

**AGENDA ITEM NO.3 – INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT 2015/16  
QUARTER 3**

**CABINET – 11th February 2016**

**COMMENTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (FINANCE AND  
PERFORMANCE) – 4th February 2016**

The Overview & Scrutiny Panel (Finance and Performance) has recommended the Cabinet retrospectively approve the establishment of the Budget Surplus Earmarked Reserve. In addition the Panel made the following comments with regards to the Key Activities, Corporate Indicators and the Project Performance.

Following a discussion on the Key Activity of the effectiveness of the fast track pre-application advice, Members were concerned that the service was not well marketed as there had been no enquiries received. They were informed that the Economic Development team positively promote it and it is publicised on the Pre-Application Advice page on the Council's website.

A Member raised a perceived problem with the Building Control Shared Service and the lack of cooperation with Development however the majority of the Panel recognised that it is too soon to assess the benefits of the Building Control Shared Service and that the department is working more closely with Development as both departments now share an office on the same floor.

When reviewing the Corporate Performance Indicators a Member raised a concern that the target for Business Rates collected had been missed. After an explanation Members were asked if the target should be revisited however the Panel were informed that the targets are set for the year and that the department was confident of meeting the target by the end of quarter four.

The Corporate Performance Indicators of developing a market town centre strategy for St Neots, update the 'Buildings at Risk' register and the completion of the updated Design Guide are all red. Although the Panel recognised that individually it wasn't an issue when considering the indicators as a collective there was concern. Members were informed that the indicators represented projects that are nice to have and are not currently a priority.

Concerns were raised with regards to the net number of additional homes delivered as a Member noted that the annual target would not be met but it was given an amber (rather than red) performance indicator. In response the Panel was advised that the target for the number of homes delivered is shown as an average over the local plan period. This will not be met for 2015/16, but the number delivered is expected to meet the trajectory for 2015/16 in the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) and the AMR indicates the number delivered will rise in 2016/17 and again in 2017/18.

In reviewing Project Performance the Chairman reminded Members that the subject will be covered in greater detail at the next meeting of the Panel in March. Members did ask if the values of the projects could be included within the performance report.