

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TWO KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS FOR
ECONOMY & ENVIRONMENT**

To: **Economy & Environment Committee**

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From: **Graham Hughes, Executive Director, Economy, Transport
and Environment**

Electoral division(s): **All**

Forward Plan ref: **Not applicable** *Key decision:* **No**

Purpose: **To consider proposed changes to two key Economy and
Environment key performance indicators for 2015/16.**

Recommendation: **Committee is asked to approve the proposed changes as
set out in Section 2 of the report**

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In November 2014 Economy & Environment (E & E) Committee approved a set of key E & E performance indicators for 2015/16, covering indicators in the Council's Business Plan and other indicators in the Economy, Transport and Environment (ETE) Finance and Performance report.
- 1.2 In February 2015 E & E Committee approved targets for those key indicators, but requested that additional measures be developed covering three specific areas. The additional measures were approved in March 2015.

2. PROPOSED CHANGES

- 2.1 Following suggestions by Heads of Service, amendments are proposed to the definitions and targets for two of the previously agreed indicators.

County Matter Planning Applications

- 2.2 The current indicator is the percentage of applications determined within 13 weeks, with an agreed target of 50% for 2015/16.
- 2.3 In order to align with statutory requirements, it is proposed that this is changed to the following: "The percentage of applications determined within 13 weeks or within a longer time period if agreed with the applicant". The proposed target is 100%.
- 2.4 Examples of where a longer time period may need to be agreed with the applicant include:
 - If further information is required from the applicant following consultation and further consultation is required;
 - If the applicant proposes changes to a scheme triggering a further consultation;
 - If the applicant requires further time for negotiating Section 106 agreements.

Number of adult learners completing courses to improve their chances of employment or progression in work

- 2.5 The agreed target for 2015/16 is 20,000.
- 2.6 In order for the indicator to align with the targeting of harder to reach groups, it is proposed that the definition is changed to the following: "The number of people in the most deprived wards completing courses to improve their chances of employment or progression in work." The most deprived wards being defined as the 10% of wards with the highest index of multiple deprivation as listed in Appendix A
- 2.7 This links to the Council's commitment to tackling deprivation and narrowing the deprivation gap by adopting a more focused and targeted approach to improving performance and outcomes, which was outlined in the motion to Council approved in July last year.

- 2.8 In the 2013/14 academic year (the latest available figure), the number of learners in this category completing courses was 1,763. A target of 2,000 is proposed for the 2015/16 academic year.

3. ALIGNMENT WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 Developing the local economy for the benefit of all

Both of the indicators align with this priority.

3.2 Helping people live healthy and independent lives

The adult learning indicator aligns with this priority.

3.3 Supporting and protecting vulnerable people

The proposal to amend the adult learning indicator to focus on the most deprived wards aligns with this priority.

4. SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Resource Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.2 Statutory, Risk and Legal Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.3 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.4 Engagement and Consultation Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.5 Localism and Local Member Involvement

There are no significant implications within this category.

4.6 Public Health Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.

Source Documents	Location
Economy, Transport and Environment Finance and Performance Reports	http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20043/finance_and_budget/147/finance_and_performance_reports
Business Plan 2014 to 2015	http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20043/finance_and_budget/90/business_plan_2014_to_2015

