

Bolsover District Council
Council Ambition Performance Update – Q1 – April to June 2020

Status key

<i>Target Status</i>	Usage
On Track	The target is progressing well against the intended outcomes and intended date.
Covid Affected	The target has been affected by the Covid 19 Pandemic

Aim: Our Economy – by driving growth, promoting the District and being business and visitor friendly

Council Target	Directorate	Status	Q1 2020/21 Progress Update	Target Date
ECO.01 - Deliver a Business Growth Strategy by March 2021 that will support enterprise, innovation, jobs and skills and makes the best use of our assets.	Development	Covid Affected	Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Economic Development have concentrated on assisting businesses affected by the government directed closures from mid-March 2020 into Quarter 1 2020/21. 19 Business Bolsover Ebulletins were issued to alert businesses and partners to the emerging support and grant aid packages. Economic Development Officers worked with DCC, other Derbyshire LA's, and county wide partners on the County & District Liaison Group to address the issues arising across the county during the pandemic. A BDC Recovery Plan was drafted to pull together the programmes and assistance, and looked at emerging issues, funding options, delivery mechanisms, and timescales. BDC received Local Authority Discretionary Grant funding of £622,750 for businesses who were not eligible for the Business Rates grants. The Economic Development Team participated in the county wide discussions to ensure uniformity in the schemes eligibility criteria and application process, and then promoted, assessed and awarded the Discretionary Grants, with 68 businesses receiving grants. Work has continued to support the application seeking funding for the proposed Technology Centre, and the application for the Construction Skills Partnership, which is progressing through appraisal.	Wed-31-Mar-21
ECO.02 - Optimise business growth (as measured by gross Business Rates) by £2m by March 2023.	Corporate Resources	On track	Business growth (as measured by gross Business Rates) reduced by £101,450 (-0.16%) when compared to the outturn figure for 2019/20 (£65,445,968). This will be the baseline for this council plan period. This target was not measured during 2019/20. When comparing the Q1 2020/21 outturn to the last revaluation (2017) then	Fri-31-Mar-23





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			<p>business growth has increased by £2,999,041 (+4.8%).</p> <p>Breakdown:</p> <p>Out-turn Q1 2020/21 £65,344,518, Baseline (Outturn 2019/20) £65,445,968 = difference - 101,450, -0.16%.</p> <p>Out-turn Q1 2020/21 £65,344,518, Baseline 62,345,477 (2017 Revaluation) = difference +2,999,041, +4.8%.</p>	
ECO.03 - Working with partners to bring forward employment and development opportunities at Coalite and Clowne Garden Village strategic sites by 2023.	Development	Covid Affected	Working with partners has been temporarily suspended due to the strictures imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the need to address urgent issues arising from the economic downturn. Now that partners and businesses are re-opening, work can re-commence in the near future.	Sun-31-Mar-24
ECO.04 - Prepare and adopt new Housing Strategy by January 2021.	Environment	On track	The strategy timetable has been reviewed at Growth Scrutiny Committee and there will be several opportunities for member involvement with the strategy development. The Housing Strategy team will work closely with the Portfolio holder and other stakeholders in the strategy development. The timetable has slipped from January to early February as the team had been redeployed to Community work and Homelessness work as part of the 'Everybody In' call.	Sun-31-Jan-21
ECO.05 - Annually review housing delivery in the district and facilitate delivery to meet the annual target of 272 new homes	Development	On track	Net number of new dwellings completed for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 was 439 dwellings.	Sun-31-Mar-24
ECO.06 - Work with partners to deliver an average of 20 units of affordable homes each year.	Environment	On track	28 units for last year (2019/20). This is an annual figure and not available until after the financial year-end. Also most sites have been closed through the Covid-19 crisis and we have not been notified of any completions during Q1.	Sun-31-Mar-24
ECO.07 - Deliver 150 new homes through the Bolsover Homes Programme by March 2024	Development	On track	Bolsover Homes is procured and funding was agreed at full council on the 22nd July 2020. This will allow pre-construction work and design to take place on new schemes and detailed design and costings on schemes with planning approval with a view to getting these on site in October 2020.	Sun-31-Mar-24
ECO.10 - Working with partners to grow the visitor economy, the number of tourists and the amount of tourism spending in the District by 2023.	Development	Covid affected	As the Visitor Economy (VE) sector was shut down completely at the end of March 2020 due to COVID-19, the Town Centres & Tourism Officer, assisted by EDT Officers, contacted local VE sector businesses to offer support and guidance. Email contact details were collected and added to the Business Bolsover Ebulletin circulation list to ensure that the businesses were informed of the funding and assistance as it was released by central Government. This	Fri-31-Mar-23

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			relationship has been on-going through the pandemic, which enabled a number of the businesses to apply for and receive grants. The Draft Tourism Strategy was completed and circulated to members and partners for input and endorsement. The COVID-19 pandemic then closed all VE sector businesses indefinitely (at that point in time), with huge economic implications, across all sub-sectors. The Draft Strategy will now be revisited as the sector emerges from the pandemic, re-opens to the public over the summer period, and stabilises. There will be long term implications from the pandemic for the sector which will take time to emerge and require further on-going support and assistance.	






Aim: Our Environment – protecting the quality of life for residents and businesses, meeting environmental challenges and enhancing biodiversity

Council Target	Directorate	Status	Q1 2020/21 Progress Update	Target Date
ENV.07 - Prepare and adopt a new Empty Property Strategy by January 2021 to support the Council's vision to bring empty properties back into use.	Environment	On track	The strategy timetable has been reviewed at Growth Scrutiny Committee and there will be several opportunities for member involvement with the strategy development. The Housing Strategy team will work closely with the Portfolio holder and other stakeholders in the strategy development. The timetable has slipped from January to early February as the team had been redeployed to Community work and Homelessness work as part of the 'Everybody In' call.	Sun-31-Jan-21
ENV.08 - Bring 5 empty properties back into use per year through assistance and enforcement measures.	Environment	On track	Action Housing have completed the refurbishment of a long term empty property in Carr Vale. The property has been converted into 2 apartments which has provided 2 units of affordable accommodation, which are now both occupied. Action Housing are continuing with the conversion of an old Co-op building in Whitwell, which will be converted into 5 apartments. Work has been delayed due to Covid19, however it is expected that it will be completed before the end of this year. The Empty Property Officer is continuing to work in partnership with Planning Enforcement and Environmental Health to take enforcement action against 4 problematic empty properties in the District. Progress had been delayed due to Covid19 and officers being deployed to their departments, however work has now recommenced. A working group has been established to explore the option of introducing a Council Tax Premium for long term empty properties. If agreed this would be implemented in April 2021 and would hopefully encourage owners to bring their empty properties back into use. 1 Empty property brought back into use this quarter providing 2 units of affordable accommodation.	Sun-31-Mar-24

Service Indicators

Target Status	Usage
 Positive outturn	The outturn is above target or positive (for some targets a positive outturn requires the result to be below the target set).
 Within target	The outturn is within 10% of the target set.
 Negative outturn	The outturn is below target or negative (for some targets exceeding the target results in a negative outturn).
 Covid Affected	The target has been affected by the Covid 19 Pandemic

Planning

Planning	Q1 Target	Q1 Outturn	Status
PLA 157A Determining "Major" applications within target deadlines (Quarterly)	70%	100%	 On / Above Target
PLA 157B Determining "Minor" applications within target deadlines(Quarterly)	70%	100%	 On / Above Target
PLA 157C Determining "Other" applications within target deadlines(Quarterly)	85%	95.7%	 On / Above Target
PLA204 Quality of decision making - Appeals (special measures target) Number of appeals on "major" applications overturned on appeal as a proportion of "major" applications determined during the relevant two year period (quarterly).	10%	4%	 Below Target (Positive)
PLA204A Quality of decision making - Appeals (special measures target) Number of appeals on "non-major" applications overturned on appeal as a proportion of "non-major" applications determined during the relevant two year period (quarterly).	10%	0%	 Below Target (Positive)