



# Non-key Decision Committee Report

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**PURPOSE:** Non-key decision update report

**COMMITTEE:** Children and Young People Committee

**DATE:** 06 March 2025

**TITLE:** Quarterly Performance Report (Q3 2024/25) to Children and Young People Committee

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**Committee Chair:** Cllr Christine Townsend

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## **Purpose of Report:**

1. To brief the Children and Young People (CYP) Committee on **performance against the BCC Business Plan as relevant to the remit of this Committee**, for Q3 2024/25, and for Members to note areas of specific interest or concern with relevant Directors. Note that full details (for all Committees) are within the [2024-25 Corporate Performance Dashboard \(Q3 Public\)](#)

## **Evidence Base / Context**

1. **Background** – This report and appendices provide the performance measures from the Council's Business Plan 2024/25 (as approved by Corporate Leadership Board in April and noted at Strategy & Resources Committee in June 2024) but with a focus only on those relevant to the remit of this Committee. Specific points of note for this process are:
  - **Performance Dashboard** - All performance metrics and actions are in Appendix A1. There is a Policy Committee view within the Dashboard, with the option to see results for this Committee only, and a User Guide. Details for this Committee are also in Appendix A2.
  - **Appendix A2** provides Q3 performance progress for those Business Plan measures of success specific to CYP only - there are 3 types reported:
    - Business Plan actions** – tracking progress of the Business Plan actions, recorded as whether or not they are on schedule for where they should be at the end of the quarter.
    - Business Plan performance metrics** – mainly quarterly metrics for the Business Plan Priorities; metrics the council has direct responsibility over, tracked against targets.
    - City Outcome Measures** - primarily outcome-focused measures, mainly annual, that assess the overall 'health of the city' as opposed to specific Council performance. These are now measured against the previous year's data.
  - **Targets** – Agreed with CLB in June; all targets are published and targets which require explanation are noted in [2024/25 Business Plan Performance Measures and Targets](#).

## **Key points of note:**

2. Taking the Business Plan Actions, Priority Metrics & City Outcomes relevant to this Committee:

- 88% of all Business Plan actions are on track or completed (14 of 16)
- 10% of Business Plan Priority Metrics are on or better than target (1 of 10)
- 1 City Outcome has improved data (1 of 4) compared to the same time period last year, and 1 is the same.



Source: [2024-25 Corporate Performance Dashboard \(Q3 Public\)](#)

Key points to note for this Committee are:

3. Indicators **reduce the percentage of children in care placed out of area (BPPM202)** and **increase the percentage of children in care placed with in-house provision (BPPM204)** continue to be behind target and rates have remained static. The work will now be progressed under the Families First Transformation Programme.
4. The **percentage of family outcomes achieved through the supporting families programme (BPPM247)** has dropped in Q3 to below target (60%, from 67% in Q2 & 66% in Q1). There is confidence that with improved recording accuracy a higher percentage will be achieved.
5. The **percentage of audited social work records audited as good or better (BPPM201)** remains better than target although slightly behind this time last year. However, the number of audits completed has further increased this quarter so remaining above target is very positive.
6. The **proportion of final Education, Health and Care plans (EHCPs) issued within the 20-week statutory timescale (BPPM225e)** has decreased since the last reporting period to 22.1% (target 50%) and is below the figure for this time last year by 25.2 percentage points. Multiple pieces of work are taking place to improve this including restructuring the SEND team, developing a new practice framework and reviewing systems and processes to deliver a more timely and higher quality service. To note: SEND data is at end Sept 2024 - reported 3 months in arrears to align SEND calendar year data with the corporate financial year for end of year reporting.
7. The **percentage of children in care with a suitable full time educational provision (BPPM200)** has been decreasing over the last year but has seen a slight increase in Q3 from 87.6% to 88.1%.

This is still below the target of 95% and below the figure for this time last year (92.3%). The virtual school continue to track and review all children without a full-time education offer and ensure appropriate actions are in place with key services to promote their access to education.

8. Note – the measures relating to schools or early education providers rated good or better by Ofsted have been discontinued as changes in how Ofsted inspections are reported means data for these measures is no longer available.
9. Only 2 of the 16 CYP actions are behind schedule in Q3:
  - **Review and implement improved ways of working in partnership with children, young people and their families (CYP1.1)** - a scoping event has taken place and there are plans to create a shared list of principles linking with adult’s social care to have guidance for adult participation, whilst plans are tailored to children’s needs. Regular meetings are to take place for participation leads to develop a shared identity.
  - **Increase the supply of homes for children in care in Bristol (CYP1.2)** - although the actions on this are still progressing there has been a delay on the DfE homes in the area and in going out to tender for Bristol’s strategic partner to run the two newly acquired homes, due to a technical question raised by Legal. It is likely that the new homes will be slightly delayed until July 2025.
10. Of the other CYP actions, all ‘On Track’ or completed, of note are:
  - **Use additional resources to improve the way the council oversees the range of services for refugees and asylum seekers (HC5.3)** – Significant progress has been made against internal audit recommendations from Sept 2024 with 9 of 12 recommendations now actioned. Service improvements within the ‘no recourse to public funds’ team have reduced caseloads by 32% over the past 7 months. Also working closer with the voluntary & community sector to support sanctuary seekers, regular sharing of information and a City of Sanctuary action plan with an event due in January 2025 will reaffirm Bristol’s commitment to being a City of Sanctuary.
  - Plans to **deliver an Anti-Racism in Schools Strategy (CYP4.2)** on track and will form part of the wider Education Vision for Bristol to ensure it is embedded in our overall work across the city. Further discussions are taking place with school leaders through the Excellence in Schools Group and key community groups to scope and deliver this work.

NB Full details of all Actions, Metrics and Outcome Measures – by Business Plan Theme and by Committee - are in the [2024-25 Corporate Performance Dashboard \(Q3 Public\)](#)

#### **Officer Recommendations:**

1. That Children and Young people Committee notes performance against the Business Plan relevant to this Committee, including the issues raised and measures to address performance issues to be implemented by relevant services.

**Corporate Strategy alignment:** All Business Plan performance metrics and actions are designed to demonstrate our progress towards the Corporate Strategy 2022-27.

**City Benefits:** Understanding whether BCC is delivering on priority outcomes for the citizens and city as outlined in the annual Business Plan will ensure organisational effort can be focussed on benefit realisation.

**Consultation Details:** Performance progress has been presented to all Divisional Management Teams and Executive Director Meetings, and through the seven thematic performance clinics, prior to the production of this report.

**Background Documents:**

1. [BCC 2024/25 Performance Framework](#)
2. [2024/25 Business Plan Performance Measures and Targets](#)
3. [BCC Corporate Strategy 2022-27](#)
4. [BCC 2024/25 Business Plan](#)

## APPENDICES

**Appendix A – Further essential background information and detail**

**YES**

Appendix A1: [2024-25 Corporate Performance Dashboard \(Q3 Public\)](#)

Appendix A2: CYP Committee Q3 Performance Progress Report (NB metrics specific to CYP only)