Growth, Economic Development and Communities Performance Dashboard

Financial Year 2023/24

Results up to end of December 2023

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Guidance Notes

RAG RATINGS

Results in this report show either quarterly data or Year to Date (YTD) values.

GREEN	Target has been achieved			
AMBER	Floor Standard* achieved but Target has not been met			
RED	Floor Standard* has not been achieved			

^{*}Floor Standards are the minimum performance expected and if not achieved must result in management action

Activity Indicators

Activity Indicators representing demand levels are also included in the report. They are not given a RAG rating; instead, they are compared with previous year or tracked within an expected range represented by Upper and Lower Thresholds. The Alert provided for Activity Indicators is whether they are in expected range or not. Results can either be in expected range (**In Line**) or they could be **Above** or **Below**.

Key Performance Indicators Summary

Economy	RAG
ED05: Number of homes brought back to market through No Use Empty	GREEN
ED10: Businesses assisted via Kent and Medway Growth Hub contract	GREEN
ED11: Businesses assisted through intensive support provided via the Growth Hub contract	GREEN

Libraries, Registrations and Archives (LRA)	RAG
LRA06: Customer satisfaction with Registration Services	GREEN
LRA15: Total number of customers attending events in Libraries and Archives	GREEN
LRA12: Customer satisfaction with libraries	GREEN
LRA13: Customer satisfaction with archives	GREEN

Strategic Development and Place	RAG
ED08: Developer contributions secured against total contributions sought	AMBER
DT14: Percentage of Public Rights of Way (PRoW) faults reported online	AMBER

Strategic Development and Place (continued)	RAG
EPE16: Median number of days to resolve priority faults on public rights of way network (rolling 12-month figure)	GREEN
CST01: Percentage of local actions from completed Domestic Homicide Reviews implemented by target date.	GREEN
CST02: % of Lessons Learnt Domestic Homicide Review attendees rating the event as very good or excellent	AMBER
CST03: Percentage of service users who report feeling safer due to warden support	GREEN
COR01: Percentage of cases progressed for initial coronial decision within 2 working days of notification of a death	AMBER
KCP01: Kent Country Parks aggregate average star ratings from Google, Trip Advisor and Facebook	GREEN
KSS01: Number of work experience hours of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM)	GREEN
PAG01: Percentage of planning applications determined to meet DLUHC performance standards	GREEN
PP01: Percentage of the most vulnerable victims of scams recorded on the National Scams Hub supported by Public Protection	GREEN
PP02: Percentage of trader applications to Public Protection's 'Trading Standards Checked' scheme processed within 10 working days	GREEN
AKM01: % of schools with highest numbers of children eligible for free school meals engaging with the Kent School Games	AMBER
AKM02: Number of people attending and engaging with training and learning opportunities facilitated by Active Kent & Medway	GREEN
TS04: Percentage of businesses rating Trading Standards advice (Primary Authority and Pay as You Go) as Very Good or Excellent	GREEN

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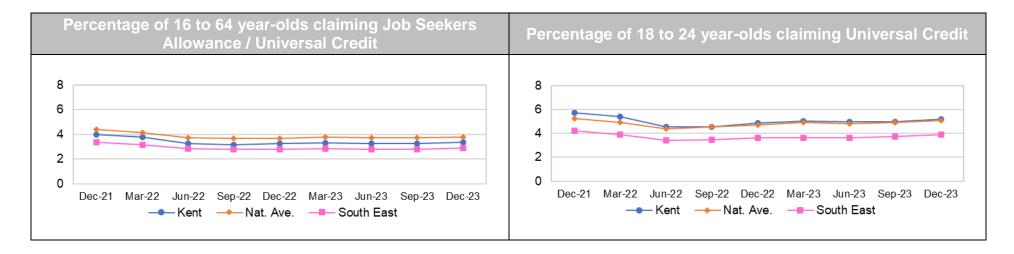
Ref	Performance Indicators	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23	Sep-23	Dec-23	RAG	Target	Floor
		(Q3)	(Q4)	(Q1)	(Q2)	(Q3)			
ED05	Number of homes brought back to market through No Use Empty (rolling 12 months)	420	418	388	395	509	GREEN	400	350
ED10	Businesses assisted via Kent and Medway Growth Hub contract (Year to Date)	1,326	1,722	261	552*	783	GREEN	512	461
ED11	Businesses assisted through intensive support provided via the Growth Hub contract (Year to Date)	86	140	30	65*	104	GREEN	51	45

^{*} These figures differ from those previous reported for Quarter 2, following the discovery of a calculation error for that Quarter.

Appendix 1

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Context indicators



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Quarterly KPIs

Ref	Performance Indicators	Dec-22 (Q3)	Mar-23 (Q4)	Jun-23 (Q1)	Sep-23 (Q2)	Dec-23 (Q3)	RAG	Target	Floor
LRA06	Customer satisfaction with Registration Services	94%	95%	95%	94%	99%	GREEN	95%	90%
LRA15	Total number of customers attending events in Libraries and Archives	31,622	44,272	41,969	53,015	42,341	GREEN	37,000	33,400

Dec-23 (Q3): LRA06 – 87 customers were surveyed, 86 were satisfied.

The numbers surveyed for Quarter 3 are lower than usual because this only includes responses for Citizenship ceremonies. There have been issues with the new registration booking system, which meant customer email addresses for sending out the birth, death and ceremony surveys were not available this Quarter. However, because Citizenship customer email addresses are received manually, it was possible to send out surveys to these customers.

Annual KPIs

Ref	Performance Indicators	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	RAG	Target 2023/24	Floor 2023/24
LRA12	Customer satisfaction with libraries	94%	83%	94%	94%	TBC	GREEN	90%	85%
LRA13	Customer satisfaction with archives	96%	No Survey	97%	98%	100%	GREEN	95%	90%

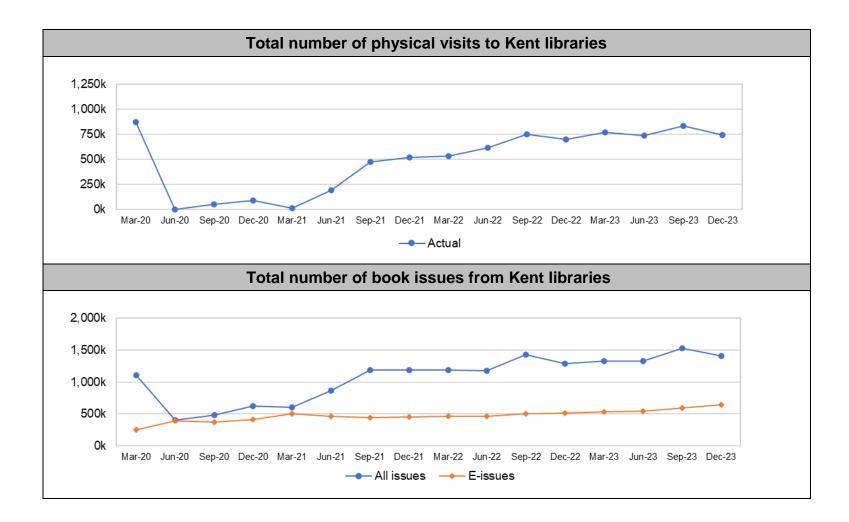
2022/23: LRA12 – 5,974 customers surveyed, 5,642 satisfied; 2023/24: LRA13 – 81 surveyed, 81 satisfied.

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Ref	Activity Indicators (Quarterly totals)	Dec-22 (Q3)	Mar-23 (Q4)	Jun-23 (Q1)	Sep-23 (Q2)	Dec-23 (Q3)	Value vs Expected	Expe Acti Upper	vity Lower
LRA01	Number of visits to libraries (including mobiles) (000s)	696	771	736	831	740	In line	745	674
LRA02	Total number of books issued (includes audioand e-books) (000s)	1,293	1,331	1,324	1,532	1,407	Higher	1,402	1,268
LRA25	Number of archive enquiries answered	1,859	2,479	1,915	2,398	2,198	Higher	1,980	1,790

LRA02 - Physical issues have decreased slightly by 2% on Quarter 3 last year, but e-issues continue to increase significantly, with a 25% increase over the same period, resulting in a 9% increase overall for total issues. This is due to the continuing uptake of e-books e-audiobooks, e- magazines and e-newspapers.

LRA25 - Traditionally LRA services experience a dip during Quarter 3 which is our quietest period of the year, and this is factored into our forecasting. Positively, Archive services maintained their momentum after an exceptionally busy summer, with an increase of 38% in Search Room (physical) enquiries. We would expect to see remote enquiries decreasing as more customers return to the physical service, but in fact these have increased by 11% on the same period last year. This highlights how people are increasingly engaging with our Archive service and the level of interest in Kent history.



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Ref	Performance Indicators	Dec-22 (Q3)	Mar-23 (Q4)	Jun-23 (Q1)	Sep-23 (Q2)	Dec-23 (Q3)	YTD 23/24	YTD RAG	Target	Floor
ED08	Developer contributions secured against total contributions sought	99.9%	81%	99.7%	99.6%	87.4%	95.2%	AMBER	98%	85%
DT14	Percentage of Public Rights of Way (PRoW) faults reported online	94%	89%	87%	87%	89%	88%	AMBER	90%	80%
EPE16	Median number of days to resolve priority faults on public rights of way network (rolling 12-month figure)	25	*	30	26	20	**	GREEN	20	25
CST01	Percentage of local actions from completed Domestic Homicide Reviews implemented by target date.	83%	95%	85%	95%	91%	91%	GREEN	70%	63%
CST02	Percentage of Lessons Learnt Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) Seminar attendees rating the event as Very Good or Excellent.	86%	***	***	79%	84%	80%	AMBER	85%	76.5%
CST03	Percentage of service users who report feeling safer due to warden support	New indicator		67%	73%	75%	71%	GREEN	70%	65%

^{*} No data available due to a software issue

Dec-23 (Q3): ED08 - £30.5m secured; DT14 - 1,145 faults reported, 1,019 were online; EPE16 - 58 priority faults resolved; CST01 - 58 actions, 53 completed by target date; CST02 - 19 reviews, 16 were very good or excellent; CST03 - 147 service users were surveyed, 110 service users reported feeling safer.

ED08 - The KPI figure is slightly down due to viability issues at the Nicholls Quarry application in Hythe. For this application, the education contribution requests are subject to a viability review mechanism and as such are not recorded as being secured.

^{**} No Year-to-Date figure as this is a Rolling 12-month indicator

^{***} No seminars were held.

DT14 – The 90% target is challenging and performance remains close but not meeting target. When an issue is perceived as urgent (such as those relating to flooding, winter storms and tree damage) there is a greater likelihood of this being reported through a phone call, perhaps due to the reassurance of talking to a person.

CST02 – Although the target was missed for those rating the seminars as very good or excellent, if those who rated it as good are also included then the percentage increases to 96%, showing a high level of satisfaction overall.

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COR01	Percentage of cases progressed for initial coronial decision within 2 working days of notification of a death.	72%	66%	78%	73%	78%	76%	AMBER	83%	72%
KCP01	Kent Country Parks aggregate average star ratings from Google, Trip Advisor and Facebook	4.6	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6	GREEN	4.6	4.0
KSS01	Number of work experience hours of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) delivered by Kent Scientific Services (KSS) for Kent students in the 16-24 age range.	148	0	214	45	370	629	GREEN	225	203
PAG01	Percentage of planning applications determined to meet DLUHC performance standards	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN	100%	81%
PP01	Percentage of the most vulnerable victims of scams recorded on the National Scams Hub supported by Public Protection	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	GREEN	90%	80%

^{*} No return for this Quarter due to a reduction in referrals of people who have been scammed.

Dec-23 (Q3): COR01 – 1,502 cases, 1,170 progressed within 2 working days; PAG01 – 38 planning applications, all of which met DLUHC performance standard.

COR01 – The coroner service is reliant on information from the NHS particularly to progress cases and while the NHS continues to be under pressure, the information is not always provided quickly enough to meet the 2-day target. This has been exacerbated by the recent and current NHS and doctors strikes and the piloting of the Medical Examiner system by the NHS. The Coroner Service has been experiencing winter pressures earlier this year which has been exacerbated by extended staff absences and staff vacancies for which we are currently recruiting for.

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PP02	Percentage of trader applications to Public Protection's 'Trading Standards Checked' scheme processed within 10 working days.	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN	100%	81%
AKM01	Percentage of schools with the highest numbers of children eligible for free school meals engaging with the Kent School Games	54%	55%	42%	48%	45%	45%	AMBER	55%	45%
AKM02	Number of people attending and engaging with training and learning opportunities facilitated by Active Kent & Medway	163	153	306	361	211	878	GREEN	750	675
TS04	Percentage of businesses rating Trading Standards advice (Primary Authority and Pay as You Go) as Very Good or Excellent	100%	92%	100%	100%	100%	100%	GREEN	90%	82%

Dec-23 (Q3): PP01 – 33 people supported. PP02 – 81 trader applications processed; AKM01 – 17 schools with high proportion of pupils eligible for free school meals engaged with Kent school games; TS04 – 12 out of 12 businesses have rated trading standards advice as very good or excellent since the start of the year.

AKM01 – Schools with the highest numbers of children eligible for free school meals are the target audience for invites to Kent School Games events. These schools are the hardest to engage and have additional challenges that can prevent them from participating, including pressures on staffing numbers and transport costs. To ensure that events can still go ahead if numbers are low, invites are extended wider to other schools (who sit outside of the top 30% of schools where pupils are eligible for free school meals) but they are asked to target their least active pupils and those eligible for free school meals; these schools are not included in the KPI calculation.