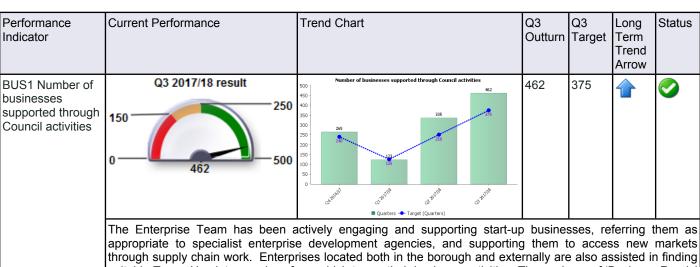
Creating opportunity by supporting aspiration and tackling poverty

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Outcome: A dynamic local economy, with high levels of growth that is shared by residents



suitable Tower Hamlets premises from which to run their business activities. The package of 'Business Ready' projects - Start Up, Retail Marketing, Supply and Growth – are all now in full operation. Through these supporting actions we have exceeded our in-year targets.

The impact of our actions to support businesses by the end of Q3, has resulted in the following deliverables:

- 170 pre start entrepreneurs benefited from training resulting in 54 enterprises being created covering a wide range of commercial activities
- 7 enterprises have been supported in finding suitable accommodation.
- 135 businesses assisted to improve retail and marketing performance
- New sales generated through support projects amount to £1.8m (Supply Ready) and £103,000 (Retail Marketing Ready)

Outcome: Residents into good quality, well-paid jobs

Performance Indicator	Current Performance	Trend Chart	Q3 Outturn		Long Term Trend Arrow	Status
WORK1 Tower Hamlets residents supported into work by the Council's Workpath partnership provision	Q3 2017/18 result 750 1,000 0 610 1,500	1,500	610	1,000	.	

The WorkPath service is focused on supporting economically inactive and long-term unemployed groups of residents (residents furthest from the labour market, potentially with multiple barriers to employment), those that require extensive support over a longer period of time to get them job ready and into employment.

Activities this quarter include:

- In November the Mayor's apprenticeship grant was launched. 101 employers were approached, 97 apprenticeships were created, and 6 apprenticeship starts were achieved. Website development continues, and the service is continuing to attend events (Job fairs, International Women's Day).
- We are developing relationships with SERCO and their delivery partners Renaisi and Catch22 who are delivering the DWP and European Social Fund project Inspiring Families.
- We have appointed a training provider to deliver construction training which began in Q2 and training has already been delivered to 93 TH residents which will further equip them in gaining employment in the industry.
- Pre-employment training funding has been approved to continue previous sector specific and generic training i.e. Teaching Assistant, Mid Meal supervisor training, SIA (security industry) etc. Growth and Economic Development service have secured funding to increase the capacity of ESOL training delivered by the IDEA Stores and also a sector specific ESOL tutor has been recruited.
- Work to refurbish the Watney Market shop front delivery site has been commissioned, opening to the public in 10 weeks.

The 610 job starts recorded so far this year is broken down as follows:

- 442 residents gained job outcomes as a result of interventions by the WorkPath service
- 153 young people gained apprenticeships through the help of the Careers service
- 15 job starts from iTRES (the Council's internal temporary agency)

While the minimum expectation of 1,000 job starts has not been met, our employment successes include:

- 153 young people gained Apprenticeships through the help of our Careers Service. There has been a 61% fall in Apprenticeship starts nationally and it is believed that this is a contributing factor in the Career Service's lower than expected outputs, affecting overall performance on this indicator
- 539 residents gained job outcomes as a result of interventions by the WorkPath service of which 442 satisfy the 16hr, 4 week definition. This is a net increase of 153 (53%) since Q3 16/17.
- Of these, 25.1% of sustainable jobs were 12 months + unemployed/economically inactive at registration compared to 28.4% in Q3 2016/17
- Rerecorded Jobs achieving a salary of £20,000 + has increased 61% since Q3 16/17
- 52 reported jobs were for residents who had been underemployed (working part-time i.e. less than 16 hours a week); they were supported in gaining new or additional employment. 25 of the 52 had been working less than 8 hours a week and are now averaging 32.6 hours per week.
- 25 reported job outcomes were for residents 50+

Performance Indicator	Current Performance	Trend Chart	Q3 Outturn		Long Term Trend Arrow	Status
WORK2 Overall employment rate - gap between the Borough employment rate and London average rate (working age)	Q3 2017/18 result 2.5 2.15 0 11.6	Overall employment rate - gap between the Borough employment rate and London average rate (working age) 17.5 15 10 8.5 9.6 4.4 2.5 Quarters — Target (Quarters)	11.6	2	•	

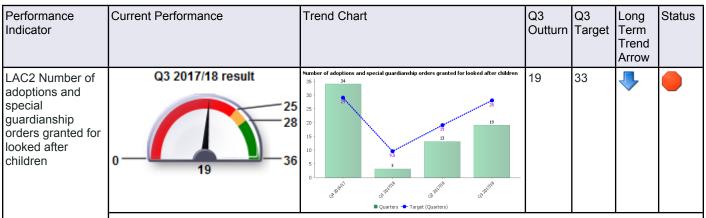
The proportion of Tower Hamlets residents who are in employment is lower than the London average, and the Councils objective is to reduce this employment gap.

We support this aspiration through the actions we take to create a dynamic local economy, with high levels of growth that are shared by residents, and through the WorkPath, getting residents into good quality, well-paid jobs. The actions we have taken to support our objective to close the employment gap are outlined above.

The Tower Hamlets employment rate is 62.1% whilst the London average rate is 73.7% (Oct 16 – Sept 17). The gap has widened to 11.6ppts. The total numbers in employment for TH is 141,300, which is a net decrease of 4,400 since last quarters reporting. The working age population for TH has increased 0.26% since last quarters reporting whilst London has seen a 0.3% increase. These results are published by NOMIS and are survey based estimates with large confidence intervals and the sample size and the response rate of residents in Tower Hamlets has reduced.

Estimates like these do not offer the level of accuracy ideally required for quarterly monitoring. What remains unclear from the NOMIS data alone is whether the survey is picking up some sort of slowdown in employment or not (though if it is it is very unlikely to be 9 11.6 percentage points). It is too early to tell with the data available. Going forward, we get new DWP benefits data (for Aug 2017) in late February – this will give us a better indication of trends in numbers claiming out-of-work benefits through to Autumn 2017.

Outcome: Children get the best start in life



Nineteen looked after children were adopted or under a special guardianship order to date for this year, missing the minimum expectation of 33. The number of adoption orders granted up to Q3 was lower than expected, due to court delays primarily relating to contested applications by birth parents. In addition, some of the complexities relating to some of the children placed with prospective adopters have resulted in delays in submitted adoption applications. Outturn for end of January 2018 has risen to 23.

Performance Indicator	Current Performance	Trend Chart	Q3 Outturn		Long Term Trend Arrow	Status
LAC1 Average time between a child entering care and moving in with adoptive family (Time to adoption)	Q3 2017/18 result 610 630 700	Average time between a child entering care and moving in with adoptive family (Time to adoption) 650 600 450 400 350 300 Quarters • Target (Quarters)	574.3	610	•	>

This KPI is on target to be achieved. The impact of our work in this area is that more children benefit from stable placements sooner and are matched and placed with prospective adopters who can meet most, if not all, of their assessed needs.

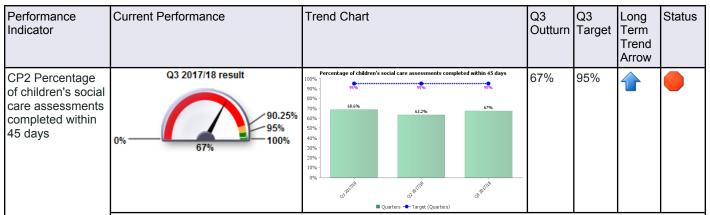
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LAC3 Percentage of looked after children in the same placement for two years or more		9196 80% 70% 70%	67.2%	71.6%		

Whilst performance has improved compared to last quarter there has been more placement moves for children in care long term, compared to this time last year. Short term placement stability where children have had 3 or more moves within a year is targeted for improvement to bring the council performance (13.5% in December) in line with or exceeding England and statistical neighbour averages. To support this, changes were made in September to strengthen the process for approving placement moves so that avoidable moves can be prevented. The independent placement overview panel is now in place and work will continue to maintain and improve current long term placement stability. This impact of this work is that more children feel safe and secure with their adoptive parents with whom they are placed. Performance outturn for January 2018 has risen to 69.4%.

Performance Indicator	Current Performance	Trend Chart	Q3 Outturn		Long Term Trend Arrow	Status
CP1 Percentage of children's social care contacts completed within 24 hours	Q3 2017/18 result 90% 95% 100%	100% Percentage of children's social care contacts completed within 24 hours 90% 95	50.8%	95%	•	

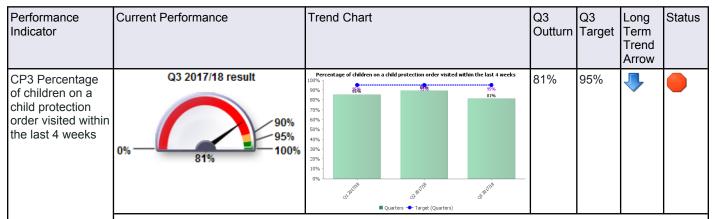
In December we expected to see a reduction of contacts completed due to the holiday period. Performance has been consistently around the 60% figure since August with the exception of October which can be discounted on the basis that the IT outage prevented works being completed. It is encouraging that this has risen significantly in December to 74%. This is a positive trajectory that reflects our work to ensure referral responses are timely. We are due to completely review business processes so that we understand the reasons for improvement and what further work needs to be done to effect further improvement. Performance





89.2% of assessments in the month of December were completed within 45 days. This is the highest level of performance since the initial data cleansing exercise was undertaken in April 2017. Although we are closing on the target of 90%, we are now aware that current performance figures and YTD figures have been artificially lowered as a result of IT processing issues.

However as predicted we are now achieving performance above the national and statistical neighbours (83.4% and 78.2% respectively). It is also noted in the audit that the quality is also improving; this now needs to become more consistent. The impact of this work is that more of children who are referred to the local authority have timely assessments of unmet need, so appropriate follow up actions can be progressed. Performance outturn for end of January 2018 has risen to 89.3%.



The percentage of children on a child protection order visited within the last four weeks was 81% in December 2017; this was due to technical problems in December the prevented timely recording of visits, this has now been addressed and performance in January increased to 93.4% visits being on time. Child protection visiting frequency has improved in a number of teams with the best achieving 90% or more on time. The overall data is improving with a few teams requiring improvement in specific teams, most of which are recording delays. Managers are working to ensure that Tower Hamlets is fully compliance with the regulation governing statutory visits. Practice is on an improving trajectory to meet legal requirements. The impact of the ongoing work to raise compliance among all teams is that child protection plans are regularly monitored; ensuring children and young people are kept safe. Performance outturn for end of January 2018 has risen to 93%.

Performance Indicator	Current Performance	Trend Chart	Q3 Outturn		Long Term Trend Arrow	Status
CP4 Percentage of child protection reviews completed in time	Q3 2017/18 result 95% 98% 100%	Percentage of child protection reviews completed in time	91.5%	98%	•	

Chairs are identifying issues and recording their oversight of cases. The CP Chairs are also recording follow up action on case notes but this has to be more consistent. Conferences are currently running at 91.5% within timescales which ensures that plans are being reviewed by Chairs to evaluate their effectiveness.

Increasing the timeliness of child protection reviews ensures the safety, health and development of children is reviewed against planned objectives and outcomes set out in the Child Protection Plan, ensuring children continue to be safeguarded from harm and considering whether the Child Protection Plan should continue in place or should be changed. Performance outturn for end of January 2018 has risen to 92.7%.

Performance Indicator	Current Performance	Trend Chart	Q3 Outturn		Long Term Trend Arrow	Status
EDU007 Attainment 8			47.2	54	?	
	Final outturn for academic year 201	6/17.				
	Changes to the grading system for English & mathematics GCSE have seen a fall in Attainment 8 outcomes the national level and in London. Average Attainment 8 scores fell in every local authority area in England					

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The decline in LBTH was 3 points compared with a 3.7 point decline in average Attainment 8 scores seen

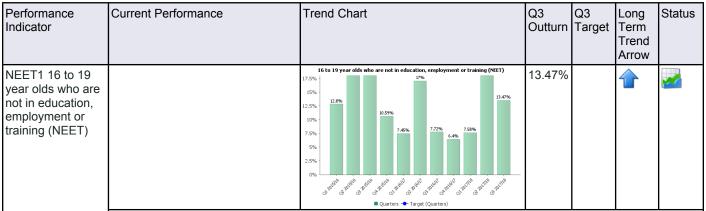
Performance Indicator	Current Performance	Trend Chart	Q3 Outturn		Long Term Trend Arrow	Status
EDU002 Key Stage 4 (GCSE) Progress 8 Achievement: (attainment gap for White British children compared to non-White British children)	2017/18 result -0.3 -0.6 -2 -1.16	Key Stage 4 (GCSE) Progress 8 Achievement: (attainment gap for White British children compared to non-White British children) 1.75 1.75 1.51 1.25 1.55 1.55 1.55 1.55 1.55 1.5	-1.16	-0.6	?	

Final Data - The gap in progress 8 has increased by 0.26 points as a result of both white British students having lower progress scores than last year (-0.67 to -0.80 points) and 'all other' students making greater progress than last year (+0.24 to +0.36 points). The attached confidence intervals (+/- 0.17 for White British pupils & +/-0.05 for non-White British pupils) indicate that this difference is statistically significant.

Several interventions to target this group have been made in the 2016/17 academic year, however; interventions have a long lead time before any effects on the gap measure are seen. For example the 'White British Aspirations Programme' was targeted at pupils in year groups 7 & 8 and these pupils will not reach Key Stage 4 for another 3 years.

2016/17 interventions included:

- School Ready project run with the Attendance and Welfare Service and the Parental Engagement Team. The average attendance of the White British pupils involved in the project was over 7ppts.
- The Jamie Oliver cooking programme This programme targeted hard to reach families of secondary pupils who had not previously engaged with their child's education or school.
- Schools fostering positive aspirations Tower Hamlets Education Business Partnership, and the council's Learning & Achievement Service successfully delivered a 'White British Aspirations Programme' with Langdon and George Green
- Secondary schools with pupils from Years 7 and 8 to foster aspirational attitudes and knowledge of future educational, vocational and careers pathways. It is hoped that this ongoing preventative work will narrow the educational attainment gap.

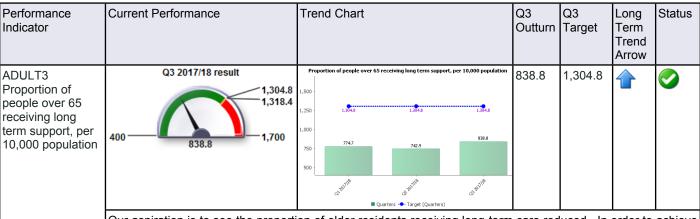


As schools and colleges confirm who has places in Post 16 Education the number recorded as NEET and unknown reduces. There is intensive work over the period from October to February to identify young people who are NEET or unknown and support them to move into further education, training or work reducing the NEET and unknown figures further over this period.

There were 209 Tower Hamlets residents in Year 11 in Tower Hamlets Schools identified 'at risk of NEET' using RONI criteria attached as at 1st May 2017. By February 1st February 2018 through Careers Guidance, mentoring and placing support 196 (94%) had moved forward into Education Employment or Training of whom 193 meet the Raising the Participation Age requirement (the other 3 are in employment with non-accredited training).

The November figure of 13.47% is below that of the same point in previous years (Nov 2016 was 19.34% and Nov 15 was 37.15%). We are below the London average for Nov16 of 10.2%, however, NEETs figures have significant seasonal fluctuations and performance is improving.

Outcome: People are healthy and independent for longer



Our aspiration is to see the proportion of older residents receiving long-term care reduced. In order to achieve this we are undertaking a number of activities which are helping us to deliver a personalised approach to support residents social care needs including:

- The creation of an adult social care principles and vision document that will enhance practitioners understanding of personalisation such as the use of direct payments.
- Through the 'smarter care' pilot we have delivered training to mainstream the single handed care

approach through the use of assistive technology; and

 Developing an approach to integrating equipment, adaptation, Telecare & assistive technology into a single approach.

Between Apr-Dec, we have provided long term support to 2,695 residents: 1392 received home care, 374 received day services, 507 received direct payments/ part direct payments, and 583 received nursing or residential care.

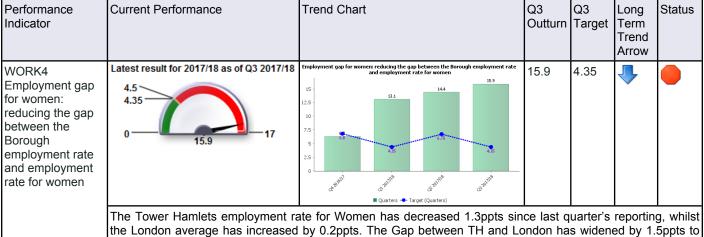
As part of our ongoing improvement agenda we have undertaken a data quality exercise which found variances in historical outturns and we are pleased to report that our performance is above target. The improvements we are implementing are helping us to increase in efficiency and provide better support and care for service users.

Outcome: Gaps in inequality have reduced and diversity is embraced

During 2014-16, less than half of the borough's BME women were in work and rates were lowest for Bangladeshi and Somali women (based on Census). Once in employment Bangladeshi workers are less likely than White workers to be employed in professional and managerial jobs and they are far more likely to work part time. Our aspiration is to reduce the gap in employment rates for women and for BME residents and the overall borough rate. The Council's contribution to reducing this gap is through our WorkPath partnership service (see above).

Through the WorkPath, the following outcomes have been achieved this quarter:

- Secured funding to extend the Women in Health programme, next steps we are currently awaiting to finalise staff resources, training packages are being developed and placement opportunities secured.
- Appointed ELBA to deliver a Somali Graduate programme, to engage residents / employers and deliver 38 job outcomes over two years
- Working with key Council services and external partners to identify those residents who would benefit most from support, maximising engagement of women, disabled and BAME residents
- 216 of the 244 (88.5%) job starts were for BME females, 40.0% of the overall job starts (539), 200 of the 244 jobs satisfied the 16hr. 4 week definition
- 642 of the 1292 (49.7%) residents engaging with the WorkPath service for the first time Q1-Q3 were female, 577 of the 642 (89.9%) were BME female which equates to 44.7% of all resident engagement



The Tower Hamlets employment rate for Women has decreased 1.3ppts since last quarter's reporting, whilst the London average has increased by 0.2ppts. The Gap between TH and London has widened by 1.5ppts to 15.9ppts compared to last quarter. The TH employment rate female is 51.3% whilst the London average rate is 67.2%. The total numbers of female residents in employment for TH is 55,200, which is a net decrease of 1,500 since last quarters reporting. The working age population female for TH has decreased 0.18% since last quarters reporting whilst the London average rate has only seen a 0.009% increase. These results are survey based estimates with large confidence intervals (see above).

Performance Indicator	Current Performance	Trend Chart	Q3 Outturn	3	Long Term Trend Arrow	Status
WORK5 Employment gap for BME residents: reducing the gap between the Borough employment rate and employment rate for BME residents	Latest result for 2017/18 as of Q3 2017/18 6 5.85 0 15.7	Employment gap for BME residents: reducing the gap between the Borough employment rate and employment rate for BME residents 15- 10- 7.5 5.8 4.4.1 2.8.4.4.4.2 3.9.3 4.5.5.6 10- 10- 10- 10- 10- 10- 10- 10- 10- 10-	15.7	5.85	•	

The employment gap between TH and London has widened by 1.7ppts since last quarter to 15.7ppts. The TH employment rate BME is 50.4% whilst the London average rate is 66.1%. The total numbers in employment for TH is 60,500, which is a net increase of 300 since last quarters reporting. The working age population BME for TH has increased by 7,900 (6.36%) since last quarters reporting whilst the London average rate has seen a 0.93% increase (22,400). TH net increase contributes 35% of the London figure. These results are survey based estimates with large confidence intervals (see above).

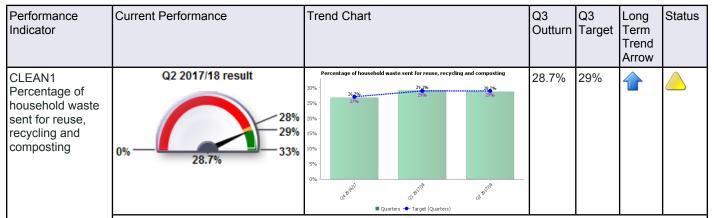
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Outcome: An improved local environment



Waste and recycling is a key service for local authorities. Sending potentially recyclable material to landfill and other waste facilities is both expensive and damaging to the environment. We want to increase recycling rates in order to help reduce our waste collection costs as this should help save the Council money which can in turn help to limit the impact of public sector funding cuts.

The recycling rate in Q2 was 28.7%, the target of 29% has been missed however performance is 0.4% higher than previous year in the same period of time. It has been observed that in Q2 there were less materials sent to the dirty Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and therefore less residual recycling tonnage could be recovered from the general waste stream, this is due to operational issues at our MRF in that period of time. We are optimistic that all the above activities will bring positive results and will help to increase our recycling rate

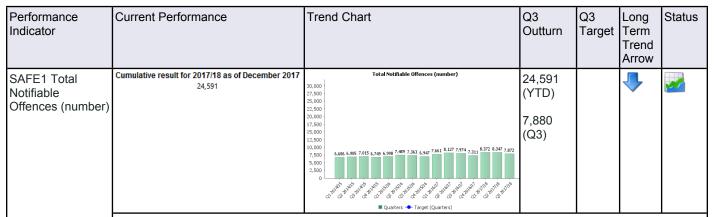
The activities we have implemented this quarter are:

- The "Love Your Neighbourhood" initiative, which is aimed at raising awareness and encouraging everyone in the community to play their part in keeping the borough clean and increase the amount of waste that is recycled.
- Two "Big Clean-Up" events have been organised where residents can get involved: The main purpose of
 this event is to show residents the importance of keeping the borough clean of waste and minimise waste
 as much as possible. A further event is scheduled for March.
- Making recycling sacks available in Idea Stores and libraries 7 days a week, helping to make recycling easier for residents.
- Establishing a waste stream contamination working group with a key purpose to identify how and where

contamination of waste put forward for recycling is occurring. Actions can then be targeted to raise awareness within the community to improve the quality of waste that is sent to, and accepted for recycling, thereby further improving volumes recycled.

Outcome: People feel safe and places have less crime and anti-social behaviour

Whilst the responsibility to tackle and reduce crime lies with the Metropolitan Police Service, the Council works in partnership with statutory partners to reduce the impacts of crime and disorder on the borough council also funds additional police officers to support neighbourhood policing and tackle the priority crimes and issues that matter most to residents, private enforcement action taken.



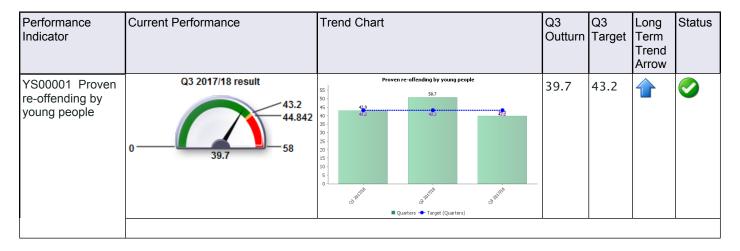
Total Notifiable Offences (TNO): are all offences under United Kingdom law where the police must inform the Home Office by completing a crime report form for statistical purposes. There are strict rules regarding the recording of crime which is outlined in the Home office counting rules for recorded crime. TNO is used as a general marker for total crime in the borough.

When comparing with neighbouring boroughs and the Met Police Total, in this quarter compared to the previous, there has been a general decrease in crime, with Tower Hamlets the second highest reduction out of the 7. Tower Hamlets and neighbouring borough performance compared to Q2.

Islington 7,803 (down 673 or 7.9%)	Lewisham 6,188 (down 170 or 2.7%)
Tower Hamlets 7,880 (down 476 or 5.7%)	Southwark 8,756 (down 177 or 1.9%)
Hackney 7,574 (down 402 or 5.0%)	Newham 9,062 (up 255 or 2.9%)
Greenwich 6,305 (down 172 or 2.7%)	

Council work that supports the crime reduction agenda this quarter include the following deliverables:

- Using our Integrated Offender Management system to refer 123 nominals to support services such as substance misuse support and employment interventions.
- Launch of Operation Continuum with police to target drug hotspots, resulting in 19 arrests for drug trafficking/possession, 12 addresses. Searched, 84 ASB warnings issued and 5 weapons sweeps completed.
- Council funded Partnership Taskforce (6 police officers) have stopped 768 individuals in hotspot areas leading to 118 searches and 48 arrests,
- Drafted new contract with the Met for additional PTF officers, including robust performance measures focussed on outcomes. Following sign-off of the S92 it will take 8-10 weeks to receive the first tranche of officers.
- Resources tasked to 14 locations via the Operations Group Meetings, responding to issues of youth ASB, moped ASB, drug dealing/use, prostitution and dog nuisance.
- 1 Criminal Behaviour Order and 1 civil injunction issued to tackle ASB via engagement in drug & alcohol treatment. THEOs working with police to encourage further utilisation of these tools for drug/alcohol related crime/ASB.
- 18 Community Safety Ward Walkabouts completed with 102 separate locations visited. 44 out of 84 locations where action was taken have reported a significant reduction in 101 calls regarding ASB/drugs in the 3 months following the visit.
- ASB reports to Police in Q3 17/18 (3368) down 768 (-18.9%) compared to Q3 16/17 (4154).



Outcome: Better quality homes for all

The borough's population has more than doubled over the past 30 years, making Tower Hamlets the fastest growing local authority in the UK. Growth has been faster in the last ten years than in the decades before and the pace of growth is expected to continue with the population expected to reach 391,200 by 2027. In 2017 there were 18,726 households on the housing waiting list, the second highest among London boroughs and eighth highest nationally. Bangladeshi households are disproportionately affected by homelessness as are residents in younger age groups.

This is why we work in partnership with housing developers and Registered Providers to increase the availability of good quality housing, including family sized homes.



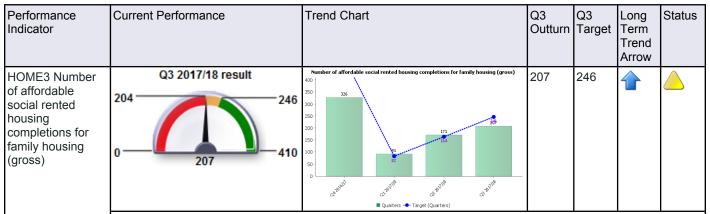
The delivery of 80 affordable units this quarter means that we are well under our in-year target of 825 affordable homes and we are now forecasting a year-end outturn of 838 because a number of schemes that we had hoped would be complete in 2017/18 are not going to achieve this date. The council has no control over the achievement of this target, as completions are managed by independent developers and the purchasing RP's. There are no actions that the council team can take to influence these construction programme issues or to influence the actual date of handovers, which rely on the progress of final building works and often on unpredictable timing of connections to utilities. Delivery of completed units also depends on action taken several years earlier, and the council is not able to influence the number of developments that either submit satisfactory planning permissions, or then start on site.

However, average annual completion figures over a three year period shows a steady increase. Tower Hamlets has a strong track record of housing delivery and continues to provide among the highest numbers of affordable homes in the country. Cabinet has also agreed alternative housing delivery vehicles to maximise the numbers of affordable homes delivered. In addition, delivery of affordable homes will also be progressed with Registered Providers (RPs) through the Right To Buy (RTB) Receipts programme and through a number of regeneration programmes which includes the Poplar Riverside Housing Zone.

Deliverables this quarter:

- 518 affordable homes delivered, 207 of which were family sized rented units
- Contractor carrying out pre development works at Jubilee Street 24 Homes, Baroness Road 20 Homes, and Locksley Estate 33-50 Home (site A)

- Completed consultations on empty properties grant scheme, Cabinet report being prepared
- 16 homes for rent, funded by our Right to Buy receipts programme and a further 37 expected by year-end.
 The Council has re-launched the scheme and is encouraging RPs to apply for grants under Continuous Market Engagement.



Around 37% of households on the housing waiting list are living in over-crowded accommodation and 54% are in priority categories 1 and 2. Analysis indicates that 70% of households on the waiting list are from an ethnic minority, the majority of which are living in overcrowded conditions. There is a clear need for more affordable family sized housing and our policy target is that 45% of affordable homes delivered should be family sized.

36 family sized units were achieved this quarter bringing the total so far this year to 207. The low number of affordable homes delivered has subsequently affected the delivery of family rented units. However, 69 of the 80 affordable homes delivered this quarter were rented units, all of which have been let to people on the common housing register or to those eligible for intermediate housing.

These families are undoubtedly better off, as are the additional families who are able to move into better accommodation freed up by transferring tenants. The provision of these family sized units is likely to achieve a greater benefit for the families who move in than the production of smaller units, as their housing needs very often include overcrowding, which has impacts on health and the educational prospect of children.

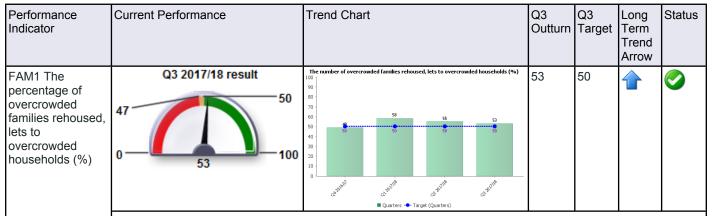
The affordable housing team continues to do a lot of successful work to influence the figures for delivery in future years, by our work on current planning applications to try to ensure that they meet our standards in terms of quality and mix of tenures. Registered Providers (RPs) and developers continue to cooperate in using the borough's recommended levels of Affordable Rents. These rent levels will be phased out for future schemes and replaced with London Affordable Rents and Tower Hamlets Living Rents, which were agreed by Cabinet in May 17. The next grant programme for RPs is currently being negotiated with partners and the GLA. Residents moving into RP properties in the 2016/20 programme will benefit from lower rent where RPs complies with the guidance. The first scheme to come forward on these new rents was the Council's own Watts Grove development which was let to families mainly on the Council's Common Housing Register in Q2. 7 units were 'top sliced' for the Pan London Housing Moves Scheme due to it being grant funded by the GLA. The 142 remaining units were let to families on the Council's Common Housing Register in Q2, thereby rehousing families often living in overcrowded unsuitable homes, into more suitable accommodation. The new Tower Hamlets Living Rent (THLR) will be more affordable to people on median incomes.

Performance Indicator	Current Performance		Q3 Outturn	Target	Long Term Trend Arrow	Status
HOME2 Number of affordable units provided as wheelchair accessible or adaptable (10% of affordable homes delivered)	Q3 2017/18 result 52 46.8 0 98	Number of affordable units provided as wheelchair accessible or adaptable (10% of affordable homes delivered) 125 100 75 50 60 Capatill Quarters Target (Quarters)	98	52	•	©

Project 120 was initiated to tackle problems in the development of suitable wheelchair properties and the Council and its RP partners are actively working with developers to ensure that future wheelchair units are more suitable to meet the needs of those on the Project 120 list. Officers are also trying to address this situation by exploring the possibility of taking 'commuted sums' from developers on sites which are demonstrably unable to deliver suitable wheelchair units. This is to be addressed as a new policy in the Local Plan (Reg 19 version) subject to independent examination under the authority of the Secretary of State.

In Q3 19% of affordable homes were wheelchair accessible or adaptable; our target is for 10% was exceeded. Due to errors in the report for Quarter 2, an adjustment has been made to take the actual completions of 15 up to 18. This error highlights the difficulty of getting accurate information from RP's about completions in good time to complete quarterly figures.

The new occupants of those homes are much better off living in homes designed and built to the best modern wheelchair accessible standards.



53.43% of the total lets were to overcrowded households (709 overcrowded families rehoused).

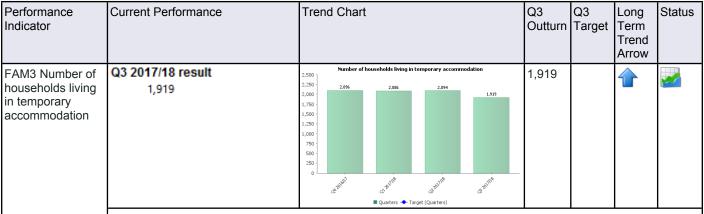
Whilst the target for Q3 has been exceeded, it is however worth noting that the Council has little influence over applicants' bidding strategy because of choice based lettings – which allows applicants to choose what they consider suitable for them. The Common Housing Register partners facilitate Open Day events for residents, and officers to continue to encourage applicants to exercise different housing options and be more flexible in their bidding.

In addition to the health and educational benefits of reducing overcrowding in homes, the high number of lets to overcrowded applicants also has a positive impact on preventing homelessness because many applicants that do approach the council as homeless are often from accommodation that is overcrowded.

The Council is committed to tackling homelessness, including through improved prevention and a reduction in families in temporary accommodation. We are therefore committed to doing what we can to legally comply with legislation by ensuring that there are no families in B&B accommodation for more than 6 weeks.

Performance Indicator	Current Performance	Trend Chart	Q3 Outturn	Target	Long Term Trend Arrow	Status
FAM2 Number of homeless families in B&B >6 weeks	Q3 2017/18 result	Number of homeless families in B&B >6 weeks	0	0		

There have been no families in B&B for longer than 6 weeks since September 2016 so the Council has achieved legal compliance on this indicator for 15 months in succession. This has benefited homeless families with dependent children and pregnant women. The Council has held its position of being the most improved borough in London on the use of B&B, such that it has been highlighted in a LGA report for good practice. We have very few families with dependent children being placed into B&B and where this is unavoidable the families are moved to self-contained accommodation very quickly. Unfortunately, this success has only been possible by obtaining properties over a wider geographical area, but the Council is actively working to increase its stock of temporary accommodation within the borough. Overall, the number of households in temporary accommodation is reducing and the number of homeless applications has also seen a reduction. Sustaining legal compliance in the use of B&B accommodation means that children in homeless families are better off because they are moving much more quickly into self-contained accommodation, spending less time in bed & breakfast hotels.



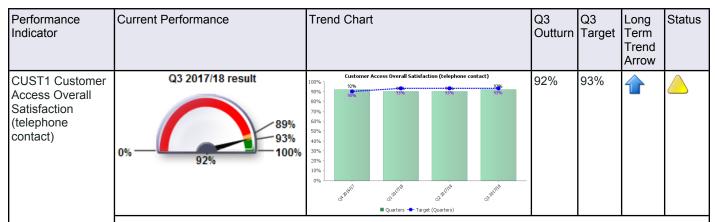
Homeless households benefit from moving out of temporary and into settled accommodation. There were a total of 2185 households in temporary accommodation, a reduction from 2210 at 31/3/17; of these 1919 were owed the full homeless duty, a reduction from 2096 at 31/3/17. This means the Council has achieved a small reduction in the number of households in temporary accommodation since March 2017; meaning fewer households living in TA. Homeless households benefit from moving out of temporary and into settled accommodation. 53% (1163) of those living in temporary accommodation were housed outside of Tower Hamlets. In order to meet demands, deliver statutory duties and achieve legal compliance in the use of B&B accommodation, the Council has had to obtain properties over a wider geographical area to house homeless families. This is against a backdrop of an increasingly short supply of affordable properties available locally, for use as Temporary Accommodation. The Council however is actively working to increase its stock of temporary accommodation within the borough.

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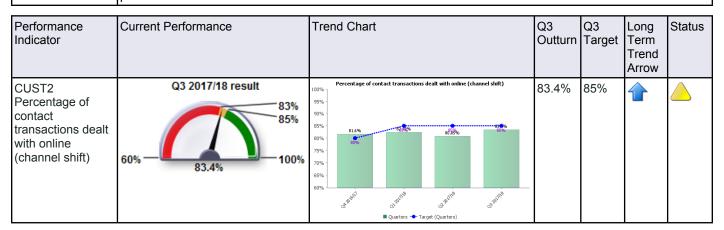


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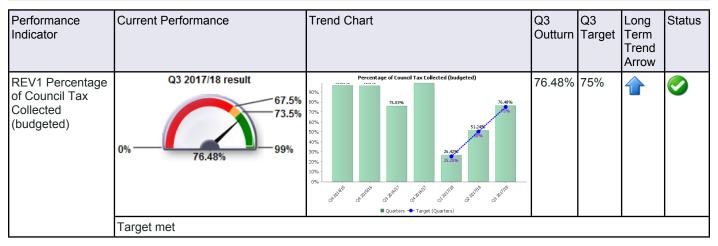


Customer satisfaction (telephone contact) remains high. The introduction of improved telephony and associated staff training is expected to maintain high levels of satisfaction.

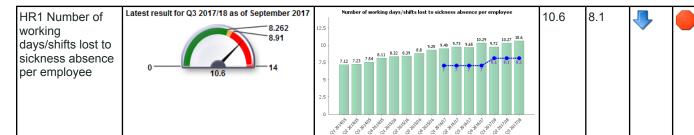
The wider Customer Access Programme, will see the consolidation of telephone contact numbers and insure customers across all parts of the business experience a high level customer service when contacting us by phone.



We have been witnessing a progressive growth of contact transaction dealt with online this year. As part of our Customer Access programme we will be reviewing our entire online offer to make it more user friendly and encourage greater levels of online self service, which should enable us to meet the targets. During the rewriting process of our online services, workshops with target groups will be carried out to market test our digital products.



Performance Indicator	Current Performance	Trend Chart	Q3 Outturn	Ŭ	Long Term Trend Arrow	Status
REV2 Percentage of Non-Domestic Rates Collected (budgeted)	Q3 2017/18 result 75% 75% 100%	Percentage of Non-Domestic Rates Collected (budgeted) 90% 87.12% 89.47% 85.27% 85.27% 85.57% 56.88% 58.42% 57.33% 56.88% 58.42% 58.42% 58.40% 29.82% 29.82% 29.82% 20.83% 20.85%	86.57%	75%	•	
	Target met					



Our One HR Plan includes a number of actions to improve staff wellbeing and reduce levels of sickness absence. We have carried out a Staff Wellbeing survey to inform our new Staff Wellbeing Plan. In the autumn, we launched our "Employee Assistance Programme" to provide a range of advice services designed to support mental wellbeing. In addition we have started to review our Occupational Health service to ensure it meets the needs of staff and the organisation. Alongside this, we have started to review the sickness absence management procedure and will be providing training to managers and staff on the procedure once it has been finalised. We are changing the way we are reporting sickness absence levels to focus on outcomes instead of compliance with procedures.