

Report to:	SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Item number	6
Relevant Officer:	Sally Shaw, Head of Corporate Development, Engagement and Communications
Date of Meeting	11 th September 2014

RAISING ASPIRATIONS THEME REPORT 2014 / 2015

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Committee to consider the Raising Aspirations Theme Report for priorities 1, 2 and 9.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the content of the report and highlight any areas for further scrutiny which will be reported back to the Committee at the next meeting.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure constructive and robust scrutiny of the report.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? N/A

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priorities are:

- Tackle child poverty, raise aspirations and improve educational achievement

- Safeguard and protect the most vulnerable
- Deliver quality services through a professional, well-rewarded and motivated workforce

5.0 Background information

5.1 The purpose of this report is to summarise performance against the following Council priorities:

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| Priority 1 | Tackle child poverty, raise aspirations and improve educational achievement |
| Priority 2 | Safeguard and protect the most vulnerable |
| Priority 9 | Deliver quality services through a professional, well-rewarded and motivated workforce |

5.2 Reporting Performance in 2014/15

5.2.1 Performance against each priority will continue to be reported to the Corporate Leadership Team and the Scrutiny Committee once a year but the timetable for reporting has been amended so that reports are grouped together by Council Plan theme. The timetable for 2014/15 will be:

Month	Theme: Raising Aspirations	
Sept 2014	1	Tackle child poverty, raise aspirations and improve educational achievement
	2	Safeguard and protect the most vulnerable
	9	Deliver quality services through a professional, well-rewarded and motivated workforce

Month	Theme: Prosperous Town	
Nov 2014	3	Expand and promote our tourism, arts, heritage and cultural offer
	5	Attract sustainable investment and create quality jobs
	6	Encourage responsible entrepreneurship for the benefit of our communities
	9	Deliver quality services through a professional, well-rewarded and motivated workforce

Month	Theme: Healthy Communities	
Feb 2015	4	Improve health and wellbeing especially for the most disadvantaged
	7	Improve housing standards and the environment we live in by using housing investment to create stable communities
	8	Create safer communities and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour

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Deliver quality services through a professional, well-rewarded and motivated workforce

5.2.2 As Priority 9 focuses on the health of the organisation and its workforce, this priority will be reported on a more frequent basis.

5.3 Witnesses/representatives

5.3.1 The following persons have been invited to attend the meeting to report on this item:

Ruth Henshaw, Corporate Development Officer, Deputy Chief Executive's Department

Priority 1

CLlr Ivan Taylor

Delyth Curtis, Director of Children's Services

Priority 2

CLlr Kath Rowson

Karen Smith, Director of Adult Services

Priority 9

CLlr John Jones

Carmel McKeogh, Deputy Chief Executive

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

List of Appendices:

Appendix 6a: Priority 1 report

Appendix 6b: Priority 2 report

Appendix 6c: Priority 9 report

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 None.