

Safer and Stronger Communities

For comparison, September's figures are in brackets.

	No. of indicators	On course to achieve target (or establish baseline)	Some progress, but data / lack of data or analysis suggests that the target may not be achieved, but should be capable of achievement if remedial action is taken	Not achieved / not expected to be achieved / no activity reported
Corporate Plan (including LAA and HCS)	16 (16)	13 (11)	2 (4)	1 (1)
of which				
Local Area Agreement (LAA)	10 (10)	10 (8)	0 (2)	0 (0)
Herefordshire Community Strategy (HCS)	10 (10)	8 (8)	2 (2)	0 (0)
All reported indicators	38 (38)	26 (25)	7 (10)	5 (3)

1 additional indicator is now included in the direction of travel table below; NI 40 'drug users in effective treatment' which has a 3-month time lag in reporting, with data from quarter 1 now available.

Direction of Travel		
	September	December
Improving	15	17
No real change	6	4
Deteriorating	3	4
Total	24	25

Headlines

- Generally positive in respect of Direction of Travel.
- Changes since September 2008:
 - Green from Amber**
 - NI 30 're-offending rates of prolific and priority offenders'
 - NI 40 'drug users in effective treatment'
 - Red from Amber**
 - BVPI 126 'domestic burglaries'
 - BVPI 165 'percentage of pedestrian crossings with facilities for disabled people'
- Three indicators remain **Red**: civic participation, street lighting, and robbery.

Regeneration Director Commentary

'Performance is on track to meet all but one of the identified targets for 2008/2009 across the range of Local Area Agreement, Herefordshire Community Strategy and Herefordshire Council Corporate Plan indicators for which the Directorate has the lead.

The introduction of the National Indicator Framework has meant that there are a number of indicators for which in year data is not presently available, as many rely on the new Place Survey; initial results are expected from this survey in February 2009, with final data available from the Government in March. In the meantime, work is continuing to influence the outcome of the Survey across the Directorate. The change to the National Indicator set has meant that greater reliance is placed in-year on monitoring services delivering agreed service plan actions and, this year, on establishing baseline data.

In addition there are a number of indicators in the new National Indicator Framework where the services are being delivered by other agencies. The Directorate continues to work in partnership with these agencies in order to influence and monitor the performance outcome. There are a number of crime-related indicators, which had not been identified by the Community Safety and Drugs Partnership as a priority, where performance has shown a slight deterioration; these are now being more closely monitored.'

Environment and Culture Director commentary

'Within the themes of economic development and enterprise, safer and stronger communities and sustainable communities performance overall remains on track for all Local Area Agreement, Community Strategy and Corporate Plan indicators on which the Directorate leads or towards which it is making a significant contribution. There is a similar picture for other indicators, including those from the National Indicator set.

With the introduction of the National Indicator set there has been a significant increase in the proportion of performance indicators for which in-year data is not available, reflecting the number of perception indicators that rely on data from the new Place Survey and those where data is being provided annually by Government departments and agencies. For a number of other indicators 2008-09 is the year in which baseline data is being collected. All this has meant that a greater reliance is being placed this year on delivery of agreed actions. Place Survey data is expected in February and March, enabling targets to be set for anti-social behaviour-related indicators.

Road traffic casualties figures are encouraging: for the period January to November 2008 84 people were killed or seriously injured, compared with 128 for the same period last year; 6 children killed or seriously injured, compared with 11 for the same period last year; and, 572 people slightly injured, compared with 638 for the same period last year.'