

Key Performance Information Booklet

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Focus on: Performance Information

Report for the period: April 10 - March 11

This section provides information on the performance of key Council services.

Included within this section:

- Corporate priority performance indicators
- Summary of key performance indicators
- Benefits performance graphs

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SUMMARY	OFKEY	PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - MEASURING CORPORATE PRIO	RITIES			M & A Committee Summary							
Corporate Priority Ref. no.	PI Ref.	Description of PI	Description of PI 09/10 Top March Outturn Quartile 2009/10					2010/11 Profiled Target	2010/11 Target	2011/12 Target			
1D	Managir	ng Growth											
	NI 155 NI 157a NI 157b	Number of affordable homes delivered Planning major applications processed in 13 weeks Planning minor applications processed in 8 weeks	160 78.57% 90.91%	N/A 89%* 87%*	160 78.57%	220 64.52%	20 / 31	150	150 75.00% 90.00%	150 75.00% 90.00%			
	NI 1576 NI 157c LPI 204	Planning other applications processed in 8 weeks Planning other applications processesd in 8 weeks % of appeals against the authority's decision to refuse planning applications	90.91% 94.80% 15.40%	94%* 26.7%	90.91% 94.80% 15.40%	91.35% 97.03% 20.0%	169 / 185 392 / 404		90.00% 90.00% 22%	90.00% 90.00% 22%			
2B	Efficient	and Effective Service Delivery											
	MPI 25 MPI 26	Percentage of calls answered by switchboard Percentage of calls answered within 15 seconds by switchboard	96.7% 90.6%	N/A N/A	96.70% 90.60%	97.30% 90.60%			97.5% 91.0%	98.0% 92.0%			
	LPI 78a LPI 78b LPI 79a	Average time to process new benefits claims (days) Average time to process change in circumstances (days)	18.75 5.31 100.00%	21.2 7 99.20%	18.80 5.30 100%	19.80 6.90 100%	5,146 / 101,972 36,441 / 250,429 500 / 500		18.00 6.00 99.50%	16.00 5.00 99.50%			
2D		% Benefits cases processed correctly ed Local Government	100.00%	99.20%	100%	100%	5007 500		99.50%	99.50%			
Page	LPI 2a MPI 8 NI 179	Equality Standard for Local Government Level % Invoices paid on time Value for money - total efficiency gains for the year	Level 2 99.50% £1,150,000	N/A 97.01% £6,729,000	Level 2 99.50% £1,150,000	Level 2 100.00% £579,000	21k / 21k		Level 3 98.5% £460,000	Level 3 99% £460,000			
4	LPI 9 LPI 10 LPI 12	% Council Tax collected % NNDR collected Days staffing lost (per member of staff)	98.23% 99.00% 8.39	98.5% 99.36%	98.23% 99.00%	98.00% 99.06% 8.9		97.50% 98.00% 8	97.50% 98.00%	98.00% 98.50% 8			
	LPI 12 LPI 66a LPI 79b(i)	Proportion of rent collected Overpaid benefit recovered as % of current year overpayments	8.39 98.61% 63.09%	8.33 98.63% 82.4%	8.39 98.61% 63.09%	98.87% 61.00%		8 98.50% 73.00%	8 98.50% 73.00%	8 98.60% 76.00%			
	LPI 79b(ii)	Overpaid benefit recovered as % of total overpayments outstanding	28.18%	36.8%	28.18%	27.91%		37.50%	37.50%	40.00%			

3A	Greene	r environment	ironment												
	NI 185	% Year on year reduction of CO2 from Local Authority operations	Baseline	N/A	Annual	Annual		TBC	TBC						
	NI 188	Adapting to climate change	Level 2	N/A	Level 1	Level 1		Level 3	Level 3						
	NI 192	% of household waste recycled and composted	44.77%	43.18%*	44.77%	46.85%		47.00%	47.00%						
3B	Cleaner	r environment													
	NI 195a	% of land / highways that have below acceptable levels of litter	7.3%	3%*	7.3%	1.6%		11.00%	9.00%						
	NI 195b	% of land / highways that have below acceptable levels of detritus	7%	6%*	7.0%	2.6%		8.00%	7.00%						
	NI 195c	% of land / highways that have below acceptable levels of graffiti	1%	1%*	1%	0.0%		4.00%	3.00%						
	NI 195d	% of land / highways that have below acceptable levels of fly-posting	0%	0%*	0%	0.0%		0.00%	0.00%						
	LPI 80	Average length of time in working days that it takes to remove abandoned cars	0.34	N/A	0.20	0.30		1.00	1.00						
	LPI 42	The average time taken to remove fly-tips (days)	0.20	N/A	0.34	0.28		2.00	2.00						

	KEY Green	=	Target met or bettered
	Red	=	Target missed
Notes:	Yellow	=	Close to target or cannot
* Latest quartile data for the NIs			compare to target

N/A - These indicators do not have quartile data available for comparison

These indicators do not have a profiled target

Please note due to the lead times for committee information the data may not be the latest available



Performance Clinic Income and Debt Management

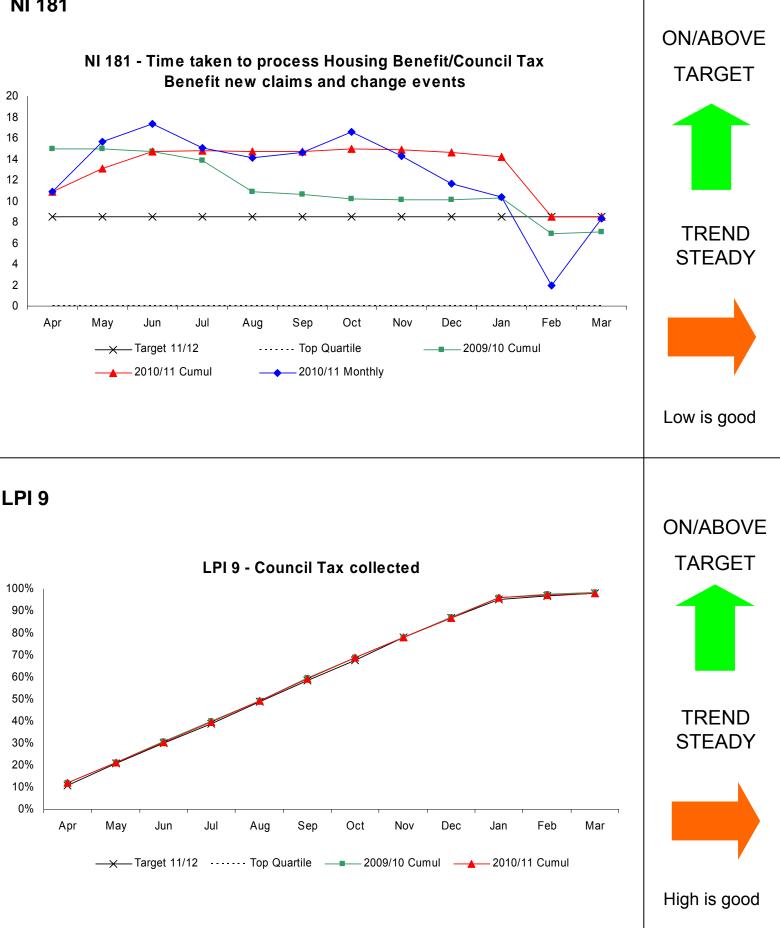
Performance for: March 2011

Clinic date: 24th May



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NI 181





NI 181

In month performance has exceeded target and target has been met for the year 10/11 -

March 2011 - 8.5 days Target February 2011 - 8.9 days

incoming post has increased considerably for 10/11 in comparison to 09/10 - Incoming post in excess of 12,000 items in comparison to 09/10.

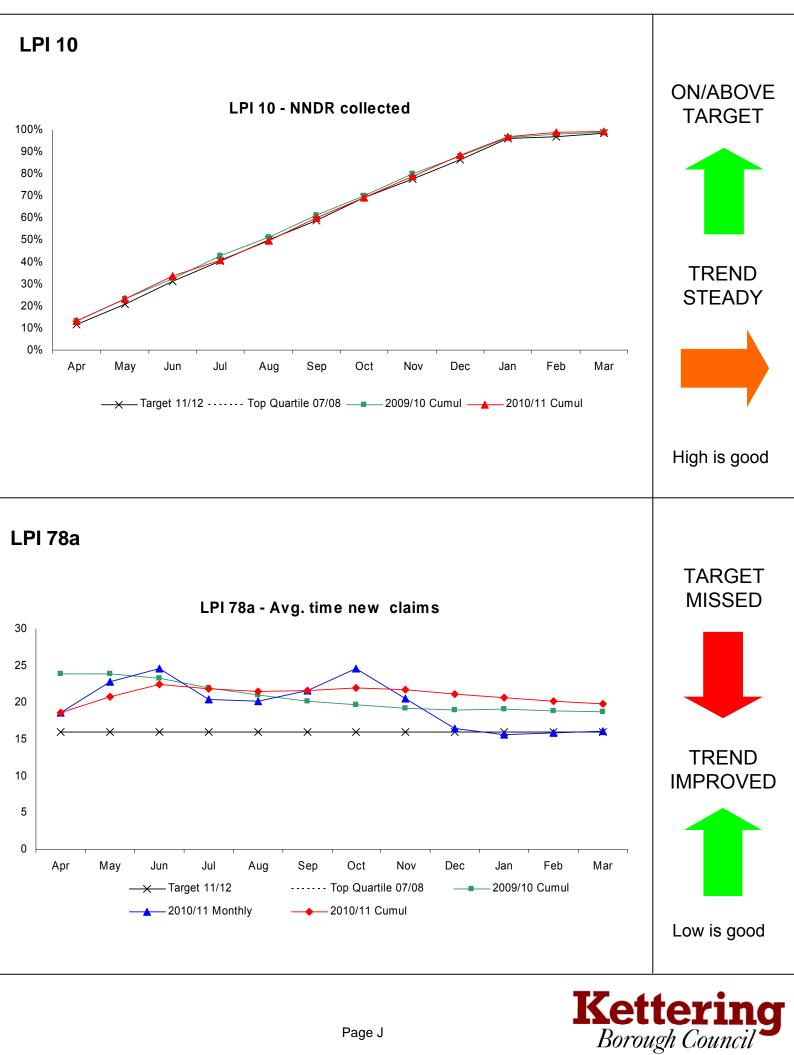
LPI 9

Collection of Council Tax has exceeded the target set at a time when Kettering deprivation levels have gone from 214 to 164 within the Country.

March 2011 collection - 98.00% March 2011 target - 97.00%



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LPI 10

Collection target has been exceeded for 10/11

March 2011 collection - 99.06% March 2011 target - 98.00%

LPI 78a

Cumulative performance for March has shown improvement but remains below target although in top quartile (under 21 days) at a time when work loads continue to increase.

January 2011 - 15.6 days February 2011 - 15.9 days March 2011 - 16.0 days

Cumulative January 2011 - 20.7 days Cumulative February 2011 - 20.2 days Cumulative March 2011 - 19.8 days



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LPI 78b

Performance cumulatively is static for March 2011 and is not far off the cumulative target

January 2011 - 9.2 days February 2011 - 1.6 days March 2011 - 6.9 days

Cumulative January 2011 - 12.5 days Cumulative February 2011 - 6.9 days Cumulative March 2011 - 6.9 days

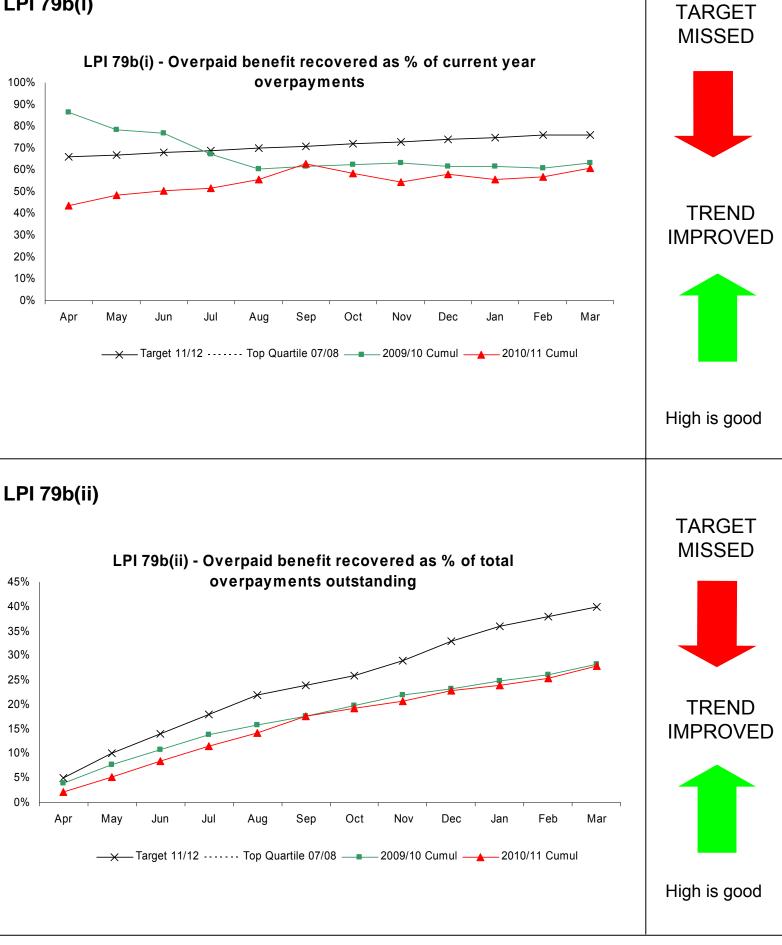
LPI 79a

100% accuracy has continued through to the fourth quarter of 2010/11.



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LPI 79b(i)

Performance has gradually improved and changes to interventions will see further improvements during 11/12

January 2011 - 55.48% February 2011 - 56.93% March 2011 - 61.00%

LPI 79b(ii)

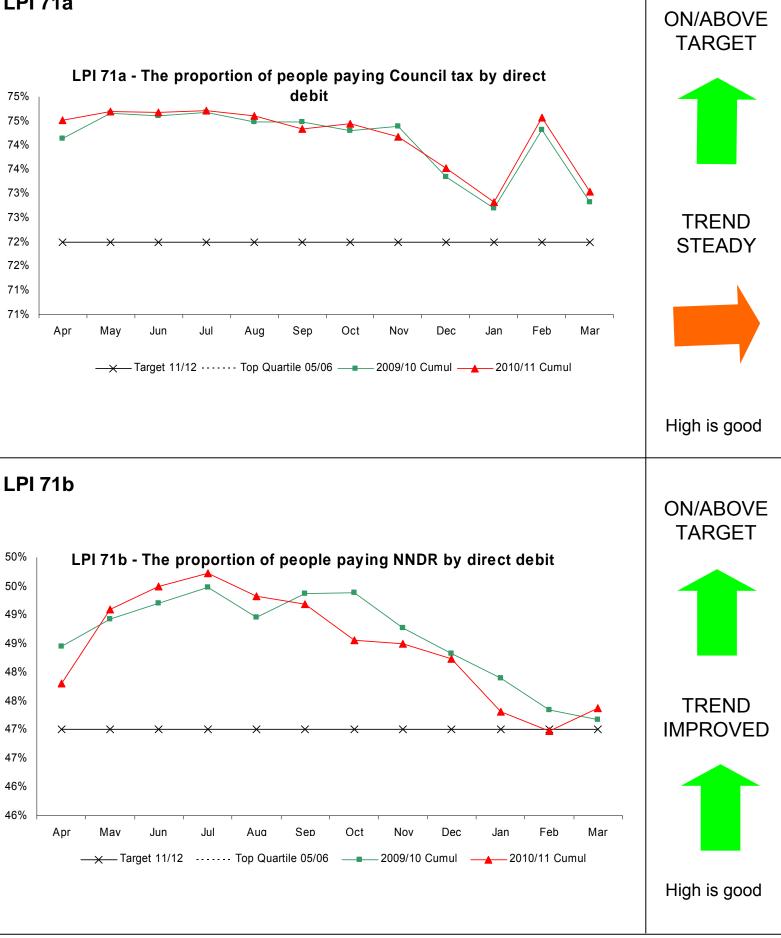
Although targets are not currently being met collection is continuing to improve and further changes being made to processes next year should see further improvements.

Janaury 2011 - 23.95% February 2011 - 25.46% March 2011 - 27.91%



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LPI 71a

Direct debit has declined as expected in March but remains well above the target set of 71%

January 2011 - 72.82% February 2011 - 74.56% March 2011 - 73.03%

LPI 71b

Direct Debit take up is within target of 46%

January 2011 - 47.31% February 2011 - 46.97% March 2011 - 47.38%



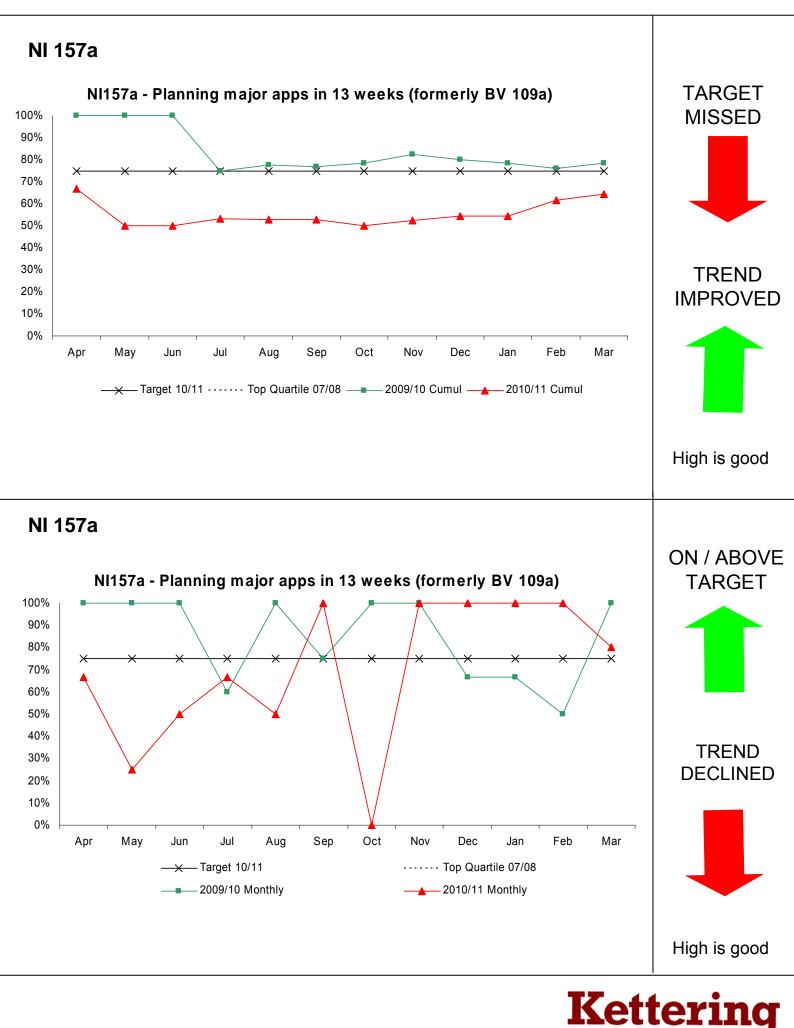
Performance Clinic Development Services

Performance for: March 2011

Clinic date: 24th May



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NI 157a

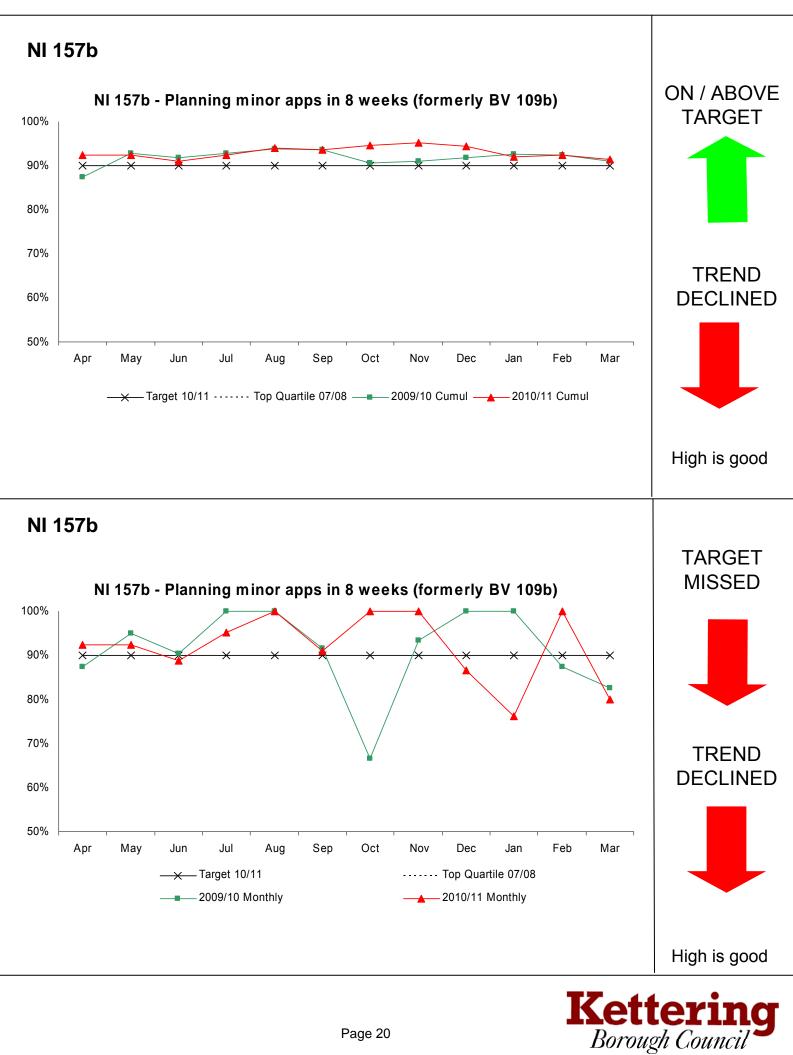
For the period April 2011 - April 2011, 2 Major applications have been determined and a cumulative performance of 50% within 13 weeks has been achieved, this is below our target of 75%

Monthly figures are:

April 2011 - 50% (1 largescale major and 1 smallscale major applications determined)



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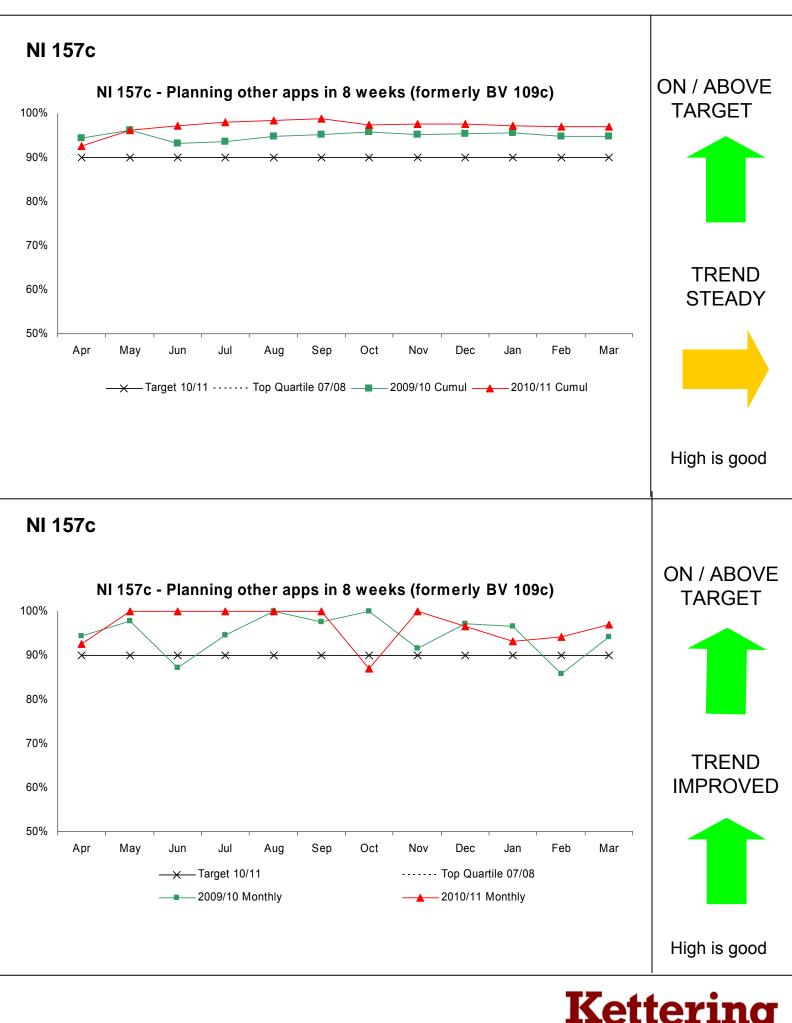
NI 157b

For the period April 2011 - April 2011, 3 Minor applications have been determined and a cumulative performance of 100% within 8 weeks has been achieved - above our target of 90%.

Monthly figures are: April 2011 - 100%



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NI 157c

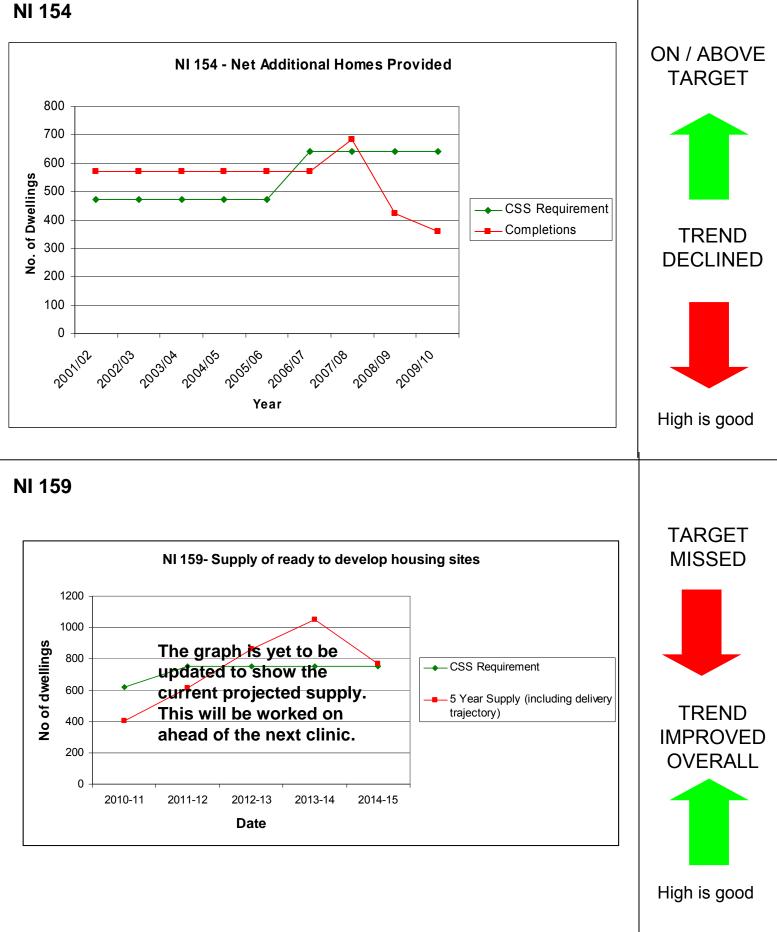
For the period April 2011 - April 2011, 34 other planning applications have been determined and a cumulative performance of 100% within 8 weeks has been achieved. Current performance is above our target of 90%.

Monthly figures are: April 2011 - 100%



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NI 154

There has been a significant decline in the numbers of completions for the monitoring period 2008-2009, which was repeated in 2009-2010. This shortfall is a reflection of the present market conditions, and is mirrored nationally. Even though completion levels are down, Kettering Borough's performance is still strong relative to neighbouring authorities. Due to the scale of completions in previous years, the current position is that in the 9 year period since 2001, Kettering Borough is 11 homes ahead of the Borough's Core Spatial Strategy (CSS) requirement. Kettering Borough is the only North Northamptonshire authority to have successfully delivered against its CSS housing targets. It was estimated mid 2009/2010 that the number of completions for the year were likely to be 185 dwellings, building activity picked up significantly in the latter half of the year. For 2010/2011, it is estimated 367 dwellings will be complete, this will leave us 264 dwellings behind our CSS target.

YEAR	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	TOTAL
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	
CSS Requirement	471	471	471	471	471	642	642	642	642	4,923
Annual Completions	572	572	572	572	572	572	685	422	395	4,934
Additional Units Provided	101	101	101	101	101	-70	43	-220	-247	+11

NI 159

Kettering Borough Council is contesting it has between a **4.6** year and **5.69** year housing land supply. **Requirement** - The current CSS housing requirement for the 5 year period from 2011/12- 2015/16 is <u>4,004</u>; this requirement has been reduced marginally to take into account the over-provision in the earlier years of the plan (11 dwellings).

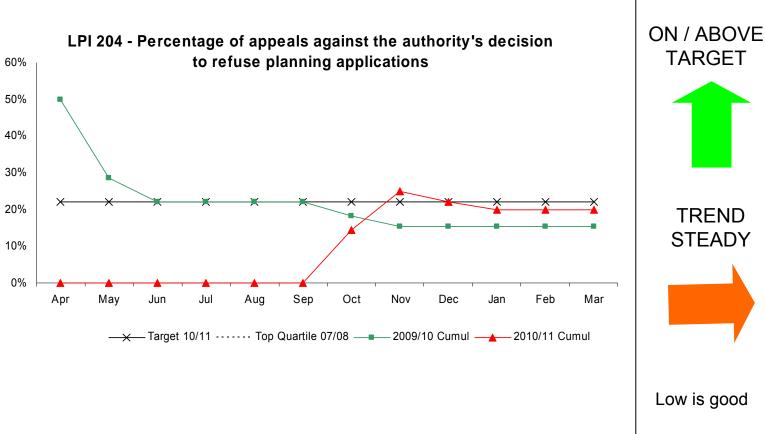
Supply – The Council has defended a 5.69 years housing land supply at appeal. The Inspector was not convinced about delivery at East Kettering and the Kettering town centre AAP (SHLAA) sites, but agreed a 4.6 year supply. Further work is underway to try to improve the picture, this work relates to progressing the East Kettering legal agreement and discharge of conditions, progress with AAPs demonstrating delivery of SHLAA sites, and exploring bringing forward Council owned land.

Housing supply forecast at 31/3/10	5 years supply	2011/12 to 2015/16				
Allocated for housing in the Development Plan (East Kettering)	1,150	1,650				
Outline Planning Permission	604	604				
Full Planning Permission	660	660				
Sites with a resolution to grant p/p subject to S106 Agreement	1,028	1,028				
Sites under construction	279	278				
Specific, unallocated brownfield sites	369	702				
	4,080 – 367 (anticipated completions 2010/11) = 4080 (4.6 years)	4,923 – 367 (anticipated completions 2010/11) = 4,556 (5.69 years)				



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LPI 204



LPI 204

For the period April 2		n achieved - above our target ment appeal decisions have b als has been achieved	
Monthly Planning	Monthly Planning Decisions Received	Monthly Enforcement figures are:	Monthly Enforcement Decisions Received
April 2011 - 0%	0	April 2011 - 0%	0

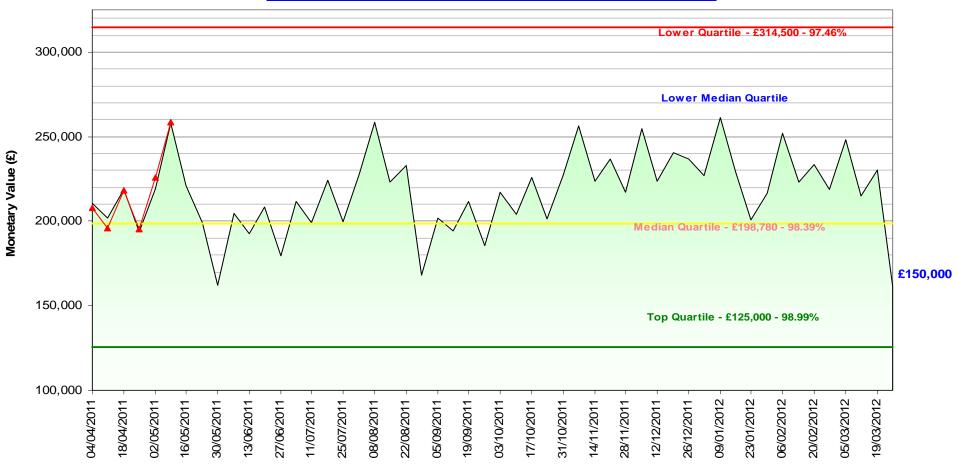


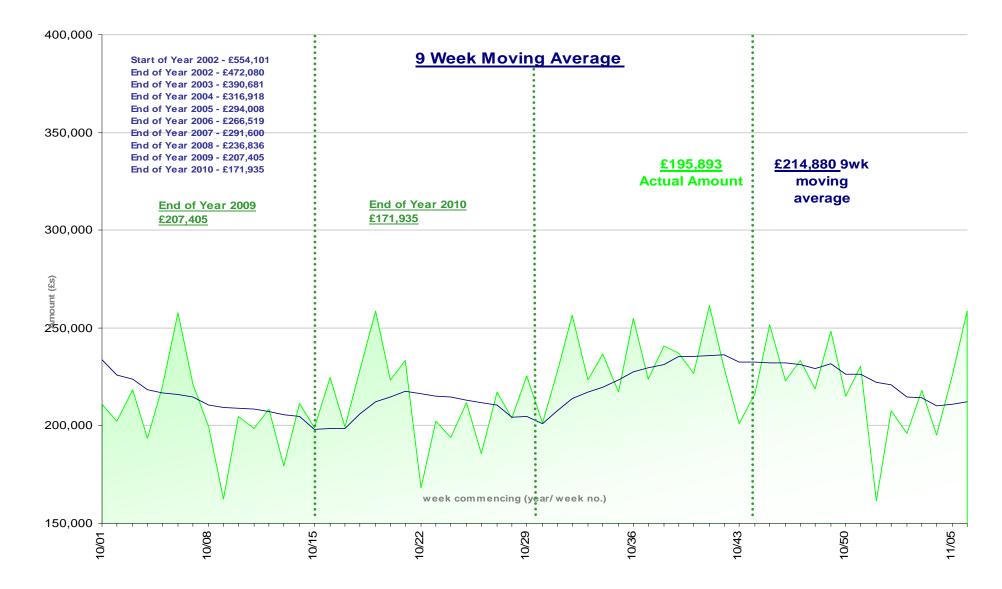
Housing Rent Arrears Graphs

For more information on housing rent arrears contact John Conway on 01536 534288.



Headline Arrears Performance: 2010/11







For more information on staff sickness contact Sarah Rodmell on 01536 534329.



Service Unit	Apr-10	%	%	May 10	%	%	Jun-10	%	%	Jul-10	%	%	Aug-10	%	%	Sep-10	%	%	Cum	% age	% age
	total days	med cert	self cert	total days	med cert	self cert	total days	med cert	self cert	total days	med cert	self cert	total days	med cert	self cert	total days	med cert	self cert	total	Med Cert	Self Cert
Community Services	5.76	52.9%	47.1%	23.73	67%	33%	33.82	98%	2%	38.62	85%	15%	36.38	86%	14%	38.87	89%	11%	177.18	85%	15%
Corporate Development	1.35	0.0%	100.0%	0.00	0%	0%	4.00	0%	100%	0.54	0%	100%	0.54	0%	100%	0.27	0%	100%	6.70	0%	100%
Customer & Information Services	28.80	94.8%	5.2%	23.43	47%	53%	24.72	51%	49%	33.31	45%	55%	27.03	85%	15%	34.82	47%	53%	172.11	61%	39%
Democratic & Legal Services	0.00	0.0%	0.0%	2.00	0%	100%	8.00	0%	100%	7.00	71%	29%	3.00	0%	100%	1.00	0%	100%	21.00	24%	76%
Development Services	2.80	35.7%	64.3%	12.00	0%	100%	4.00	0%	100%	16.59	42%	58%	15.24	21%	79%	31.43	70%	30%	82.07	41%	59%
Environmental Care	57.41	54.0%	46.0%	116.00	66%	34%	161.35	86%	14%	120.70	60%	40%	122.78	62%	38%	168.03	65%	35%	746.27	67%	33%
Environmental Health	40.00	67.5%	32.5%	26.00	73%	27%	19.00	74%	26%	33.73	80%	20%	25.00	84%	16%	49.87	92%	8%	193.61	80%	20%
Finance	0.86	0.0%	100.0%	5.00	0%	100%	1.81	0%	100%	1.00	0%	100%	1.73	0%	100%	2.00	0%	100%	12.41	0%	100%
Housing	26.66	22.5%	77.5%	27.04	52%	48%	32.51	68%	32%	42.25	76%	24%	25.54	82%	18%	30.76	38%	62%	184.77	59%	41%
Human Resources	5.05	80.2%	19.8%	10.00	90%	10%	1.00	0%	100%	10.00	100%	0%	3.61	0%	100%	4.00	0%	100%	33.66	68%	32%
Income & Debt Management	5.00	100.0%	0.0%	27.41	95%	5%	53.00	83%	17%	32.32	84%	16%	33.19	91%	9%	40.76	75%	25%	191.68	85%	15%
SMT Support	0.00	0.0%	0.0%	0.00	0%	0%	3.00	0%	100%	0.00	0%	0%	0.00	0%	0%	6.00	0%	100%	9.00	0%	100%
Strategic Management Team	0.00	0.0%	0.0%	0.00	0%	0%	0.00	0%	0%	0.00	0%	0%	0.00	0%	0%	0.00	0%	0%	0.00	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!
Total working days lost to date:	173.69	60.1%	39.9%	272.61	63%	37%	346.21	76%	24%	336.08	68%	32%	294.04	70%	30%	407.82	66%	34%	1830.45	68%	32%

Service Unit																					
7	Oct-10	%	%	Nov-10	%	%	Dec-10	%	%	Jan-11	%	%	Feb-11	%	%	Mar-11	%	%	Cum	% age	% age
	total days	med cert	self cert	total days	med cert	self cert	total days	med cert	self cert	total days	med cert	self cert	total days	med cert	self cert	total days	med cert	self cert	total	Med Cert	Self Cert
Community Services	42.09	81%	19%	51.70	77%	23%	23.00	87%	13%	32.66	52%	48%	19.51	83%	17%	26.57	86%	14%	372.70	81%	19%
Corporate Development	2.00	0%	100%	1.81	0%	100%	0.00	0%	0%	9.59	42%	58%	2.54	21%	79%	8.08	0%	100%	30.72	15%	85%
Customer & Information Services	32.66	52%	48%	25.78	63%	37%	16.41	12%	88%	9.22	7%	93%	20.73	76%	24%	27.24	35%	65%	304.15	55%	45%
Democratic & Legal Services	3.80	0%	100%	10.00	70%	30%	7.60	0%	100%	0.50	0%	100%	3.00	0%	100%	4.00	0%	100%	49.90	24%	76%
Development Services	37.92	95%	5%	1.34	0%	100%	35.89	0%	100%	20.95	0%	100%	14.59	18%	82%	31.00	74%	26%	223.76	42%	58%
Environmental Care	183.00	73%	27%	217.00	55%	45%	274.00	77%	23%	211.00	69%	31%	205.00	78%	22%	234.00	85%	15%	2070.27	71%	29%
Environmental Health	30.00	57%	43%	31.62	57%	43%	7.00	0%	100%	24.74	73%	27%	7.00	0%	100%	10.00	60%	40%	303.97	70%	30%
Finance	12.14	33%	67%	24.81	89%	11%	7.00	43%	57%	2.00	0%	100%	12.00	100%	0%	20.86	96%	4%	91.22	67%	33%
Housing	52.85	60%	40%	30.61	74%	26%	68.50	65%	35%	48.63	64%	36%	67.86	71%	29%	54.69	79%	21%	507.90	65%	35%
Human Resources	4.61	0%	100%	4.00	0%	100%	31.00	71%	29%	37.43	83%	17%	21.43	93%	7%	1.22	0%	100%	133.35	72%	28%
Income & Debt Management	31.18	67%	33%	40.89	54%	46%	29.05	55%	45%	5.35	0%	100%	14.97	0%	100%	26.30	60%	40%	339.42	70%	30%
SMT Support	4.00	0%	100%	6.00	0%	100%	0.00	0%	0%	0.00	0%	0%	0.00	0%	0%	4.00	100%	0%	23.00	17%	83%
Strategic Management Team	1.00	0%	100%	3.00	0%	100%	2.00	0%	100%	0.00	0%	0%	4.00	75%	25%	0.00	0%	0%	10.00	30%	70%
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Total working days lost to date:	437.25	67%	33%	448.56	59%	41%	501.45	63%	37%	402.07	61%	39%	392.63	71%	29%	447.96	76%	24%	4460.37	67%	33%
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LPI -12 FTE Days Lost Due to Sickness Absence

FTE Days Lost To Date 2010 TO 2011

Service Unit

	F.T.E Apr-Mar Avg	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Totals YTD	WDL per F.T.E
Community Services	25.60	5.76	23.73	33.82	38.62	36.38	38.87	42.09	51.70	23.00	32.66	19.51	26.57	372.70	14.56
Corporate Development	12.53	1.35	0.00	4.00	0.54	0.54	0.27	2.00	1.81	0.00	9.59	2.54	8.08	30.72	2.45
Customer & Information Services	39.85	28.80	23.43	24.72	33.31	27.03	34.82	32.66	25.78	16.41	9.22	20.73	27.24	304.15	7.63
Democratic & Legal Services	16.64	0.00	2.00	8.00	7.00	3.00	1.00	3.80	10.00	7.60	0.50	3.00	4.00	49.90	3.00
Development Services	44.79	2.80	12.00	4.00	16.59	15.24	31.43	37.92	1.34	35.89	20.95	14.59	31.00	223.76	5.00
Environmental Care	177.74	57.41	116.00	161.35	120.70	122.78	168.03	183.00	217.00	274.00	211.00	205.00	234.00	2070.27	11.65
Environmental Health	29.11	40.00	26.00	19.00	33.73	25.00	49.87	30.00	31.62	7.00	24.74	7.00	10.00	303.97	10.44
Finance	16.31	0.86	5.00	1.81	1.00	1.73	2.00	12.14	24.81	7.00	2.00	12.00	20.86	91.22	5.59
Housing	52.92	26.66	27.04	32.51	42.25	25.54	30.76	52.85	30.61	68.50	48.63	67.86	54.69	507.90	9.60
Human Resources	17.24	5.05	10.00	1.00	10.00	3.61	4.00	4.61	4.00	31.00	37.43	21.43	1.22	133.35	7.73
Income & Debt Management	45.56	5.00	27.41	53.00	32.32	33.19	40.76	31.18	40.89	29.05	5.35	14.97	26.30	339.42	7.45
SMT Support	4.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	6.00	4.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.00	23.00	5.75
Strategic Management Team	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	10.00	2.50
Total working days lost to date: Amount of short term sickness:	486.31	173.69 124.64	272.61 174.61	346.21 159.51	336.08 237.38	294.04 140.80	407.82 275.82	437.25 265.56	448.56 242.53	501.45 261.49	402.07 245.04	392.63 214.66	447.96 206.51	4460.37	9.17

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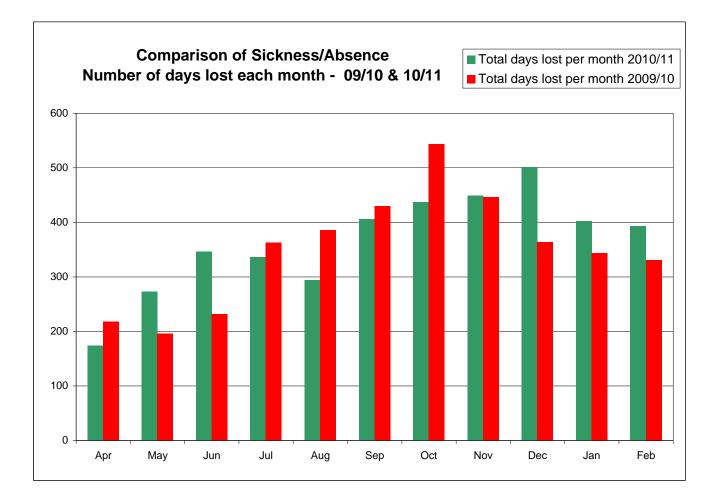
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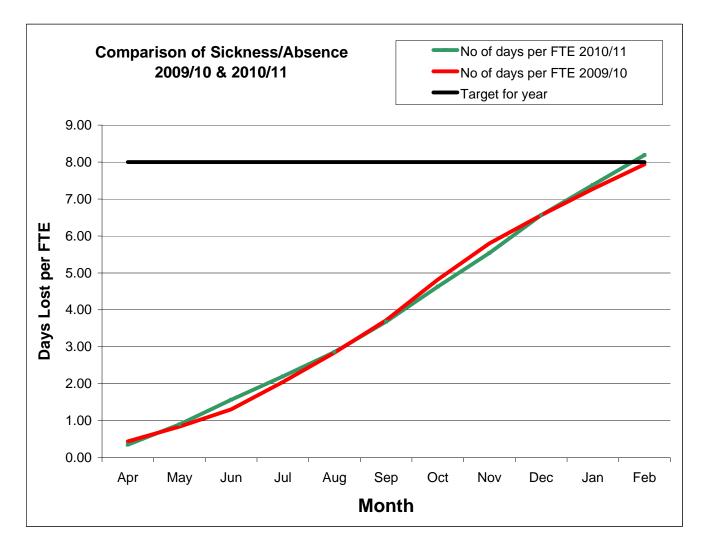
9.17 Days lost per FTE to date 9.17 Annualised 8.00 Target

	2009/10	2009/10 Cumulative total			
	Days Med	Days	%		
	Certificated	Self Cert	Self Cert		
Community Services	126.95	58.87	32%		
Corporate Development	4.05	23.14	85%		
Customer & Information Services	104.28	97.20	48%		
Democratic & Legal Services	11.00	50.20	82%		
Development Services	168.11	120.52	42%		
Environmental Care	963.00	512.50	35%		
Environmental Health	235.02	83.00	26%		
Finance	39.00	58.08	60%		
Housing	353.38	202.16	36%		
Human Resources	53.26	34.03	39%		
Income & Debt Management	614.05	105.62	15%		
SMT Support	0.00	14.00	100%		
Strategic Management Team	113.00	0.00	0%		
Total	2785.09	1359.31	33%		

2010/11 Cumulative total						
Days Med	Days	%				
Certificated	Self Cert	Self Cert				
300.65	72.06	19%				
4.59	26.13	85%				
166.45	137.70	45%				
12.00	37.90	0%				
94.84	128.92	58%				
1468.41	601.86	29%				
213.00	90.97	30%				
61.00	30.21	33%				
330.10	177.81	35%				
96.05	37.29	28%				
237.59	101.83	30%				
4.00	19.00	0%				
3.00	7.00	0%				
2991.68	1468.69	33%				

	Days	Annual
	Lost	Days Lost
	Per FTE	Per FTE
Community Services	14.56	14.56
Corporate Development	2.45	2.45
Customer & Information Services	7.63	7.63
Democratic & Legal Services	3.00	3.00
Development Services	5.00	5.00
Environmental Care	11.65	11.65
Environmental Health	10.44	10.44
Finance	5.59	5.59
Housing	9.60	9.60
Human Resources	7.73	7.73
Income & Debt Management	7.45	7.45
SMT Support	5.75	5.75
Strategic Management Team	2.50	2.50
Total KBC	9.17	9.17





Focus on: Compliments & Complaints

Report for the period: 2010/11 year

This section of the Performance Information Booklet provides information on compliments and complaints received by the Council.

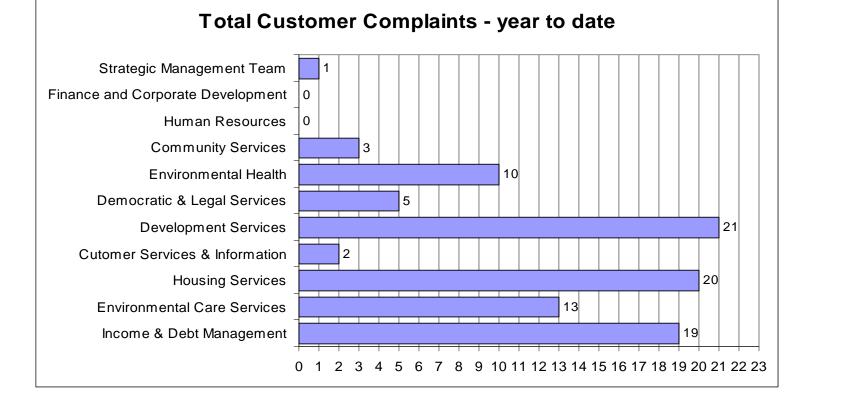
For more information contact Ian Strachan on 01536 534181.



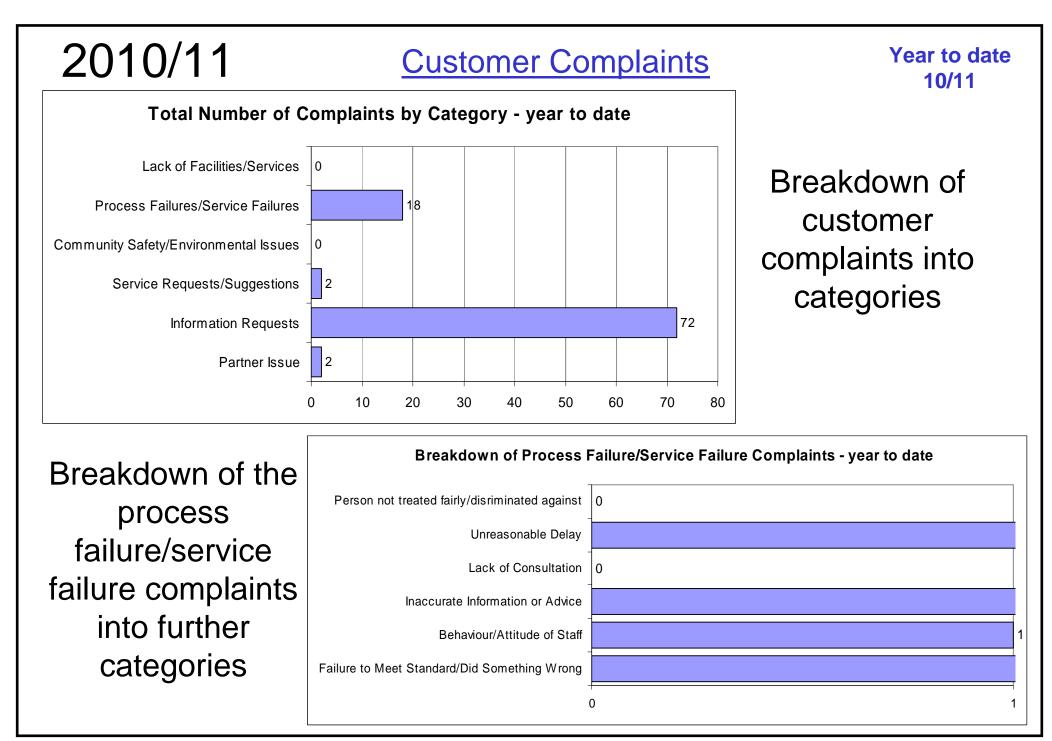


2010/11 Customer Complaints Year to date 10/11

Table showing quarterly breakdown of customer complaints by service



	Income & Debt Management	Environmental Care Services	Housing Services	Cutomer Services & Information	Development Services	Democratic & Legal Services	Environmental Health	Community Services	Human Resources	Finance and Corporate Development	Strategic Management Team	
Q1	4	3	4	0	5	2	1	1	0	0	0	20
Q2	5	2	3	0	8	1	4	0	0	0	0	23
Q3	6	5	4	1	4	1	1	1	0	0	1	24
Q4	4	3	9	1	4	1	4	1	0	0	0	27
TOTAL	19	13	20	2	21	5	10	3	0	0	1	94



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Customer Complaints

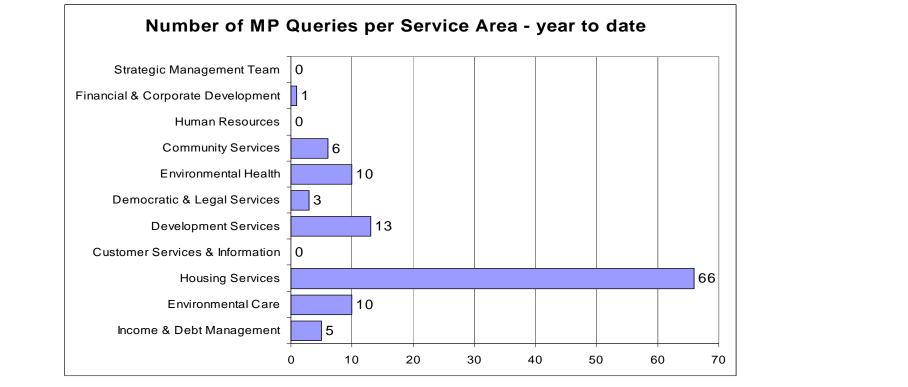
Year to date 10/11

Detailed breakdown of where process failure/service failure complaints happened

	Income & Debt Management	Environment al Care	Housing Services	Customer Services & Information	Development Services	Democratic & Legal Services
Person not treated fairly/disriminated against	5	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable Delay	0	2	9	1	1	0
Lack of Consultation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inaccurate Information or Advice	1	0	1	0	0	0
Behaviour/Attitude of Staff	14	11	11	1	19	5
Failure to Meet Standard/Did Something Wrong	0	0	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	20	13	21	2	21	5
	Environmental Health	Community Services	Human Resources	Financial & Corporate Development	Strategic Management Team	TOTAL
Person not treated fairly/disriminated against	0	0	0	0	0	5
Unreasonable Delay	0	1	0	0	0	14
Lack of Consultation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inaccurate Information or Advice	8	0	0	0	0	10
Behaviour/Attitude of Staff	1	2	0	0	1	65
Failure to Meet Standard/Did Something Wrong	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	9	3	0	0	1	95

2010/11 <u>MP Queries</u>

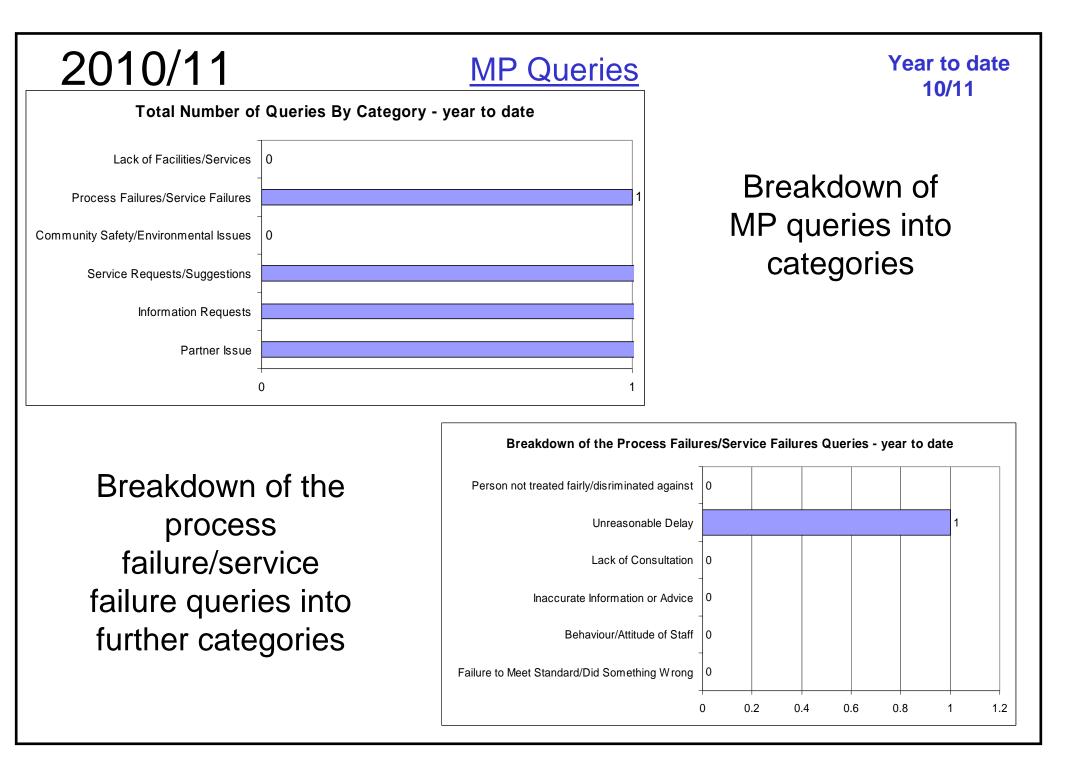
Table showing quarterly breakdown of MP queries by service



Year to date

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QUARTER	Income & Debt Management	Environmental Care Services	Housing Services	Cutomer Services & Information	Development Services	Democratic & Legal Services	Environmental Health	Community Services	Human Resources	Finance and Corporate Development	Strategic Management Team	TOTAL
Q1	1	1	12	0	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	20
Q2	2	5	20	0	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	33
Q3	1	2	22	0	2	1	4	2	0	0	0	34
Q4	1	2	12	0	5	2	4	1	0	0	0	27
TOTAL	5	10	66	0	13	3	10	6	0	1	0	114



Focus on: Summary of Internal Audit Reports Published

This section of the Performance Information Booklet provides a summary of Audit reports published since the last Monitoring & Audit Committee.

For more information contact Graham Soulsby on 01536 534181.



Full Assurance – the system under review contains all of the controls required to mitigate the identified risks and they have operated consistently

Substantial – the system under review contains the majority of the controls required to mitigate the identified risks and they have operated consistently

Acceptable – the system under review contains most of the expected controls required to mitigate the identified risks but they have not been operating consistently

Limited – the system under review contains few of the controls required to mitigate the identified risks and/or the controls have not been operating consistently

None - the majority of expected controls have either not been appropriately designed or have not operated consistently



INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS

Summary of Reports Published since **November** Monitoring & Audit Committee

Council Tax Overall level of assurance - Acceptable (reduced scope review)

Ref	System Control Objective and High Level Control(s)	Acceptable Limited	None
1	 The integrity of the system and data is maintained Independent review of exceptions undertaken Declarations of Interest made and reviewed 	✓	
2	 All taxable properties and liable persons are identified, assessed recorded and accurately maintained. Control totals for bandings are promptly reconciled to listings from Valuation Office 	✓	
3	 Amounts due are accurately calculated and promptly demanded. Gross debit is reconciled, Uprates input and checked 	✓	
4	 Amounts collected are promptly posted to the correct accounts. The Council Tax system is reconciled to feeder systems (cash, pay point / direct debits and Benefits). 	✓	
5	 All non-payments are promptly identified and actively pursued. Arrears reports showing arrears by age, type and location are independently reviewed for action taken 	✓	

Recommendations Made	Agreed	
High Priority	0	0
Medium Priority	0	0
Low Priority	0	0

Housing Benefits Overall level of assurance – Acceptable (reduced scope review)

Ref	System Control Objective and High Level Control(s)	Acceptable	Limited None
1	 The integrity of system and data is maintained Exception reports produced, reviewed and necessary actions evidenced Employees dealing with Benefits declare interests in any accounts Manual checks are undertaken after the annual system uprates are loaded to ensure the system calculates claims accurately Monthly reconciliation are undertaken with feeder systems: 	✓	
2	Subsidy is accurately recorded Independent quality assurance checks are completed and results reported in connection with compliance with legislation. Programme includes backdated claims, overpayments, new claims, changes in circumstances, discretionary benefit awards	~	

Recommendations Mac	le Agreed	
High Priority	0	0
Medium Priority	0	0
Low Priority	0	0

NNDR Overall level of assurance – Substantial

Ref	System Control Objective	Full \$	Substantial	Acceptable	Limited	None
1	The integrity of the system and data is maintained.	✓				
2	All taxable properties and liable persons are identified, assessed, recorded and accurately maintained.			~		
3	Amounts due are accurately calculated and promptly demanded.		~			
4	All exemptions, reliefs, refunds, voids and write offs are identified, authorised and accurately recorded.	✓				
5	Amounts collected are promptly posted to the correct account.	✓				
6	All non-payments are promptly identified and actively pursued.			~		

Recommendations Made	Agreed	
High Priority	0	0
Medium Priority	1	1
Low Priority	4	3

Right To Buy Overall level of assurance – Limited

Ref	System Control Objective	Full	Substantial	Acceptable	Limited	None
1	Policies and procedures complied with.				\checkmark	
2	Legislation complied with.				\checkmark	
3	Service charges correctly calculated and invoiced.				~	

Recommendations Made	Agreed	
High Priority	6	6
Medium Priority	2	2
Low Priority	0	0

Follow Ups completed:

Corporate Governance

Recommendations Ag	Implementation			
		Full Pa	t <u>N</u> o	ne
High Priority	0			
Medium Priority	6	1	2	2 1*
Low Priority	0			

* No Longer Applicable

Health & Safety

Recommendations Agreed		Implementation			
		Full Pa	rt	Nor	ie
High Priority	1	1			
Medium Priority	3	1	2		
Low Priority	0				

Focus on: Questions and Amendments



Questions raised at Committee on 10th June 2009:

With reference to NI 195, what is the difference between litter and detritus?

Litter

There is no statutory definition of litter. The Environmental Protection Act 1990 (s.87) states that litter is 'anything that is dropped, thrown, left or deposited that causes defacement, in a public place'. This accords with the popular interpretation that 'litter is waste in the wrong place'.

However, local authority cleansing officers and their contractors have developed a common understanding of the term and the definition used for NI 195 (and for the LEQSE) is based on this industry norm.

Litter includes mainly synthetic materials, often associated with smoking, eating and drinking, that are *improperly* discarded and left by members of the public; or are spilt during waste management operations.

Detritus

There is no statutory definition of detritus, however, local authority cleansing officers and their contractors have developed a common understanding of the term and the definition used for the NI 195 (and for the LEQSE) is based on this industry norm.

Detritus comprises dust, mud, soil, grit, gravel, stones, rotted leaf and vegetable residues, and fragments of twigs, glass, plastic and other finely divided materials.

Detritus includes leaf and blossom falls when they have substantially lost their structure and have become mushy or fragmented.

For Council tax and NNDR collection can we provide information to show whether we will achieve the year end target?

For both LPI 9 and LPI 10 a profile target is now included in the performance report to show whether performance is on target each month. This is to help indicate performance for the year. For example if we are achieving the monthly profiled target then the year end target will be achieved.

Are the crime indicators rolling figures?

Yes, LPI 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98 are all rolling 12 month figures and therefore will be the total number of recorded crimes for a 12 month period i.e. April 2008 to April 2009. The data for these indicators is provided by the Compass Unit which supports the Police in analysis and statistics.

The CDRP have set 5% reduction targets for each of the crime indicators which are to be achieved by 2010/2011. To help monitor performance of these indicators monthly profiled targets have been provided in the report to help show whether performance is on track.

Questions raised at Committee on 17th November 2009:

What is the difference between the indicators that have been introduced to monitor climate change?

NI 185 - CO₂ reduction from local authority operations

This indicator was introduced to record all emissions created from Kettering Borough Council operations in order to reduce the amount created year on year.

This is measured by business mileage for both members and staff and all of the fleet vehicles. Along with the levels of electricity and gas used in all council buildings that are delivering a local authority service even if they are contracted out.

The first year of collection was in 2008/2009 and therefore at the end of 2009/2010 total emissions can be compared and the outturn for this indicator will be the percentage change from the previous year.

NI 186 - Per capita reduction in CO₂ emissions in the LA area

This indicator was introduced to measure per head the level of CO_2 emissions created in the local area from the business and public sector, domestic housing and road transport. These statistics are produced centrally by Defra who publish these for each authority.

The first year of reporting was in 2008/2009 and good performance is demonstrated by an increasing year on year percentage reduction in CO_2 emissions per capita. Please note the latest data available for this is per capita emissions in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

Although Kettering Borough Council does not have control over this indicator, the aim is for the council to take actions to help reduce the level of emissions created. Examples include communicating key messages on energy saving, by putting in place green initiatives and working with local people, schools and businesses to help reduce the impact on climate change.

NI 188 – Planning to adapt to climate change

This indicator measures the progress of local authorities in managing climate risks and opportunities and putting in place appropriate actions where required.

This indicator is a process based measure by which assessments are made annually against the level of preparedness on a scale of level 0 (baseline) to level 4.

For each level there is a different set of criteria to meet, for example at level 0 this involves starting to assess potential threats and opportunities and agreed next steps through to level 5 which involves the authority having in place and delivering an adaptation action plan.

Each year Kettering Borough Council are required to submit a self assessment jointly with all other authorities in the County to indicate which level has been achieved.

Questions raised at Committee on 17th November 2009:

When will national comparable data be available for the national indicators collected in 2008/2009?

The Audit Commission have now published a spreadsheet on their website which includes some of the national indicator quartile data for 2008/2009. Where this is available we have included it within the performance information section.

Is there any comparable data available for the local crime performance indicators?

There is no comparable data for these particular indicators, only comparison information is available for crimes per 1,000 residents. These indicators are received from the Compass Unit and are also reported to the CDRP on a regular basis.

Questions raised at Committee on 28th September 2010

Why are lower percentages better for NI 195a-d?

There had been some confusion around NI 195a-d and why lower percentages are better. The indicators highlight the % of land/highways that have levels of litter / detritus / graffiti / flyposting that are unacceptable, meaning that a lower figure represents cleaner streets, which of course is more desirable.

Can in year figures for annual housing completions be included?

In year figures have been included in the Development Services Performance Information taken from the most recent Performance Clinic. This allows members to get a more contemporary position of performance.

Can a year end estimate for the number of affordable homes be included?

Year end estimates for the number of affordable homes expected in the year have also been included.

Can we provide more contemporary comparative data to provide a better idea as to how the benefits service performance compares with others and also find out the impact the current climate is having on claims?

Head of Income and Debt will attend the next meeting in November to provide an update on performance.

Amendments in: Focus on Performance Information (June 2009)

- A profiled target column is now included to help indicate whether performance is on track to achieve the year end targets for a selection of the indicators.
- The results from the Police survey interaction cards available in our Customer Service Centres are now provided as additional information within the performance section. This information highlights what customers feel our priority issues are each month.
- The Equality Standard for Local Government has now been replaced by the Equality Framework for Local Government. LPI 2 used to be monitored by performance levels from 1 to 5 but this is now changed to only 3 levels which are Developing, Achieving and Excellent.

To help with reporting these changes the following key will apply in future performance reports:

Level 2 = Developing Level 3 = Achieving Level 4 = Excellent

Amendments in: Focus on Financial Information (November 2009)

Members asked if the 5% adverse variance rule that colour codes a budget figure 'red' could be removed for income that exceeds budget. The sentiment being that we should see additional income as a positive rather than negative situation.

Officers have considered this proposal but for have continued to apply the variance indicator for the time being. The main reason for this is that although income in excess of budget is positive, the fact that the budget did not predict the right level of income needs to be at least examined to understand whether it was a budget error or unforeseeable event. The 'red' adverse indicator should therefore be viewed as a can opener for further examination, rather than a judgement as to whether something is good or bad.

Amendments in: Focus on Performance Information (February 2010)

NI 186 (per capita reduction in CO_2 emissions in the local area) has been added to the two page summary under the greener environment section.

Amendments in: Value for Money Analysis (April 2010)

Value For Money Analysis added to report for members' information as a 'one off' item.

Amendments in: Focus on Performance Information (April 2010)

NI 179 (Value For Money) has been added to the two page summary under the Enhanced Local Government section.

Amendments in: Focus on Performance Information (June 2010)

All performance data has been changed to reflect the indicators to be collected for 2010/11

Amendments in: Focus on Performance Information (June 2011)

In response to a member query, volume figures have been added to relevant performance indicators to give context to the data e.g. the volume figures for LPI 78a (5146 / 101,972) shows Number of new claims (5146) / Number of days to process new claims (101972).

We would like to hear your views and suggestions. If you have any comments, please complete the response section below, detach it and send it to:

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Alternatively, e-mail: guyholloway@kettering.gov.uk Or leave a message on our website www.kettering.gov.uk

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