

Performance information for Outcome 2: We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth

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<b>Performance on track</b>				
<b>Element</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>FQ2 Actual</b>	<b>FQ1 Actual</b>	<b>Data Provider</b>
2.1.4 Establish Green Networks in each of our main towns	On track	On track	On track	Matt Muldrerrig
2.2.1a % of premises in Argyll and Bute with direct access to fibre technology	90% by 2017	On track	On track	Colin McLean
2.2.1b % of premises with access to high speed Broadband or above	80% by December 2016	On track	On track	Colin McLean
2.2.1c % of eligible communities with high speed next generation broadband	100% of eligible communities	On track	On track	Colin McLean
2.3.1 Capacity in our grid network to allow additional renewable energy connections	Physical investment in the Grid network to increase capacity and allow new projects to connect	On track	On track	Audrey Martin
2.4.1a Affordable social sector new builds	110 per annum	20 (40 cumulative)	20	Moir MacVicar
2.4.3 No of new housing sites identified within the Local Development Plan	20	75	75	Matt Muldrerrig
2.4.4 % of Planning Applications Approved	95%	97.3%	97.0%	Ross McLaughlin
2.6.1 Number of town centres with an agreed Action Plan	6 completed by April 2017	1	1	Audrey Martin

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2.7.2 Develop a policy framework for the holistic management of land and buildings	On track	On track	On track	Lynda Robertson
2.7.5 Agree strategy for co-location	On track	On track	On track	Malcolm MacFadyen
2.8.3 Availability of business land	64 Ha	90 Ha	90 Ha	Matt Muldrerrig

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Exceptions				
Element	Target	Actual FQ2	Data Provider	Comment
2.1.1a No of incidences resulting in the trunk road network not being available	No more than 3 occurrences per annum	More than 3 occurrences in 2015/16	Jim Smith	
2.2.2a % of premises in Argyll and Bute with access to 3G phone signal	30%	28%	Anna Watkiss	<p>Meeting held with representatives from CTIL who represent Vodafone and O2. They informed us that they are commencing works which seek to upgrade 50 mast sites across Argyll to provide 4G coverage.</p> <p>It is also worth noting that the Emergency services have just recently announced that they will be changing the provision of their communication network delivery from airwaves to the roll out of a 4G mobile service across the UK. The contract has been awarded to EE and Motorola and a mapping exercise is currently underway to identify where there needs to be an upgrade of existing masts and where new mast sites are required. It is hoped that there will be ability to allow other operators to use these masts where there is spare capacity and this should therefore have a positive impact on the roll out of 4G</p>

				<p>across Argyll and Bute. We have provided a response to the recent public consultation on additional telecommunications coverage to be provided for the emergency services network.</p> <p>Coll mast which provides 4G coverage is now operational. This was funded by SG via SFT. We continue to work with Development Coll to agree an MOU to cover up to £500 of maintenance costs per annum for the first 5 years. 4G coverage from this mast also extends to Tiree and north west of Mull which is an added benefit. Currently in discussion with SFT about the possibility of a further pilot project similar to Coll and based on another island where there is little or no mobile coverage.</p> <p>We have met with the Scottish Government and Scottish Futures Trust to discuss how digital connectivity can be improved across Argyll and are following up on these discussions. These discussions also include the potential to access SG funding to secure the provision of free wifi to some of our more deprived areas based on SIMD - digital inclusion.</p>
2.2.2b Provide coverage to 7 not spots by 2016	On track	Not on track	Anna Watkiss	<p>There has been no progress on the Mobile Infrastructure Project (MIP) which is a UK Govt project which is reliant upon the mobile operators agreeing to sign up to working together to deliver mobile coverage to not spots identified across the UK. The main issue has been that the mobile operators are unwilling to go into an area and provide coverage unless the necessary backhall is in place to allow 4G coverage.</p> <p>The funding and the project comes to an end in March and no sites have been or will be delivered within Argyll and Bute. We understand that we are not alone in this regard as Highland, which had more sites identified than ourselves, has also not seen the delivery of any sites.</p> <p>The Vodafone Rural project continues to work with 7 successful communities regarding the implementation of equipment to provide a 3G phone signal. Ormsary is the first of these 7 communities to become operational. It is worth noting that this is also reliant upon the roll out of the next generation broadband programme and this may affect the timings.</p>

2.4.1b Number of housing units upgraded to a tolerable standard	50 per annum	No information available for Financial Year 2014/15	Moir MacVicar	<p>Figures for 2014-2015 – 16. Below Tolerable Standard (BTS) figures are obtained by monitoring closing and demolition orders. When the order is lifted it means that the property is no longer BTS.</p> <p>We don't actually have resources to pro-actively take action to reduce BTS properties. There are no grants for internal property improvements.</p> <p>BTS is not as big an issue as it has been in the past. The main reason for BTS is poor water supplies.</p> <p>The target should be revisited as 50 per annum is not achievable.</p> <p>The Scottish House Condition Survey doesn't monitor BTS anymore.</p>
2.5.1 % of all category A water supplies to be improved to EC standards	94.8%	88.80%	Alan Morrison	<p>We continue to monitor the quality of private water supplies and seek to secure improvements to water quality. For category A supplies (those with commercial premises served by the supply), we can formally require improvements to be undertaken.</p> <p>In Q2: - We continued to support commercial and domestic properties to improve the quality of private water supplies through our grant scheme, and provided public health advice where supplies were identified, on sampling to be unsatisfactory.</p> <p>We have progressed the drive for improvements with the service of some Improvement Notices which require the users to improve their water quality.</p> <p>We continue to provide financial support to users through the pws improvement grant scheme.</p>
2.7.3 Agree a Built Heritage Strategy for Argyll and Bute	On track	On track to revised plan	Matt Mulderrig	<p>The initial planned timeframe for public consultation was overly ambitious, and particularly did not reflect the level of interest and priority the Historic Environment Strategy has received. Recognising this, a substantial consultation period was planned and undertaken over the summer months, attracting a healthy response and the finalised document is, as planned, to be presented to Full Council during 15/16 FQ4.</p>

2.7.4 Produce a short term development plan for key ports	Plan produced			Stewart Clark has recently been appointed as Piers and Harbours Manager.
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