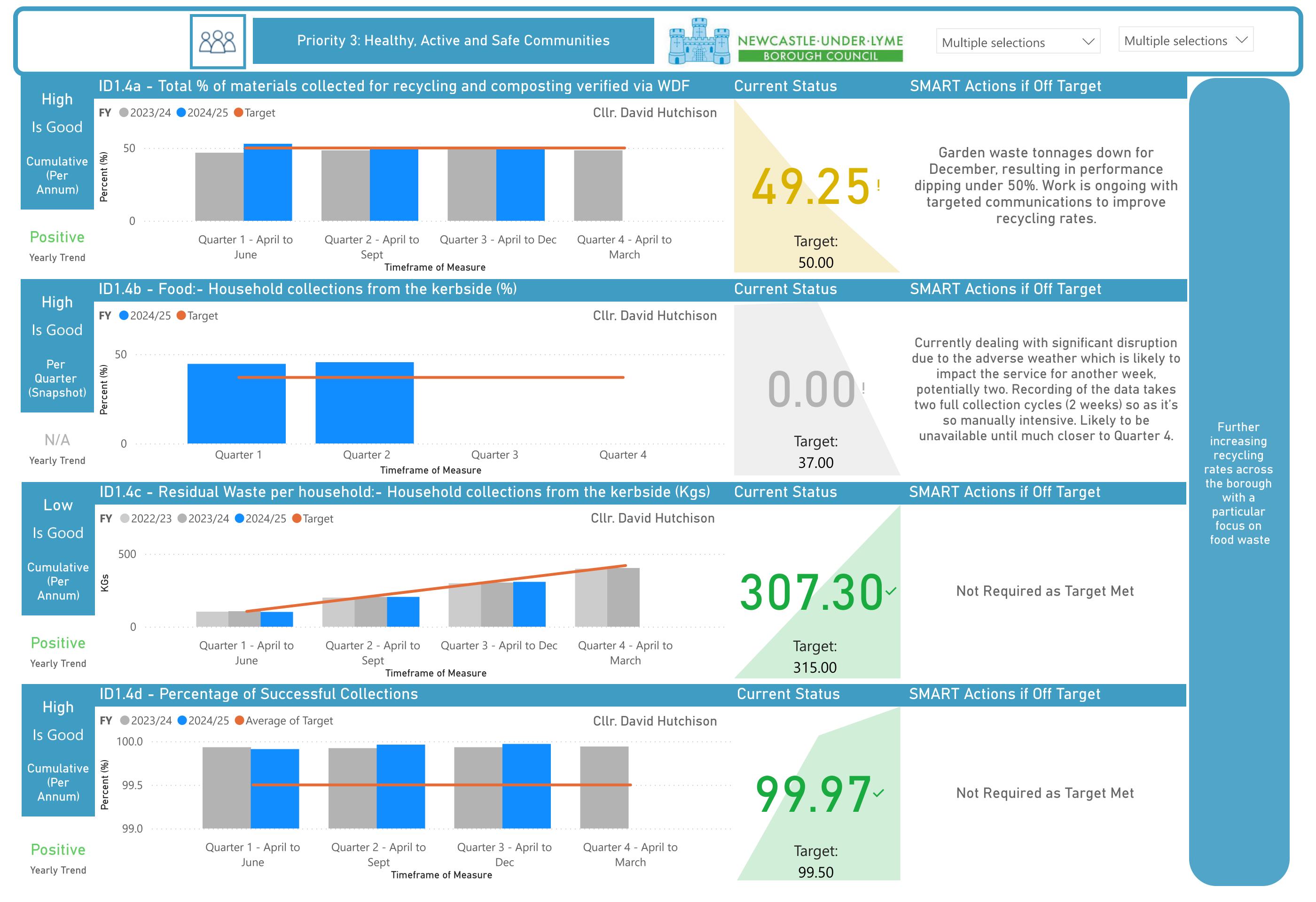


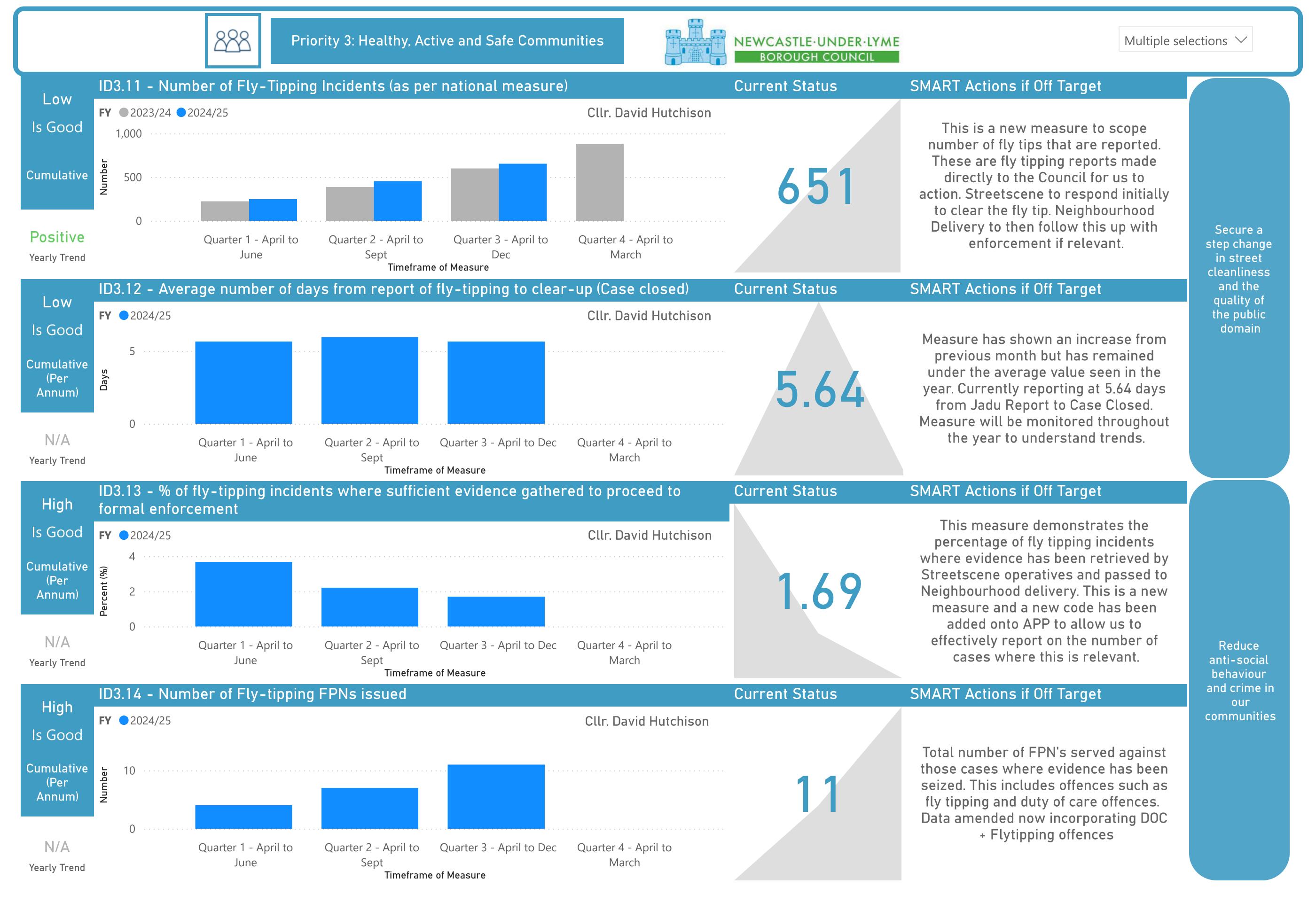
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Priority 3: Qtr.3 Trend Status of PI's Compared On Same Qtr in the Previous Financial Year



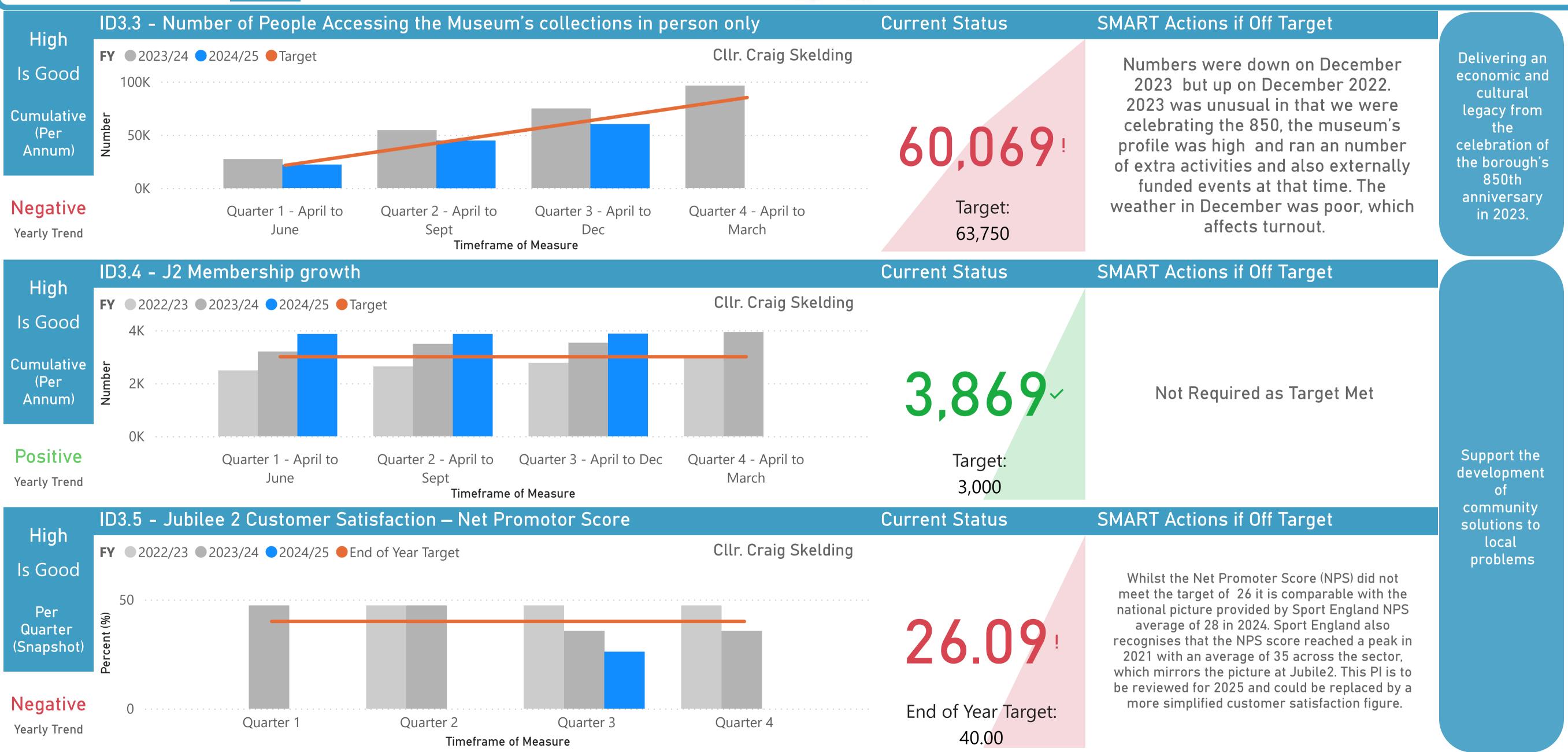
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■ No Change





Priority 3: Healthy, Active and Safe Communities





Timeframe of Measure

Yearly Trend



Priority 3: Healthy, Active and Safe Communities



Project Status Split for Priority 3.

Project/Action is Progressing as Expected

Project/Action is Completed

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Portfolio Holder	Service Area	Action	Corporate Objective	Status report	Commentary on progress
Cllr. Gill Heesom	Neighbourhoods	Build on our work with Staffordshire Police	Reduce anti-social behaviour and crime in our communities	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	Partnership work is ongoing with the Local Policing Team in Newcastle, with data sharing and analysis informing the prioritisation and deployment ogf resources. Statistics are showing that Crime and ASB is reducing, particularly in Newcastle town centre which is a priority area for Precison Policing based on the Strategic Assessment.
Cllr. Craig Skelding	 Commercial Delivery Neighbourhoods 	Delivering an economic and cultural legacy from the celebration of the borough's 850th anniversary in 2023.	Delivering an economic and cultural legacy from the celebration of the borough's 850th anniversary in 2023.	roject/Action is Completed	The statue of the late Queen Elizabeth continues to receive positive feedback as
Cllr. David Hutchison	 Neighbourhoods 2. Sustainable Environment 	Expansion of the street warden scheme and the creation of neighbourhood delivery teams.	Secure a step change in street cleanliness and the quality of the public domain	★ Project/Action is Completed	Project/Action has been completed.
Cllr. David Hutchison	Sustainable Environment	Further increasing recycling rates across the borough with a particular focus on food waste	Further increasing recycling rates across the borough with a particular focus on food waste	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	Recycling levels have increased over the last twelve months, with recycling from flats being rolled out and performing well. Food waste to flats is currently being rolled out, and the Council will be providing recycling and separate food collections to businesses from April 2025.
Cllr. Simon Tagg	1. Strategy, People and Performance 2. Neighbourhoods	Work collaboratively with the Newcastle Partnership	Ensure that our most vulnerable residents are supported through the impact of the rising cost of living.	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	Ongoing partnership work continues. Through the partnership board, we are progressing working groups around vulnerability, employability, cost of living and mental health. We also are the designated chair for Better Health Staffordshire in Newcastle and are in receipt of grant funding to impact on health inequalities.
Cllr. Craig Skelding	Neighbourhoods	Work with partners to develop effective community bodies	Support the development of community solutions to local problems	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	The Civic Pride initiative has been launched and a programme drafted for 2025 to enable engagement with communities across the Borough on the themes of clean, safe, green and welcoming.



Priority 4: Town Centres for All



Priority 4: Performance Indicators Current Status Target Met Contextual

Corporate Objective	Count
Increasing the number of people living, working and using Newcastle town Centre	3
Total	3

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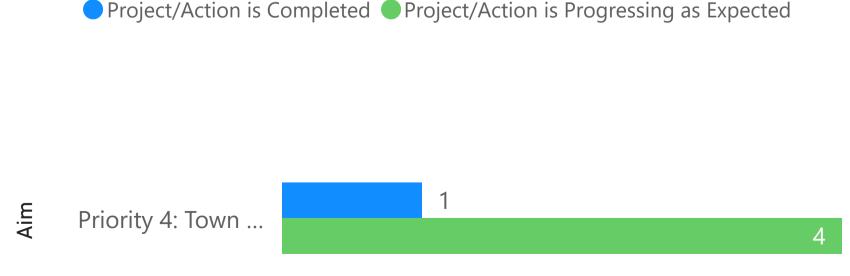
- There are 2 Indicators which have set targets this quarter within Priority 4.
- Both the indicators that have had data shared have met their respective targets. One of these also showed an improvement when compared to Quarter Three of the previous year, the other showed a negative trend when comparing the same time period from the previous year.
- There is 1 Indicator which is contextual this quarter and does not have a target to meet. This measure relates to the Town Centre Footfall. The data provided only shows Quarter 2 & Quarter 3 with no data provided for Quarter 1. This has meant the measure did not have any historic data to compare against so no trend data has been provided.
- Within Priority 4, One project/action has been classed as completed; this being "Developing a Town Centre Strategy for Kidsgrove". All other Projects/Actions were identified to be progressing as expected.

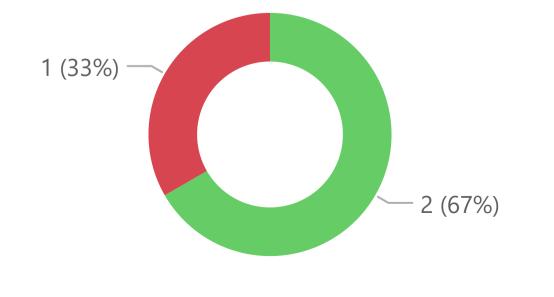
Priority 4: Summary Project Status Split

Project/Action is Completed
 Project/Action is Progressing as Expected

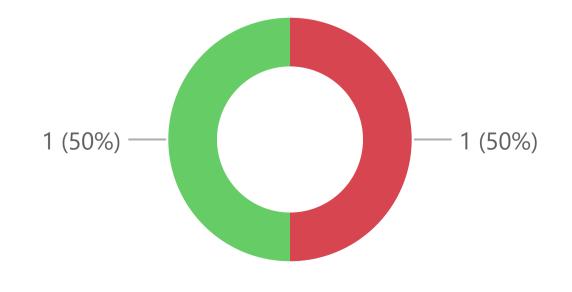
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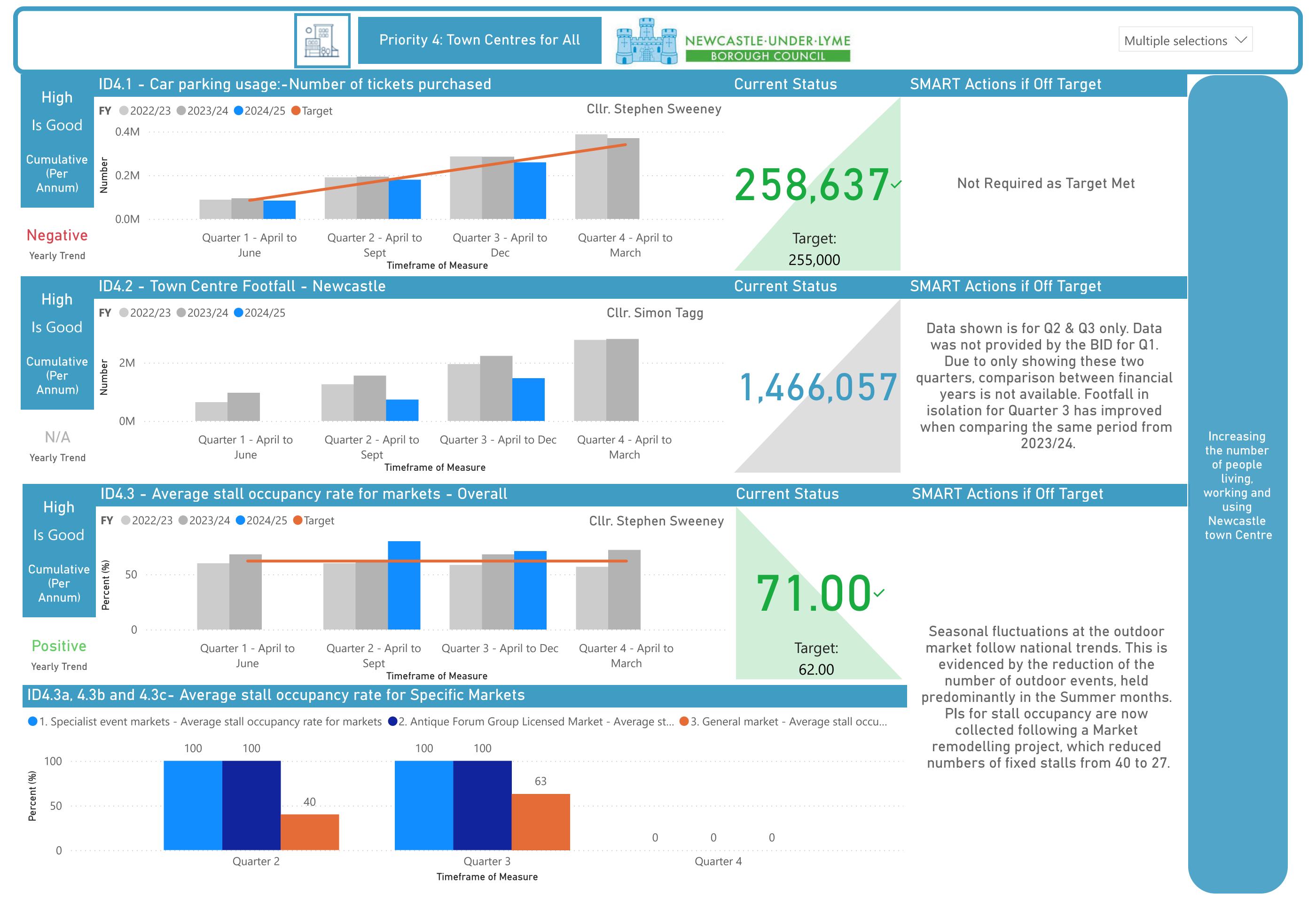
Priority 4: Qtr.3 Trend Status of PI's Compared On Same Qtr in the Previous Financial Year





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Priority 4: Town Centres for All



Project Status Split for Priority 4.

Project/Action is Progressing as Expected

Project/Action is Completed

1

Portfolio Holder	Service Area	Action	Corporate Objective	Status report	Commentary on progress
Cllr. Stephen Sweeney	 Commercial Delivery 2. Planning 	Redeveloping Midway car park to provide aspirational town centre residential accommodation	Increasing the number of people living, working and using Newcastle town centre	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	A planning application has been submitted for the redevelopment of the Midway car park into residential accommodation and is expected to be determined in early 2025.
Cllr. Stephen Sweeney	1.Neighbourhoods2. CommercialDelivery	Developing a Town Centre Strategy for Kidsgrove	Encourage visitors and support local businesses in Kidsgrove	roject/Action is Completed	Project/Action has been completed.
Cllr. Stephen Sweeney	Commercial Delivery	Redevelopment of Ryecroft Site	Continuing to work with key partners to deliver the redevelopment of opportunities across the borough	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	Planning applications have now been received from Capital&Centric and McCarthy Stone for key elements of the Ryecroft redevelopment scheme. These Development of Castle Car Park is nearing completion with a planned opening in early 2025.
Cllr. Stephen Sweeney	Commercial Delivery	Redevelopment of York Place	Continuing to work with key partners to deliver the redevelopment of opportunities across the borough	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	Stripping back of the existing structure to the concrete frame is well under way. A planning application has been submitted for the redevelopment of York Place and is expected to be determined in early 2025.
Cllr. Stephen Sweeney	Neighbourhoods	Further enhance the historic market and public realm and boost our signature specialist market programme	Further enhance the historic market and public realm and boost our signature specialist market programme	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	The final phase of the Public Realm and Market Improvement project is scheduled for completion in March 2025, and the programme of event markets for 2025 is being compiled with specilaist providers.