

# Non-key Decision Committee Report

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

**COMMITTEE:** Public Health and Communities Committee

**DATE:** 14 March 2025

**TITLE:** Quarterly Performance Report (Q3 2024/25) to Public Health and Communities Committee

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**Committee Chair:** Cllr Stephen Williams

**Executive Director lead:** Hugh Evans: Executive Director for Adults & Communities

## **Purpose of Report:**

1. To brief the Public Health and Communities (PHC) 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**

2. **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: [2024-25 Corporate Performance Dashboard \(Q3 Public\)](#). There is a Policy Committee view within the Dashboard, with the option to see results for this Committee only, and a User Guide. Details are also summarised in the attached appendices.
  - **Appendix A2** provides Q3 performance progress for those Business Plan measures of success specific to PH&C 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:**

3. Taking the Business Plan Actions, Priority Metrics & City Outcomes relevant to this Committee:
  - 71% of all Business Plan actions are on track or completed (5 of 7)
  - 100% of Business Plan Priority Metrics (with data) are significantly better than target (1 of 1)
  - 40% of the City Outcomes (with relevant data) are better than this period a year ago (2 of 5)



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

Key points to note for this Committee are:

4. Of the 7 Business Plan actions 2 are 'Behind Schedule':
  - a. **Implement a plan to address and manage the risks associated with the 10,000+ trees impacted by Ash Die Back (ENV2.2)** This action continues to be behind schedule, however a 2-3 year plan has been agreed in principle, subject to approval in the budget. Work continues to protect property and persons from risk of damage or injury.
  - b. **Work with our commissioned delivery partner to produce and deliver healthy weight programmes alongside community leaders and residents, with a focus on social connection and mental health as well as eating and physical activity (HCW2.2).** The targeted healthy weight programme has been successfully delivered, and the contract has been extended to March '26. However the community led programmes had a slower start, but the provider now has a complete team. The plan is to extend the programme and learn from the one presently underway in South Bristol.
5. The Priority Metric to **Maintain the levels of engagement with community development work (BPPM311)** is performing significantly better than target at Q3 and slightly under the same period last year, by 44 people at 8,750.
6. Most measures under PH&C are City Outcomes, which report annual data. 5 of these of these have data available at Q3:

- a. **BPOM251 Reduce the percentage of people whose day to day life is affected by fear of crime (QoL)** Almost a quarter of Bristol resident’s day to-day life is affected by the fear of crime (This figure rises to 41% in the most deprived areas). Fear of Crime is a One City problem and therefore it is acknowledged that only a one city approach can address this issue. There are several strategies to reduce the fear of crime; the comments in Appendix A2 lists some of the strategies underway and planned. 24% is the highest point since 2018/19 (18%).
  - b. **BPOM253 Reduce the percentage of children with excess weight (10-11 year-olds)** 1/3 of year 6 children have excess weight (33.5%), this figure looks better when compared to the England average of 35.8%. This continues a post-pandemic decline in children with excess weight; it’s also the lowest proportion recorded since 2018/19. Work continues to address this issue, and the next rotation of healthy lifestyle programmes will start in January 2025.
  - c. **BPOM258 Reduce the percentage of households which have experienced moderate or worse food insecurity (QoL)** The Food Equality Action Plan is now in its second year and beginning to have an impact, as the percentage of households who experienced moderate or worse food insecurity (7.9%) is slightly better than previous years (2022/23 = 8.1%, 2023/24 = 8.3%). However, this figure rises to 14% for the most deprived area of Bristol. The Integrated Care Systems Locality Managers are engaged in conversations to develop their understanding of the work and how it links to current priorities of Healthy Weight.
  - d. **BPOM259 % of households in the most deprived areas using a food bank or charity in the last year (QoL)** The percentage of people in the most deprived areas of Bristol who reported using a food bank or charity in the previous year has nearly doubled in the last two years (from 4.1% in 2022/23 to 6.1% last year and now 8.0%). The Food Equality Action Plan is now in its 2nd year with work continuing to secure funding to deliver the plan. The Integrated Care Service (ICS) Localities are looking at options to develop this work.
  - e. **BPOM312 Increase % respondents who volunteer or help out in their community at least 3 times a year (QoL)** The percentage of people who reported that they volunteer or help out in their community (46.0%) is down on previous years, but remains within the anticipated range (2021/22 = 45.9%, 2022/23 = 47.1%, 2023/24 = 48.4%) There is continued investment in asset-based community development which encourages neighbourliness and community action. Unfortunately, not everyone sees ‘community action’ as volunteering, which can affect the result of this measure.
7. At the time of reporting the Office for Health Improvement & Disparities was still to publish the health inequalities and life expectancy outturn data for 2022/23. All of the City Outcomes have comments of work underway to improve performance.

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:

8. That Public Health and Communities 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**

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

Appendix A2: PH&C Committee Q3 Performance Progress Report (NB metrics specific to PH&C only)