

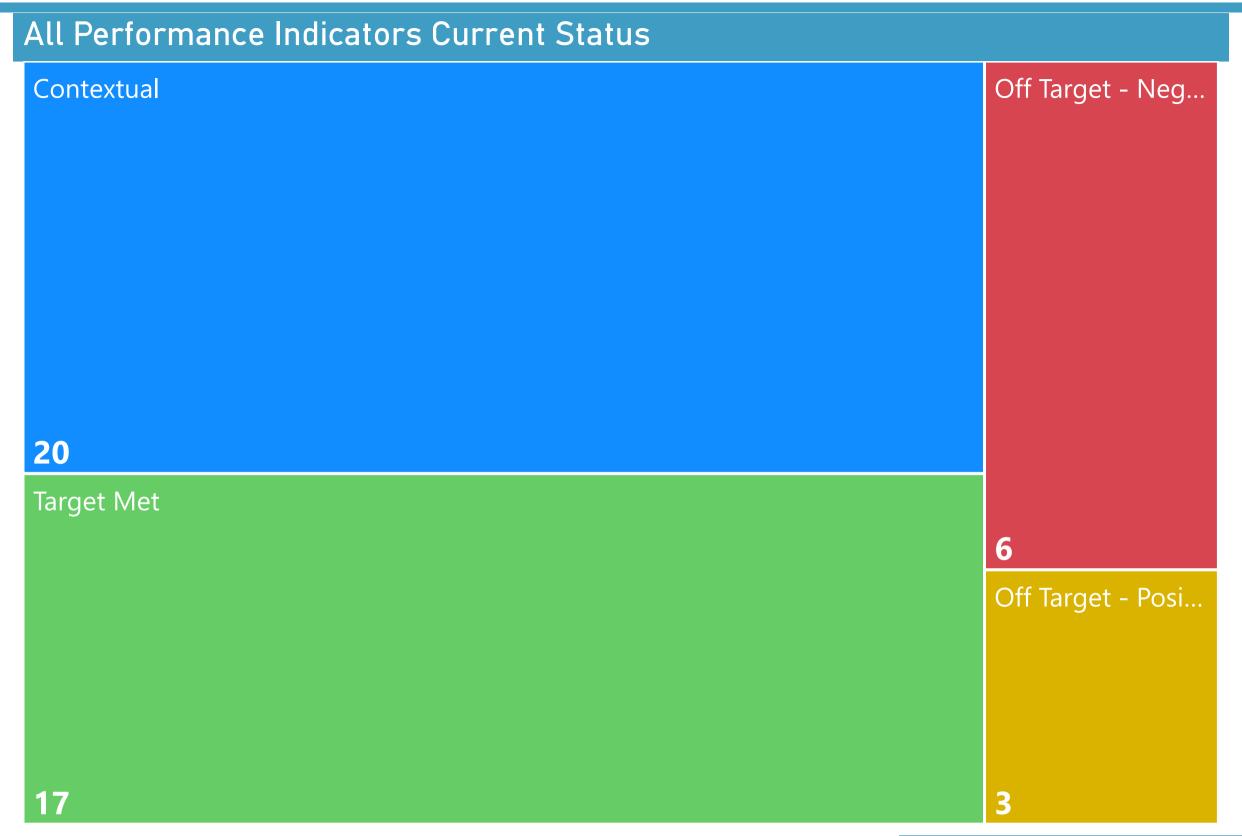






Quarter 4 - April 2024 to March 2025

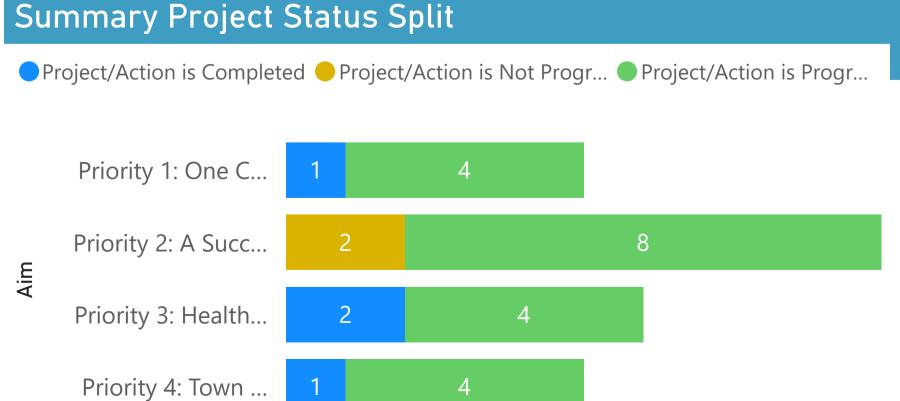




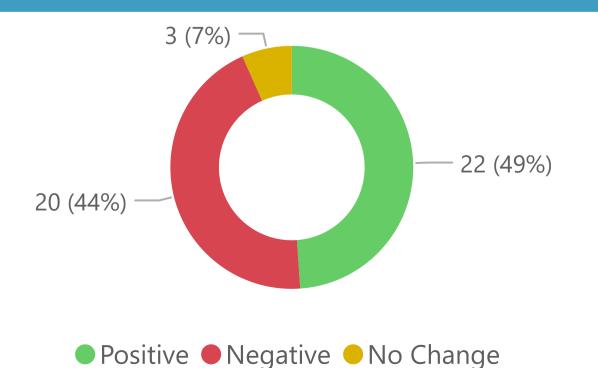
Corporate Aim (Priority)	Count
Priority 1: One Council delivering for Local People	14
Priority 2: A Successful and Sustainable Growing Borough	6
Priority 3: Healthy, Active and Safe Communities	23
Priority 4: Town Centres for All	3
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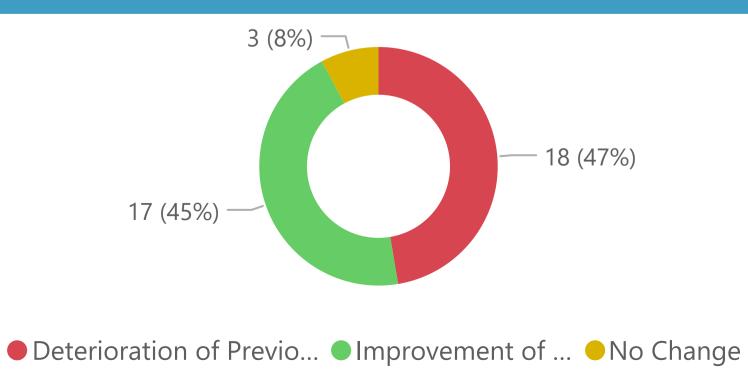
- There are 26 Indicators which have set targets this quarter.
- 65% met their targets within Quarter Four. 8 Indicators which met their target also showed improvement when compared to the same time period last year. 6 Indicators which met their target showed a negative trend when being compared to last year. 2 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 6 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 6 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/Actions that have been identified as not progressing as expected detail of these is provided in this report.



All Qtr.4 Trend Direction of PI's Compared to Previous Quarter



All Qtr.4 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

Priority 1: Performance indicators Current Status					
Contextual	Target Met				
Off Target - Negative Trend 4	3 Off Target - Positive Trend 2				

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	5
Ensure strong financial discipline across the Council	2
Total	14

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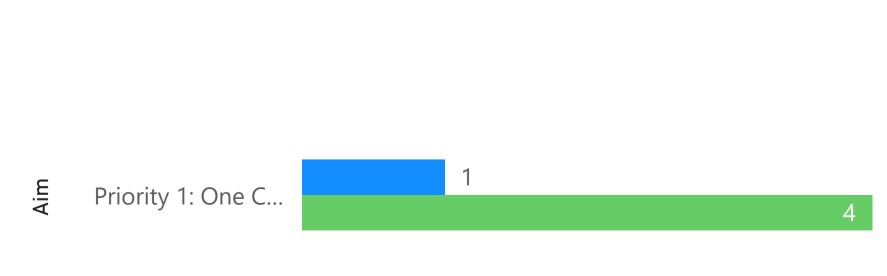
- There are 9 Indicators which have set targets this quarter within Priority 1.
- 34% met their targets within Quarter Four. 1 Indicators which met their target also showed improvement when compared to the same time period last year. 2 Indicators which met their target showed a negative trend when being compared to last year.
- 66% 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, 2 of these measures showed a negative trend, 2 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.

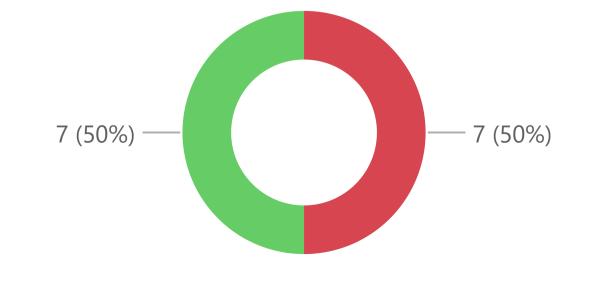
Priority 1: Summary Project Status Split

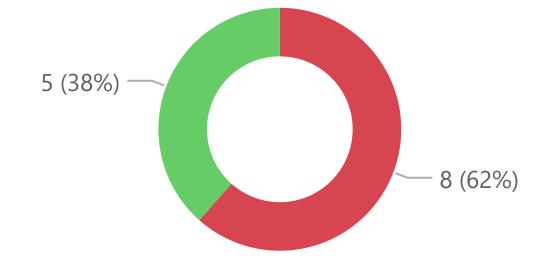
Project/Action is CompletedProject/Action is Progressing as Expected

Priority 1: Qtr.4 Trend Direction of PI's Compared to Previous Quarter

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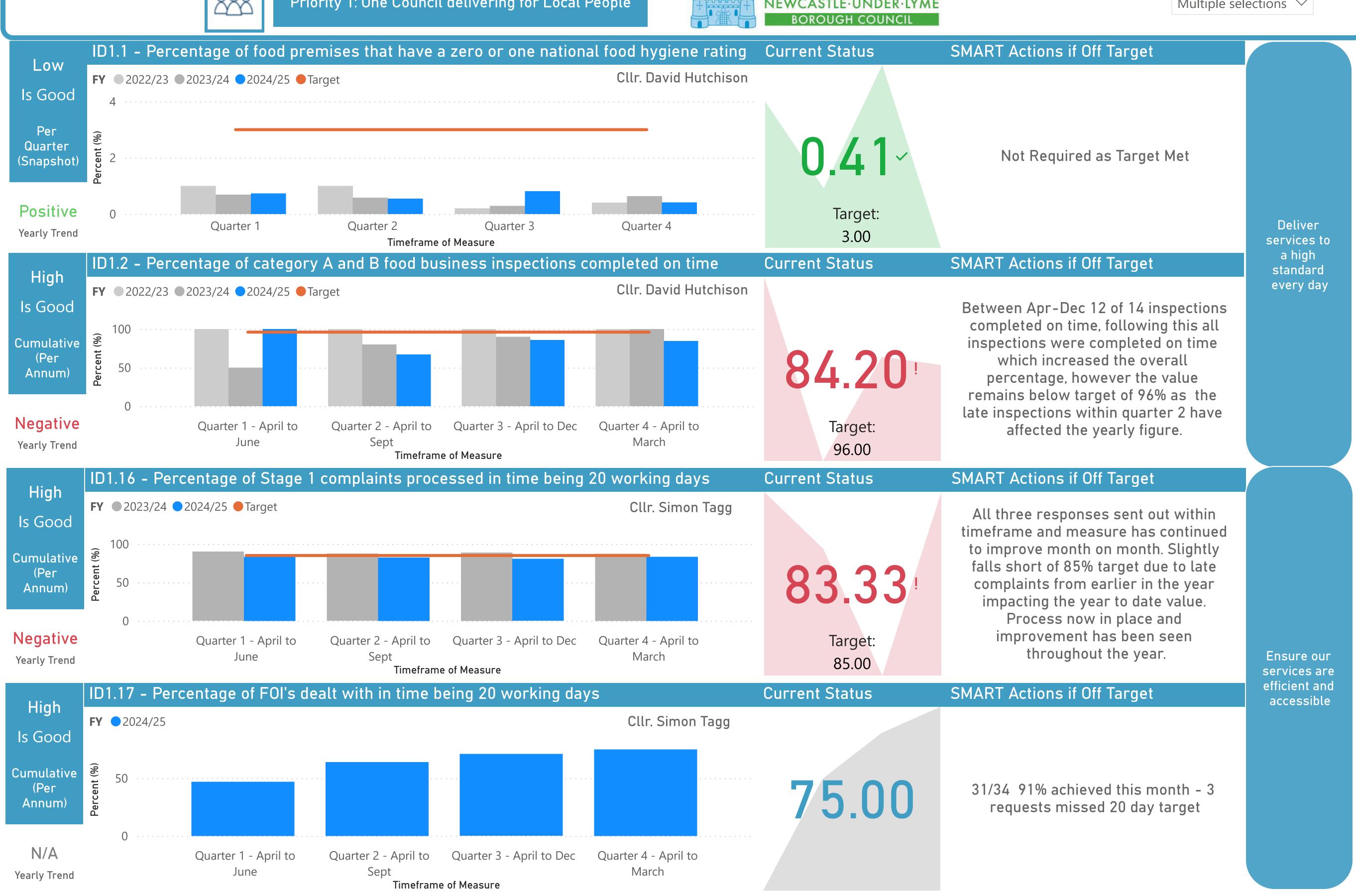


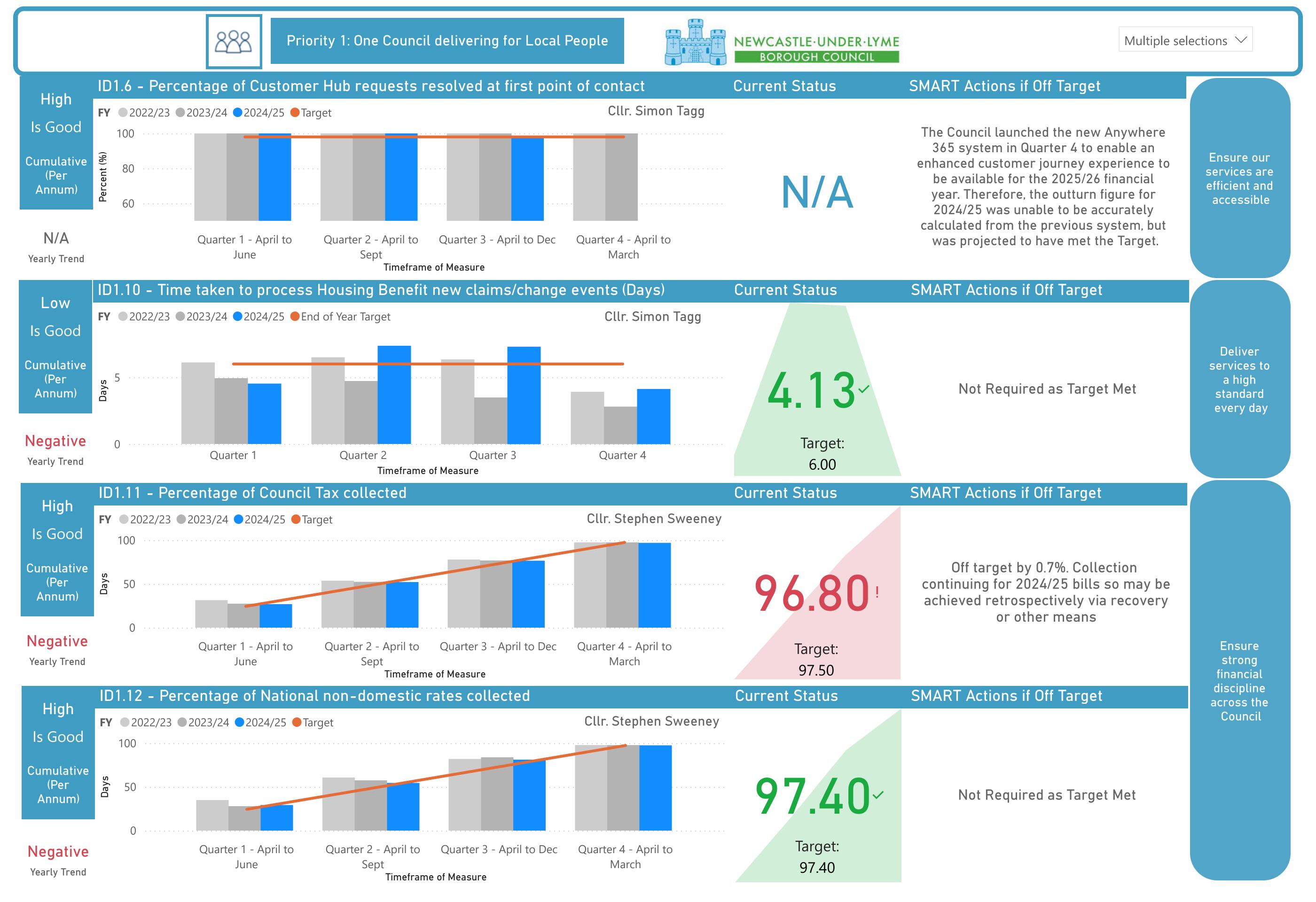






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Priority 1: One Council delivering for Local People



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 in and progress with particular focus on health and wellbeing and leadership.
Cllr. Simon Tagg	1. Strategy, People and Performance 2. IT and Digital 3. Neighbourhoods 4. All (digital enablement)		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 have been developing proposals to be considered by the Commercial Board in April. The Council is launching the new Commercial Trade Waste Collection Service and is offering staff the opportunity to purchase additional leave which generates a saving to the Council.
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	Communications strategy seeks to ensure that all communities are represented and provided for. The Civic Pride programme looks to support communities working together.
Cllr. Simon Tagg	 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	Partnerhsip Board is established with workplanning cycle set to review in June 2025. Better Health Newcastle supports the achievement of health aims and targets through partnership working with Health and Voluntary services.





Priority 2: Performance Indicators Current Status

Off Target - P... Target Met

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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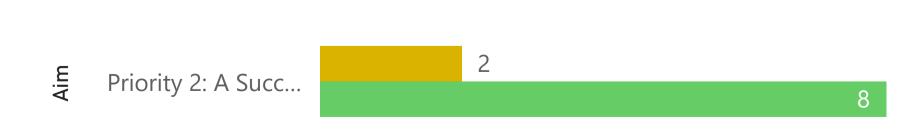
- There are 6 Indicators which have set targets this quarter within Priority 2.
- 83% met their targets within Quarter Four. 2 Indicators which met their target showed improvement when compared to the same time period last year. 3 Indicators which met their target showed a negative trend when being compared to last year.
- 1 measure did not meet it's target this quarter, however it did show an improvement from the previous financial 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.4 Trend Direction of PI's Compared to Previous Quarter

Priority 2: Qtr.4 Trend Status of PI's Compared On Same Qtr in the Previous Financial Year







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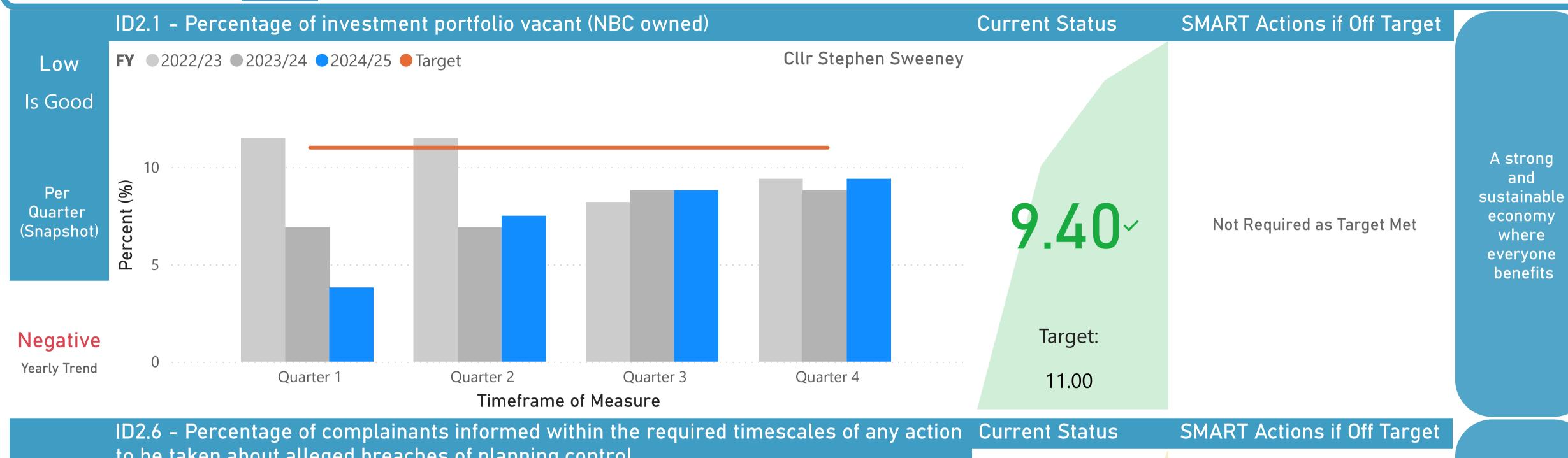
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Improvement of Previous ...

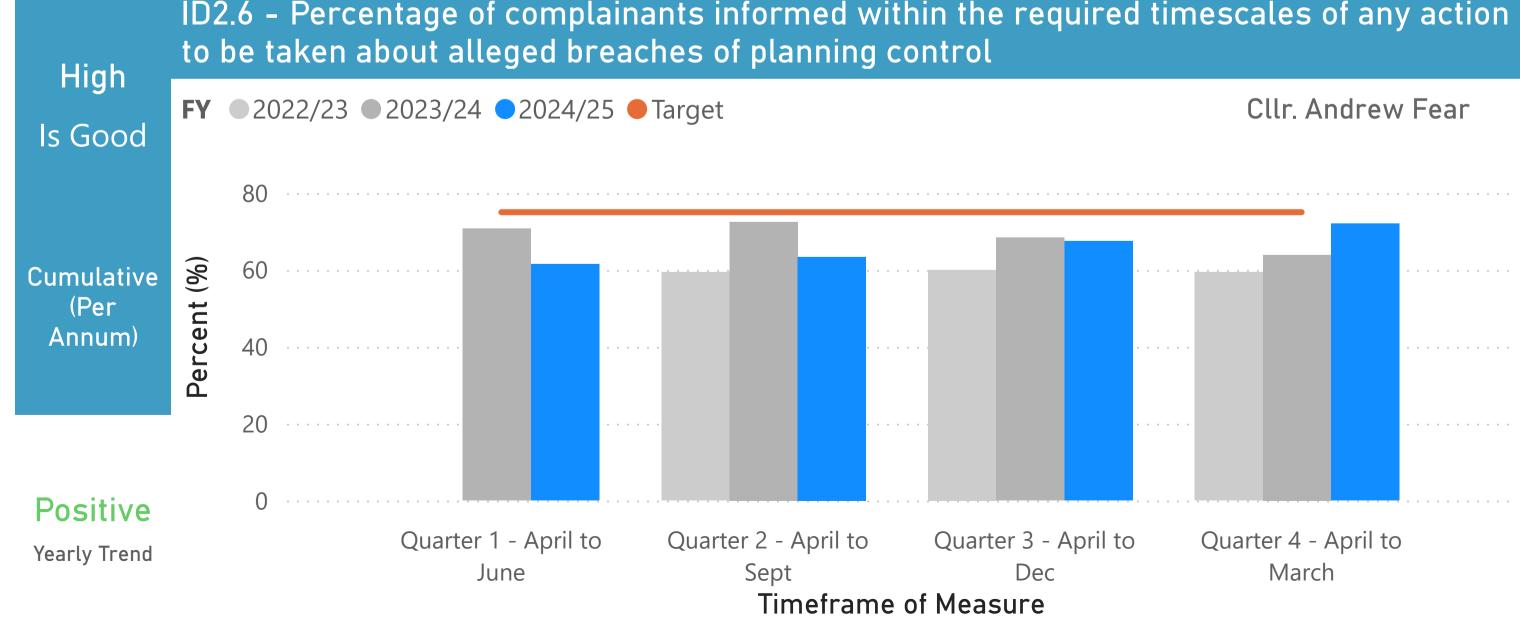




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A significant difference in like for like performance with Q3, with 80.7% complainants in Q4 responded to within the relevant timescales with the resultant cumulative figure for the year being 72%. This is below but approaching the 75% target for the year and reflects the number of cases received but also some of the complexities involved in researching and handling cases. However, it is noteworthy to see the continual uplift in performance achieved by enhanced performance management and monitoring.

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Project Status Split for Priority 2.

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Portfolio Holder	Service Area	Action	Corporate Objective	Status report	Commentary on progress
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	All of the Councils Directorates have action plans in place as set out in the Councils revised SES and associated delivery plan to help deliver carbon neutral operations as defined in scope 1 and 2 by 2030. Directorates update their actions through face to face meetings on a monthly basis with SE development team. The Council has also been successful in obtaining grant funding of £2.7 million for decarbonising the J2 leisure centre, works for which will be completed in 2028.
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		Borough Tree Planting Strategy Phase 6 completed and appropriate sites designated as Carbon Capture Areas
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		Quarter 4 activities included; Renovation works commencing on a Shared Prosperity Funded project to convert Navigation House to a Homeless Hub and with Managed Accommodation. Organised and delivered Synergy Counter terrorism training to a number of staff and partner agencies. Secured additional Shared Prosperity Funding to maintain mental health support for rough sleepers and support for those coming out of prisons and hospitals. Secured further Rough Sleeper Initiative funding to continue the service and maintain our work with rough sleepers.
Cllr. David	1. Regulatory 2.	Secure a successful resolution to the	Protecting our	Project/Action	The project is progressing but not as expected in that the landfill operator,

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Project/Action The project is progressing but not as expected in that the landfill operator, Walleys Quarry Limited, entered into voluntary liquidation in February 2025. The liquidators subsequently disclaimed the environmental permits and the land. There is therefore no environmental permit and the Closure Notice is no longer enforceable.

> The Environment Agency used their discretionary power to arrange steps to be taken to remove the risk of serious pollution. A reputable contractor has been appointed to undertake work onsite which includes the completion of the required temporary capping and stabilisation of waste. In addition the gas contractor CLP Envirogas Limited remain onsite and continue to operate the onsite landfill gas management system.

> The site remains closed to any incoming waste. Odour complaints have significantly reduced from the peak at the start of the quarter 1620 odour complaints in January 2025 to 41 complaints at the end of March 2025. The air quality data shows a reduction in the percentage exceedance of the WHO annoyance guideline and the peak levels of hydrogen sulphide emissions is reducing.





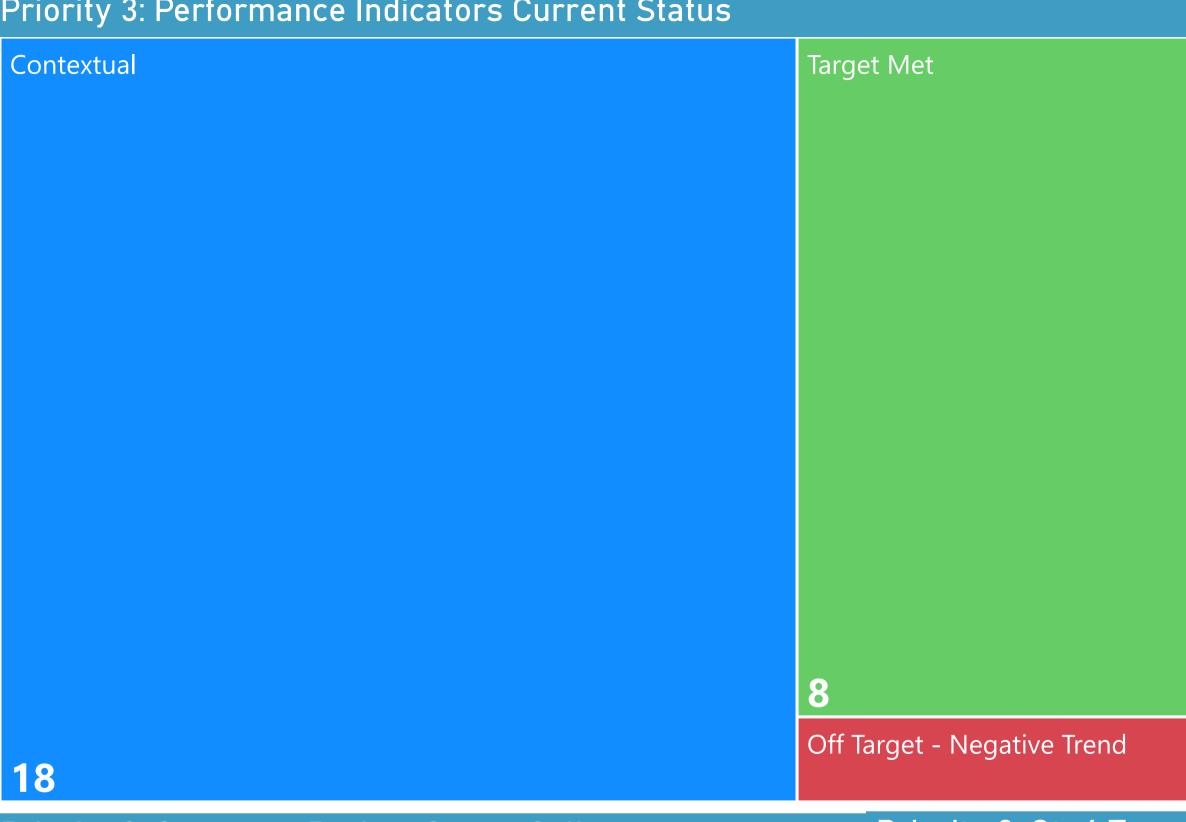
Portfolio Holder	Service Area	Action	Corporate Objective	Status report	Commentary on progress
Cllr. Stephen Sweeney	1. Commercial Delivery 2. Strategy, People and Performance 3. Finance	Continue to bid for government funding to support the borough's ambitions, including the further development of Keele Science and Innovation Park and the University Growth Corridor.	A strong and sustainable economy where everyone benefits	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	A further year of Shared Prosperity Fund has been confirmed. The Council is working with Capital & Centric on schemes in Newcastle town centre that are hoping to attract substantial amounts of funding from Homes England.
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	Following a meeting with MHCLG and DFT, Kidsgrove Town Deal Board are reviewing the Railway Station project with a view to revising and reducing the works undertaken. Options will be drafted and considered at a Board meeting in May. This may include consideration of reallocating an element of funding from the railway station to other Kidsgrove Town Deal projects.
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	Approximately £17 million of the Newcastle Town Deal allocation is now contractually committed. All projects have now had some elements delivered and some elements have concluded. In the last quarter, Keele in Town has opened, A new circular bus route has been introduced covering Keele, Knutton, Chesteron, Cross Heath and Silverdale including the main business parks. The roll out of Real Time Passenger Information at key bus stops around the area has continued, Groundwork on new housing development at Knutton and Chesterton has commenced and a delivery partner for roll out of a fibre network in the Newcastle Town Deal area was appointed and has started work. EV chargers have been installed at Castle Car Park. Further planning work has taken place for conversion of the Midway Multi Storey Car Park to residential use.
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	The fourth quarter sees the end of phase 1 UKSPF grant funding on 31st March 2025 and in this funding period we have achieved the delivery of thirty-one projects which has meant that over fifty new jobs created with over thirty-five online digital courses supporting adult learning. We have had over five hundred individuals supported with basic career advice and job searching support which has included CV writing. We have hosted nearly 84 business community network events supporting approximate 137 individual business representatives. The projects have supported fourteen businesses to submit applications for funding and sixty-five businesses have received one to one business support or housed a student placement for a minimum period of one hundred 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 provided over sixty-five volunteering opportunities across the third sector which has included eighty-five activity attendances. The first week of March the Borough Council hosted the first ever 5-day business festival which celebrated UKSPF support and saw an average daily attendance of over one hundred delegates. The themes looked at innovation, entrepreneurs, business networking and Women in Business a demonstration of collaboration of locally partners.
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. Local Plan Examination Hearing sessions are scheduled to start on the w/c the 19th May and will continue on the weeks of the 27th May and 16th June 2025. Future timings beyond those dates 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	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	The Council continues to play a leading role in the SSB, making presentations to the Board on projects and initiatives the Council is working on to aid its sustainability journey and its plans to help deliver a carbon neutral borough by 2050.



Priority 3: Healthy, Active and Safe Communities



Priority 3: Performance Indicators Current Status



Corporate Objective	Count
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	1
Total	27

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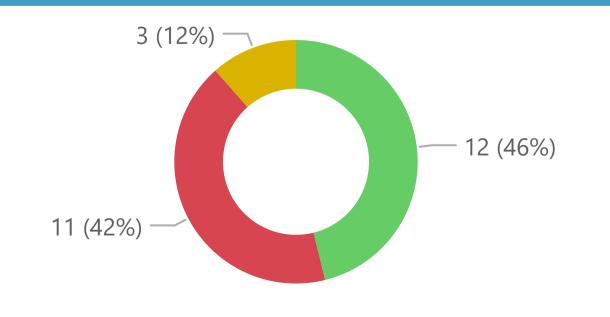
- There are 9 Indicators which have set targets this quarter within Priority 3.
- 88% met their targets within Quarter Four. 4 Indicators which met their target also showed improvement and 1 measures showed a negative trend. 1 measures did not show any change in their trend when comparing to the previous year.
- There are 18 Indicators which are contextual this quarter and do not have a target to meet. When compared to last year, 6 measures had showed a negative trend, 5 measures demonstrated an improvement when comparing to 23/24, 2 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 2023". All other Projects remain are shown to be progressing as expected.

Priority 3: Summary Project Status Split

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

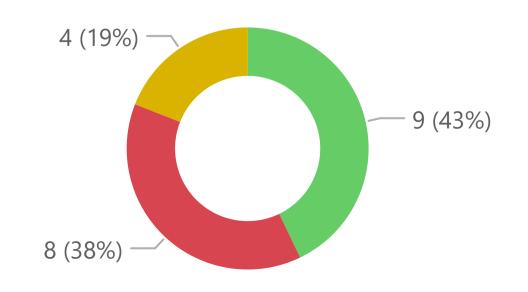
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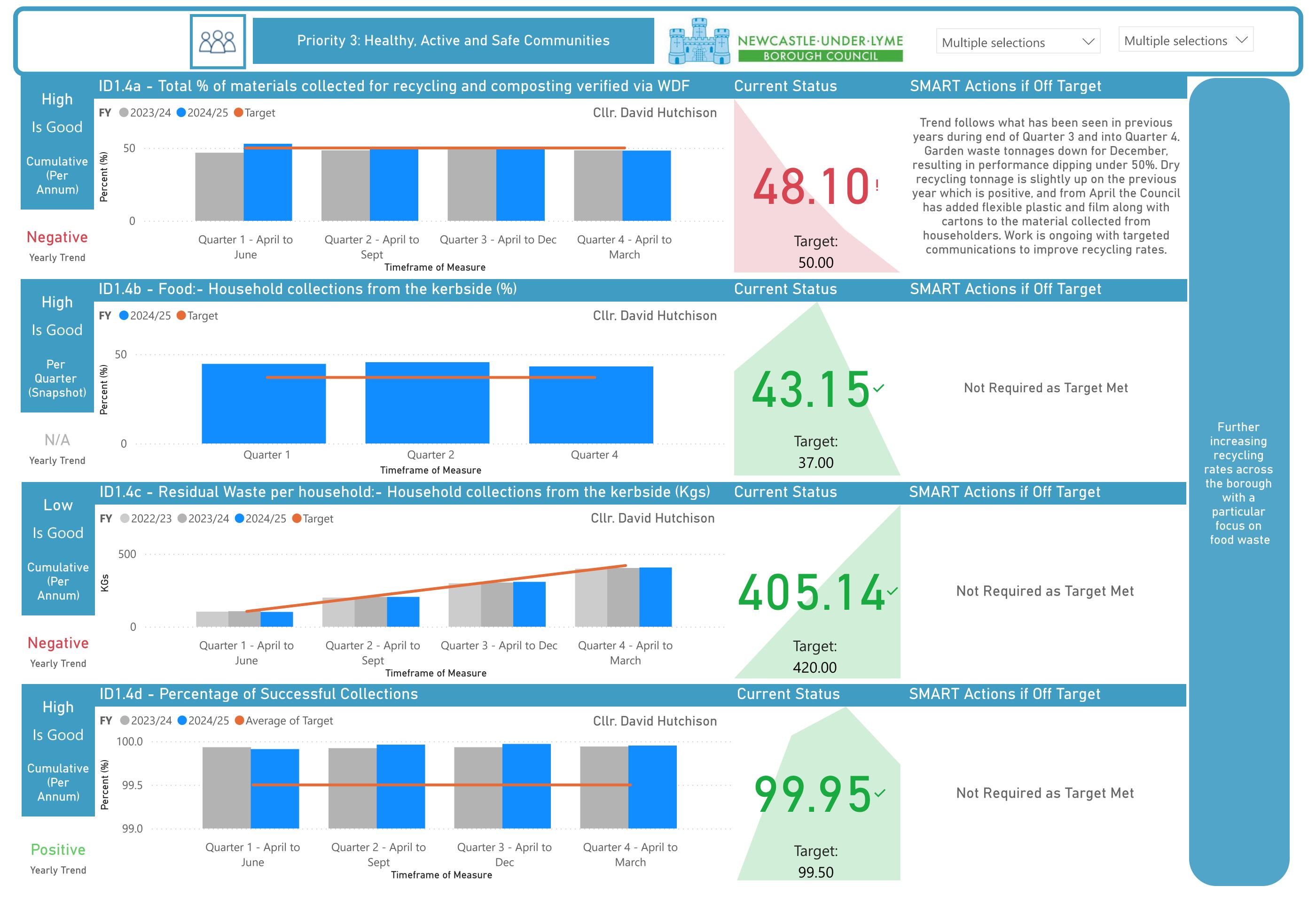


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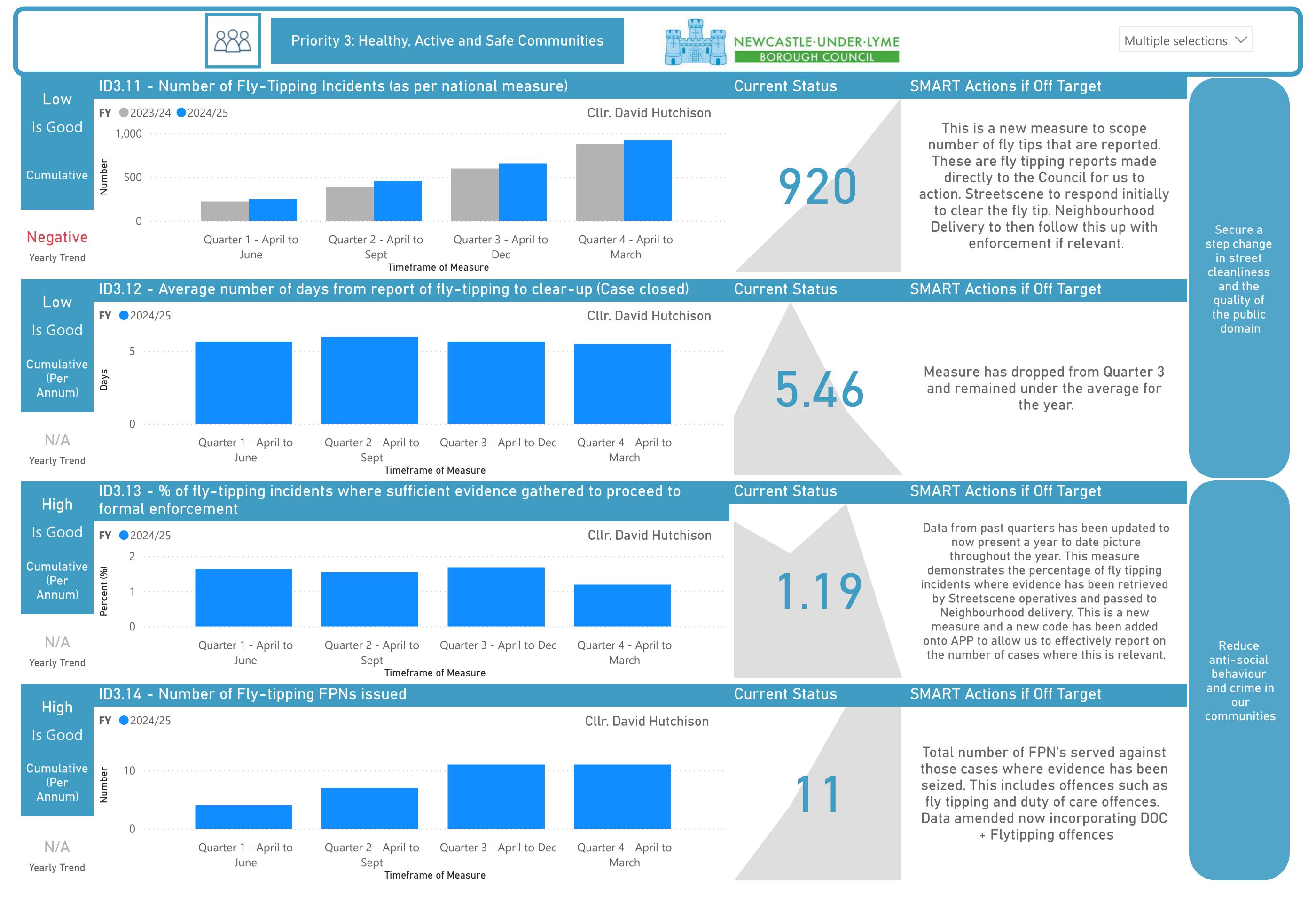
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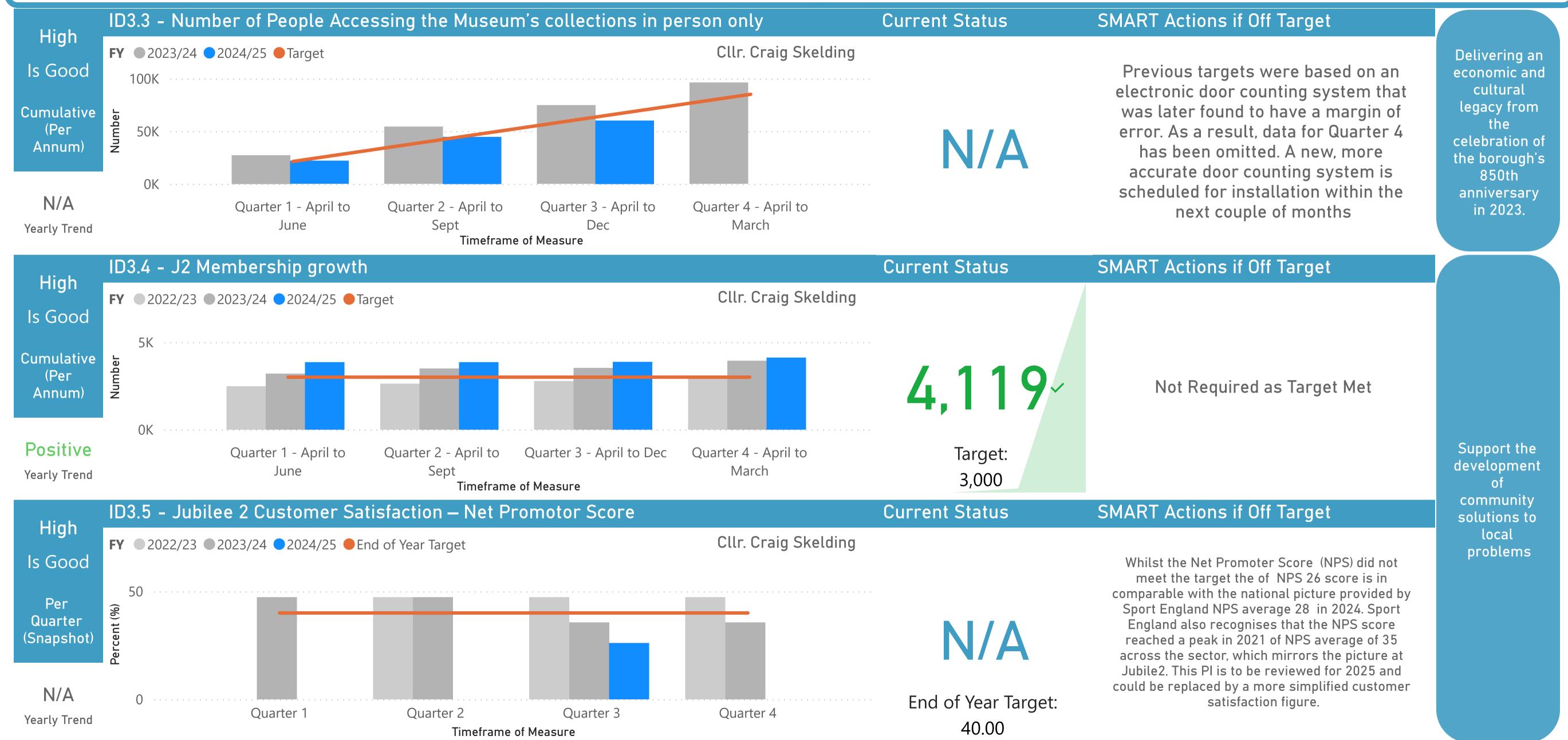






Priority 3: Healthy, Active and Safe Communities





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Timeframe of Measure

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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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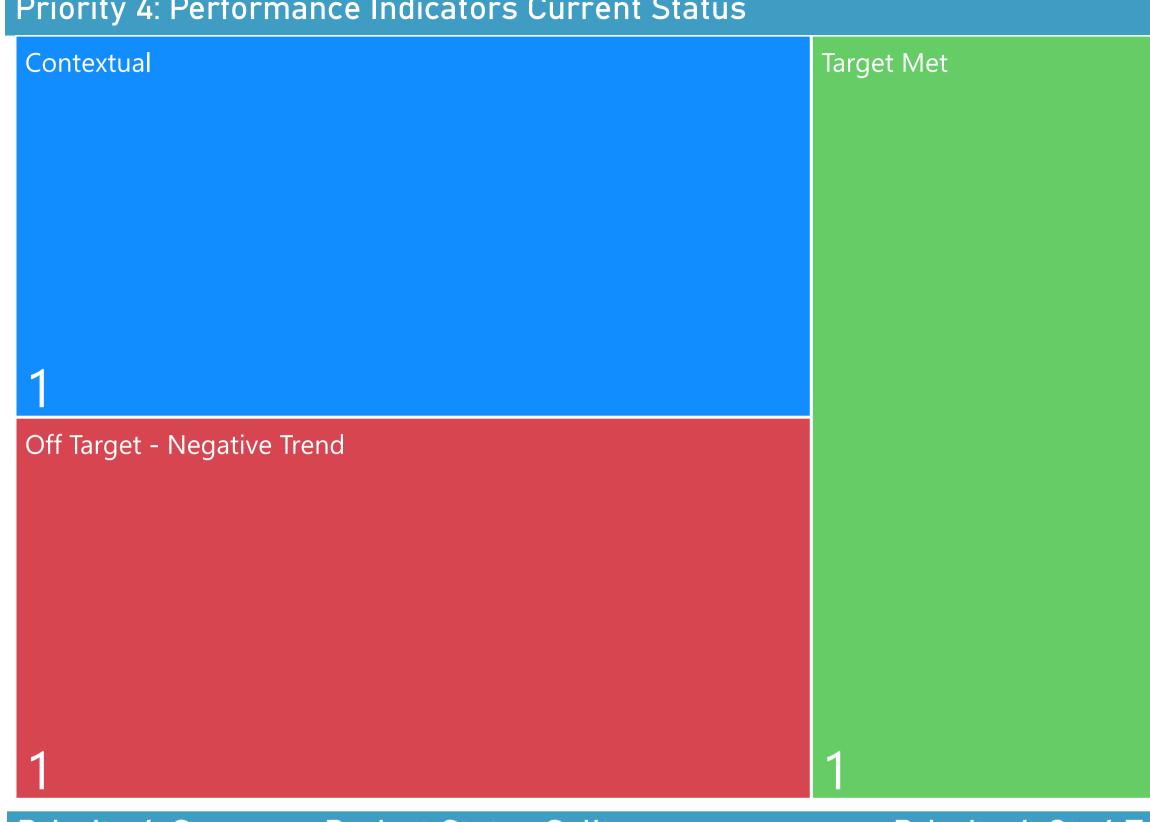
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Portfolio Holder	Service Area	Action	Corporate Objective	Status report	Commentary on progress
Cllr. Gill Heesom	Neighbourhoods	Build on our work with Staffordshire Police	Reduce anti-social behaviour and crime in our communities	Project/Action is Progressing as Expected	Joint working with the Local Policing Team is continuing successfully and resulting in a reduction in crime and ASB. Focus on Newcastle Town Centre is continuing with additional CCTV cameras installed and enforcement of the PSPO.
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	Project/Action has been completed.
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	With the confirmation of the Governments Simpler Recycling legislation, the Council is in a good possition to furfill all the requirements of the legislation. working with our material recovery processor, the Council is now rolling out collections to all householders to collect flexible plastics and films, along with cartons 2 years ahead of the mandatory requirement.
Cllr. Simon Tagg	 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	Prevent and Protect agendas are embedded in ways of working to support community safety and confidence. Better Health Programme is working to directly positively impact the physical health of our communities. Partnership Board brings a variety of partners together to share and collaborate on core community goals.
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 programme is in progress with successful events delivered in Kidsgrove, Chesterton and Holditch and Crackley and Red Street in partnership with Staffordshire County Council, Aspire Housing and Staffordshire Police.



Priority 4: Town Centres for All

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

Priority 4: Performance Indicators Current Status



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

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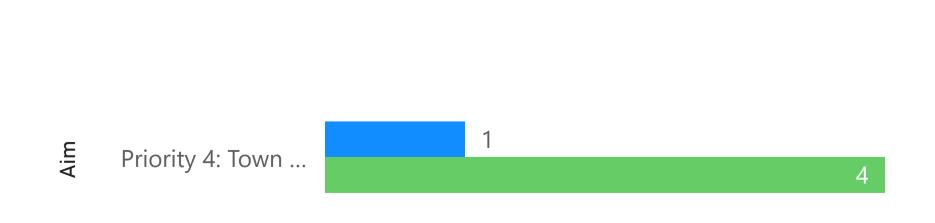
- There are 2 Indicators which have set targets this quarter within Priority 4.
- 50% met their targets within Quarter Four with that one indicator also showed improvement from the previous year. The one Off Target measure showed a negative trend.
- There is 1 Indicator which is contextual this quarter and does not have a target to meet. This measure relates to the Town Centre Footfall. The data provided only shows Quarter 2, 3 and 4 with no data provided for Quarter 1. This has meant the measure did not have any historic data to compare against therefore 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.

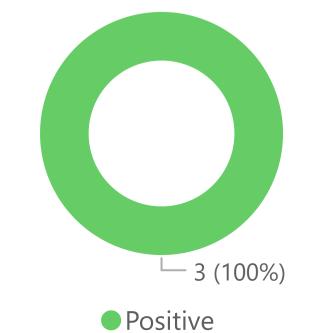
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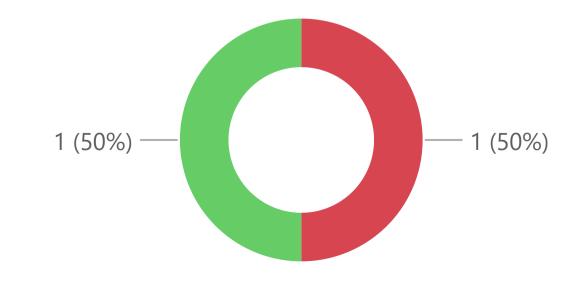
Project/Action is CompletedProject/Action is Progressing as Expected

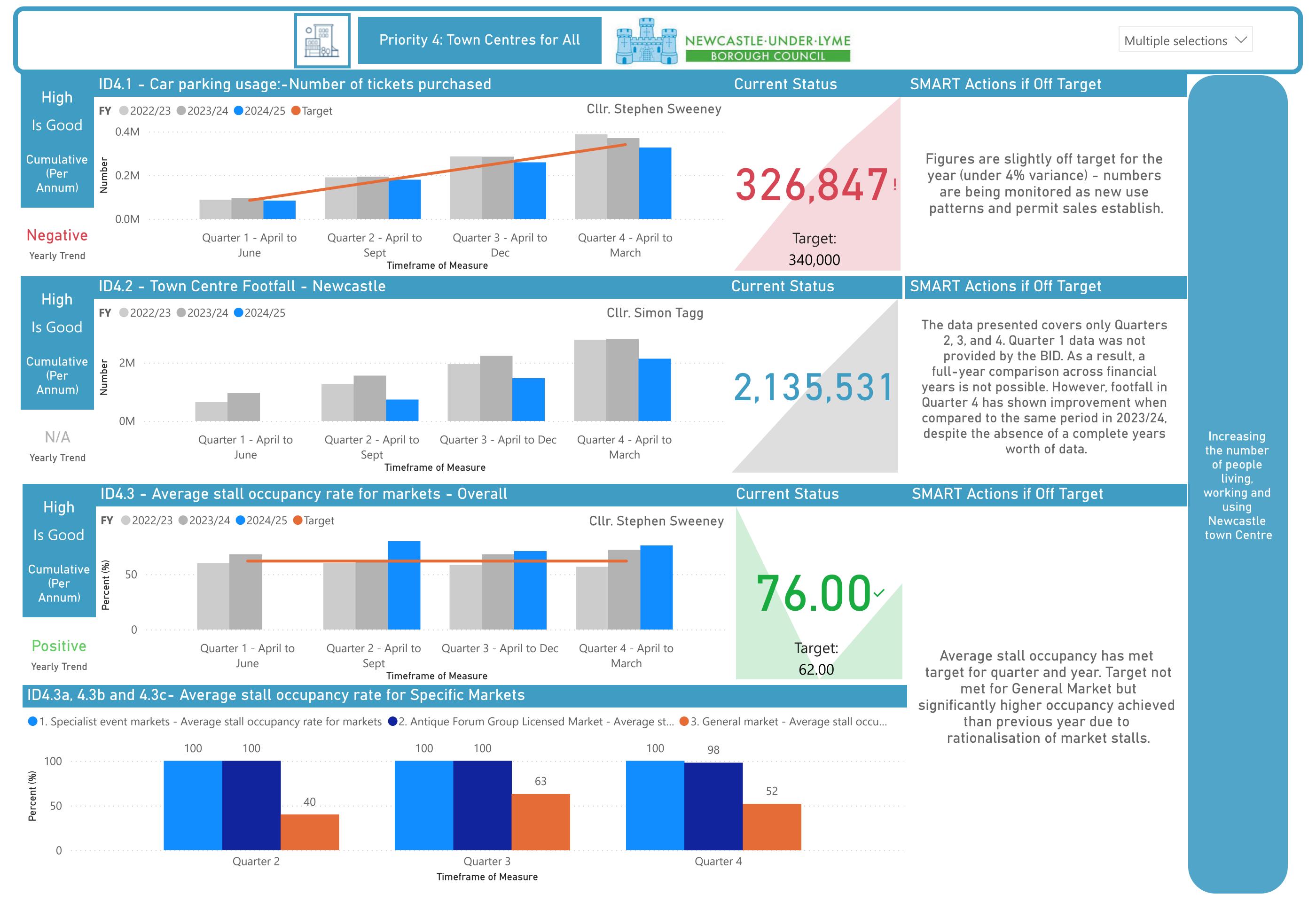
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Priority 4: Town Centres for All



Project Status Split for Priority 4.

Project/Action is Progressing as Expected

Project/Action is Completed

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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	Capital & Centric is delivering against a pre-construction services agreement for redevelopment of the Midway. The redevelopment scheme is due for consideration by Planning Committee and full Council in April 25.
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	Castle Car Park is complete and open to the public although some service snagging issues remain. A sale of part of the site, subject to planning permission, has been agreed with McCarthy Stone. Capital & Centric continue to deliver against the current pre-development agreement to take a residential led scheme forward for development. This has a mixed delivery of their own residential development and also an area on behalf of Aspire Housing. Nexxt stage is to be considered at full Council in April and also at Planning Committee in April.
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	Demolition is substantially complete. Capital & Centric is currently delivering against a pre-construction services agreement to RIBA3 planning permission. the redevelopment of York Place is due for consideration by Planning Committee and full Council in April 25.
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	A programme of market and other events is in progress for 2025, and the public realm project will be completed in spring 2025