

**Sustainable Communities**

	No. of indicators	On course to achieve target (or establish baseline)	Some progress, but data not available to determine whether the target will be achieved	Not on target / no activity reported
Corporate Plan (including LAA and HCS)	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>
of which				
Local Area Agreement (LAA)	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
Herefordshire Community Strategy (HCS)	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>
All reported indicators	<b>28</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Direction of Travel</b>	
Improving	3
No real change	3
Deteriorating	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>

**Headlines**

- Firm judgements are not possible at this stage for the majority of indicators.
- There are two reds because no relevant information has been provided.
- A number of reds in respect of housing indicators reflect the substantial increased demand being fuelled by the economic down-turn. Action has been taken to minimise the impact, including increased preventative work and use of the private sector to reduce projected end-year overspending to £300K.
- Fly-tipping and levels of detritus have been identified as particular problems.
- Services having to be managed so as to retrieve currently projected end-year overspending of some £500K in Regeneration and around £550K in Environment and Culture (and in the latter case an underlying recurrent overspend of about £1 million that is being off-set this year by one-off grant income).

**Regeneration Director Commentary**

*'Homelessness acceptances in Quarter 1 have risen, due to a considerable demand for services from the homelessness and housing advice team due to the 'credit crunch'. This has meant an increased demand for temporary housing accommodation, therefore placing pressure on the homelessness budgets. However, the LAA performance indicator target in respect of temporary accommodation is on track, as there has been a significant decrease in the number of households living in temporary housing accommodation in the following period.'*

**Environment and Culture Director commentary**

*'Within the themes of economic development and enterprise, safer and stronger communities and sustainable communities, performance overall is 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.*

In the priority area of waste the proportion of waste recycled or composted continues to show an improvement. Compared with the same period last year (April to June) it has increased from 26.32% to 31.12%.'