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A BRIGHTER FUTURE
A BETTER BARNSLEY

Corporate Plan Performance & Finance Report



Quarter 2 2020/21

Corporate Finance Performance

Quarter Ended
30th September



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Corporate Finance Outturn – Q2

				Variance Split by:		
Directorate	Approved Net Budget 2020/21	Projected Net Outturn 2020/21	Variance	COVID Costs	COVID Income	Business as Usual
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Children's	31,368	32,326	958	1,023	457	(522)
Place	44,055	54,958	10,903	4,573	6,250	80
Adults & Communities	62,795	76,884	14,089	16,231	35	(2,177)
Public Health	4,515	8,144	3,629	3,912	8	(291)
Core Services	20,875	23,865	2,990	1,476	2,063	(549)
Service Totals	163,608	196,176	32,569	27,215	8,813	(3,459)
Corporate / General Items	8,968	23,373	14,405	8,050	6,355	0
Sub Total – Council	172,576	219,550	46,974	35,265	15,168	(3,459)
HRA	0	3,360	3,360	2,083	1,476	(199)
TOTAL	172,576	222,910	50,334	37,348	16,644	(3,658)
COVID-19 Funding	0	0	(34,848)	0	0	0
TOTAL			15,486			



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COVID Costs

AREA	COST £M	DESCRIPTION
Adult Social Care	12.6	Infection control in care homes; hospital discharges; payments to care providers for PPE, voids, agency and sick pay.
Supporting the Vulnerable	4.0	Accommodation costs for the homeless; community response scheme incl. provision of food packs & distribution; free school meals additional vulnerable adult support services; hardship support scheme.
Children's Social Care	1.0	Payments to foster carers, early years settings & care leavers; and increased LAC placement costs.
Outbreak Control	3.8	Managing / containing outbreaks; local track and trace; COVID marshals.
Social Distancing Measures	3.1	Costs to maintain social distancing in key services (Waste, Home to School).
Organisational Resilience	7.7	Additional resources to provide organisational resilience through response and recovery (e.g. staffing, IT, PPE, cleaning, security etc.)
Business Support	5.1	Various support incl. business support and supplier relief.
TOTAL	£37.3M	

COVID Income

AREA	COST £M	DESCRIPTION
Council Tax	4.2	Reduction in collection rate of 1.4% plus an increase in the number of residents claiming LCTS
Business Rates	2.1	Business rates collection is down by 3.25%
Housing Rents	1.5	Rent collection is currently forecast to be 2% lower than predicted
Fees & Charges*	8.8	Loss of car parking income £1.1M Commercial rents (incl. markets) £2.8M Income from schools (incl. catering) £1.6M Highways/commercial services (e.g. waste) £1.8M Other (legal fees, leisure & cultural, licencing/registrars) £1.5M
TOTAL	£16.6M	

* The Council has claimed £1.9M from the Government's fees & charges compensation scheme

Key Messages Q2

- **£15.5M overspend reduces resources available for other priorities;**
- **Possible to manage without irreparable damage to Council finances;**
- **Anything > £15.5M would have more serious implications e.g. insufficient emergency reserves;**
- **S151 advises caution / diligence to safeguard financial standing;**
- **Cost pressures of £7M on Glassworks e.g. bridge & capital incentives;**
- **Treasury Management – fully compliant / set to achieve targets.**

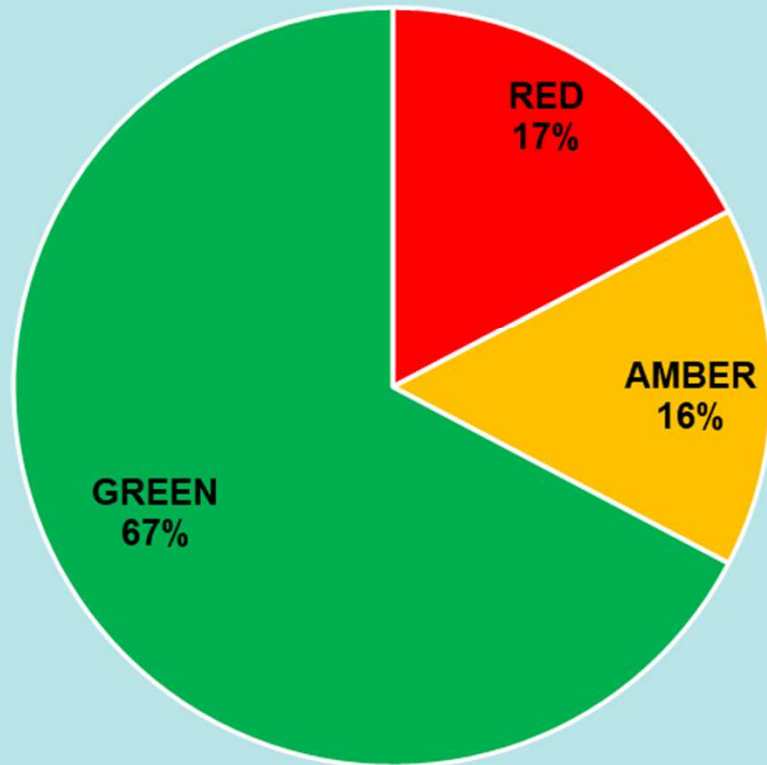
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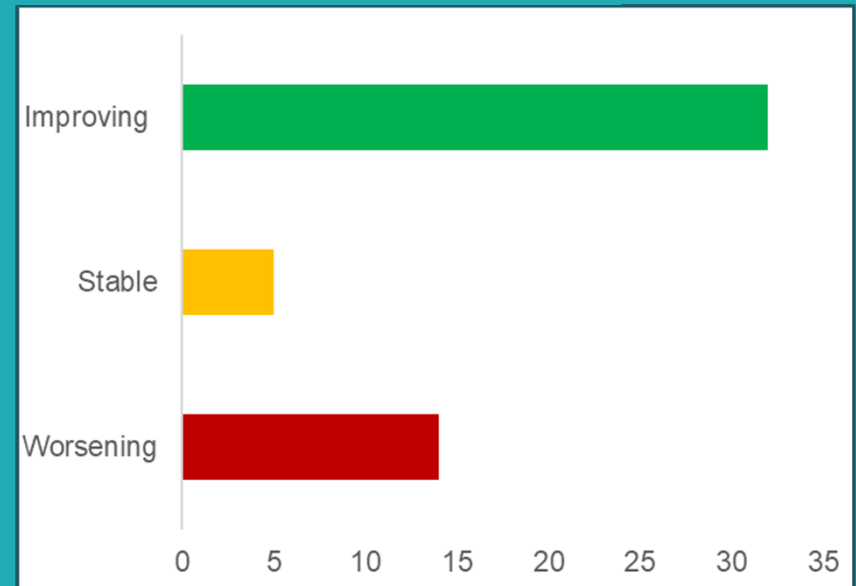


Performance Summary – Q2 2020/21

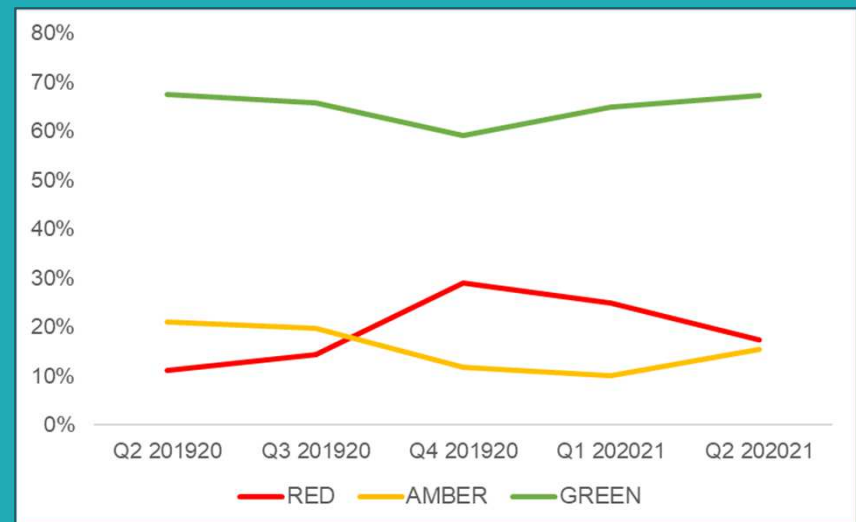
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Q2 Direction of Travel



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Corporate Plan Scorecard – Quarter 2

THRIVING & VIBRANT ECONOMY

PEOPLE ACHIEVING THEIR POTENTIAL

STRONG & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

1. Create more and better jobs and good business growth	6. Every child attends a good school and is successful in learning and work	10. People volunteering and contributing towards stronger communities
2. Increase skills to get more people working	7. Reducing demand through improving access to early help	11. Protecting the borough for future generations
3. Develop a vibrant Town Centre	8. Children and adults are safe from harm	12. Customers can contact us easily and use more services online
4. Strengthen our visitor economy	9. People are healthier, happier, independent and active	
5. Create more and better housing		

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Performance against majority of indicators is below target for this point of the year

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Performance is mixed, some indicators will be on track to achieve targets and others will require improvement to achieve targets

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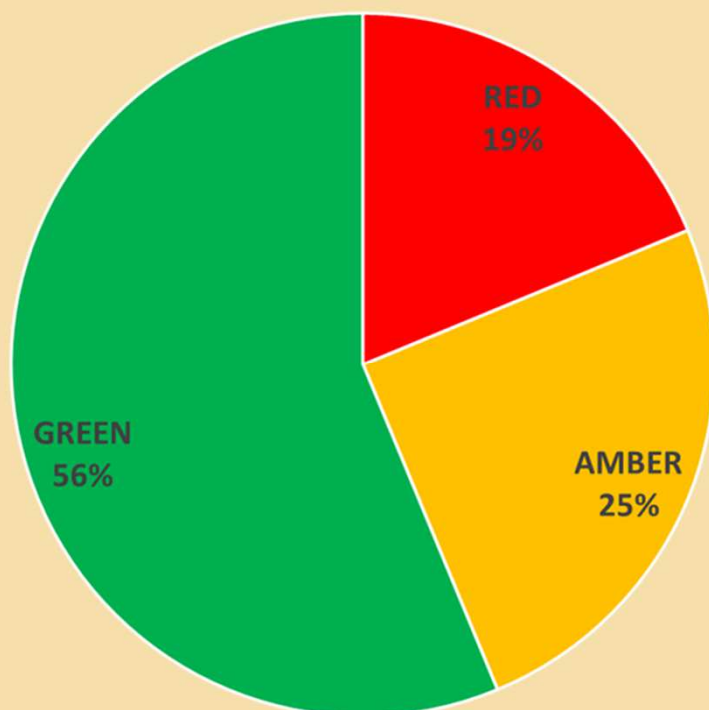
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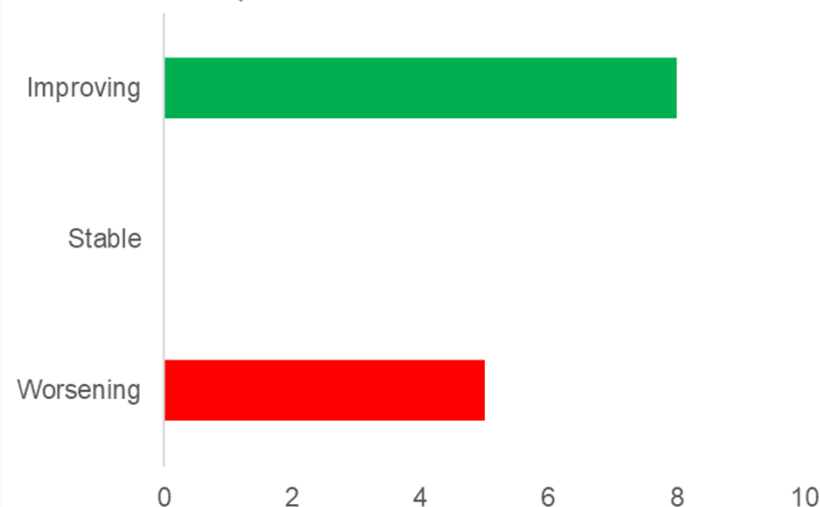
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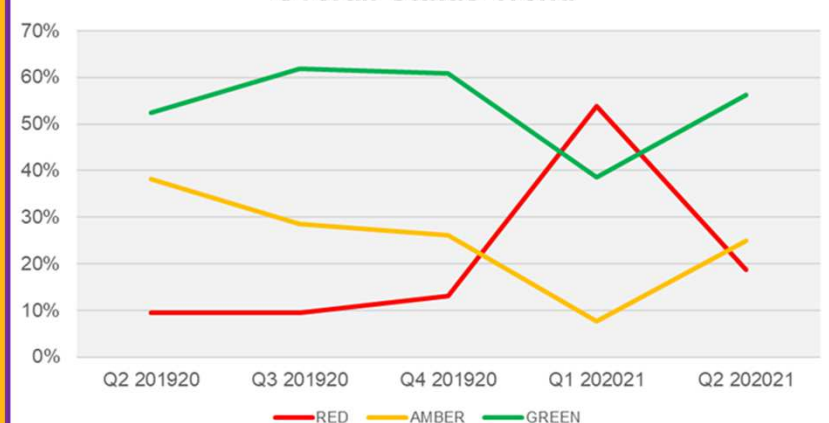
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Executive Directors' Summary



- The restrictions we now face will bring about challenges for us all.
- In response, we have continued to build on our successes from Q1 and are pressing ahead with our robust masterplans for key growth sites to ensure a strong pipeline of inward investment, building developer confidence and lever in more jobs, homes and businesses. In addition to this,
- Our strong focus on digital infrastructure is paying dividends as we launch 'The SEAM'. This is the new name for our town centre's digital campus which includes DMC 1, the new DMC 2 and will also include Barnsley College's SciTech building.
- We remain focused on economic recovery and are continuing to support both our workforce to adapt and our businesses to prosper under tough, changing conditions. We are also pressing ahead with Zero Carbon and our ambitious first Sustainable Energy Action Plan which sets out our ambitions for the next five years focussing on continuing and accelerating our journey to net Zero Carbon.

Areas of Good Performance



- Care Leavers into Employment, Education or Training
- Private Sector Jobs
- Visitor Numbers at Museums

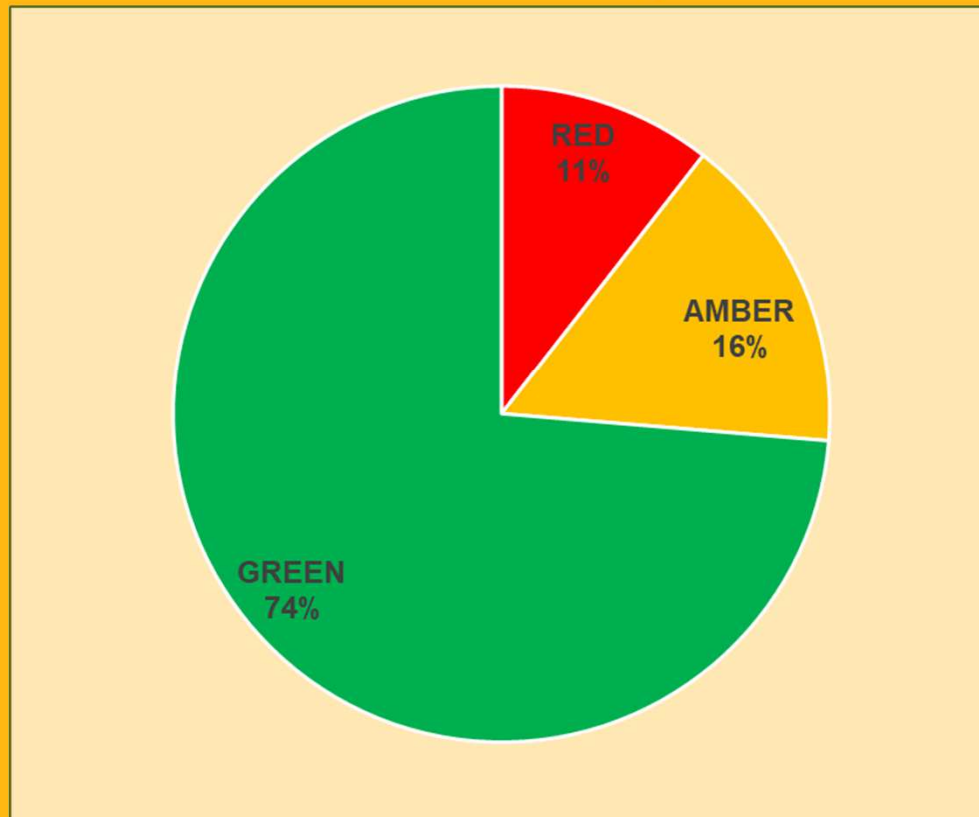
Areas for Improvement



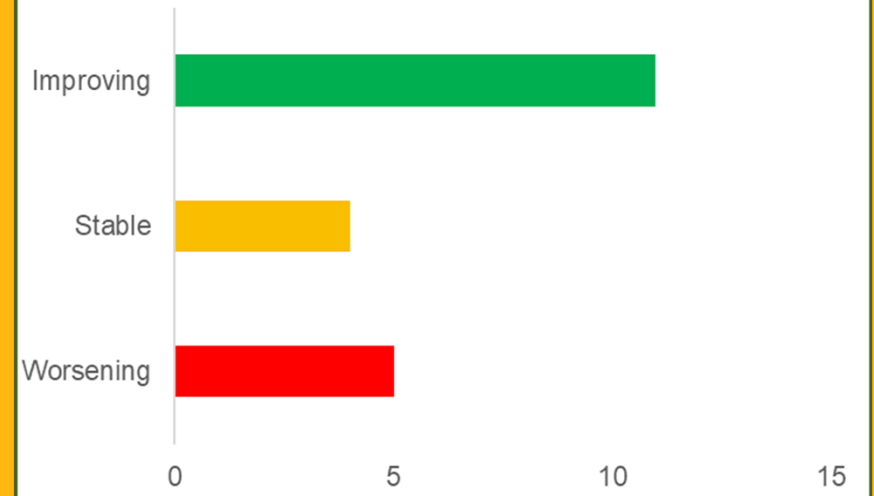
- Number of New Build Home Completions
- Town Centre Footfall

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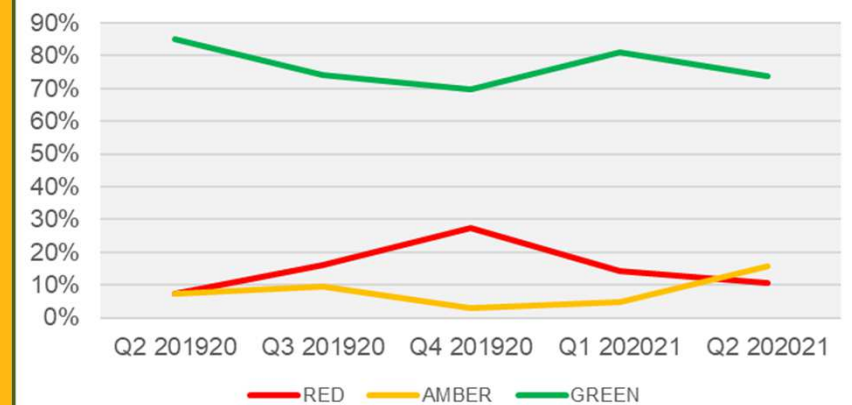
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Executive Director Summary – Children's Services



- Excellent safeguarding performance continues with 92.3% of child protection S47 investigations proceeding to a child protection case conference in time.
- Thresholds to Children's Social Care are effective, with the lowest re-referral rate reported for more than two years.
- Children with special educational needs continue to receive a timely education, health and care plan that responds to their needs, with performance well above the national benchmark.

Executive Director Summary - Adults & Communities



- We have seen a reduction in the number of people admitted to residential care both as a consequence of Covid and also of more effective use of reablement and our Home First principles.
- There is continuing strong performance on Adult Social Care Reviews and the timeliness of Adult safeguarding decisions.

Director Summary - Public Health



- On smoking prevalence in adults, we have missed our local target of 16% and our rate remains significantly higher than the England average of 13.9%.
- In November 2019, we offered two new contracts for a community stop smoking service and a smoking in pregnancy service and have been working with both providers to increase referrals into these services.

Areas of Good Performance



- Repeat Referrals to Children's Social Care
- Children in Care and Family Placements
- Adult Social Care Reviews

Areas for Improvement



- Smoking Prevalence in Adults
- Reablement Episodes
- Child Protection Plans

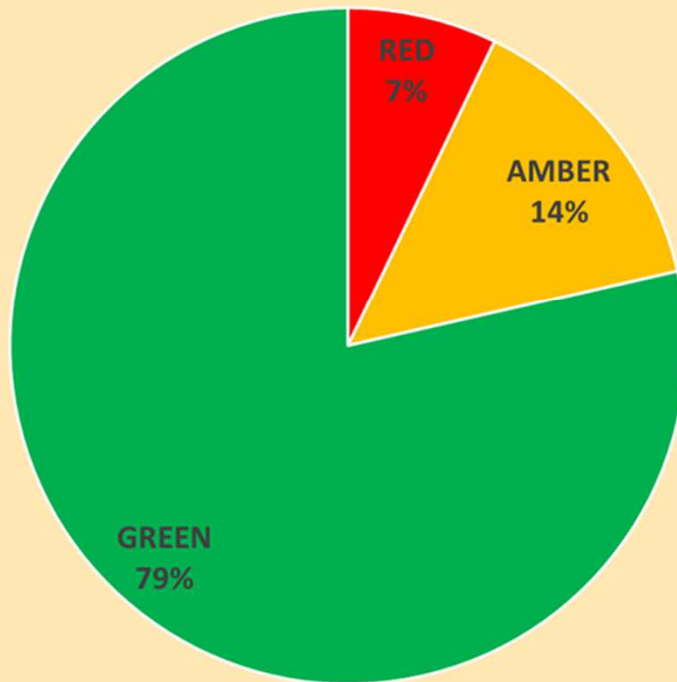
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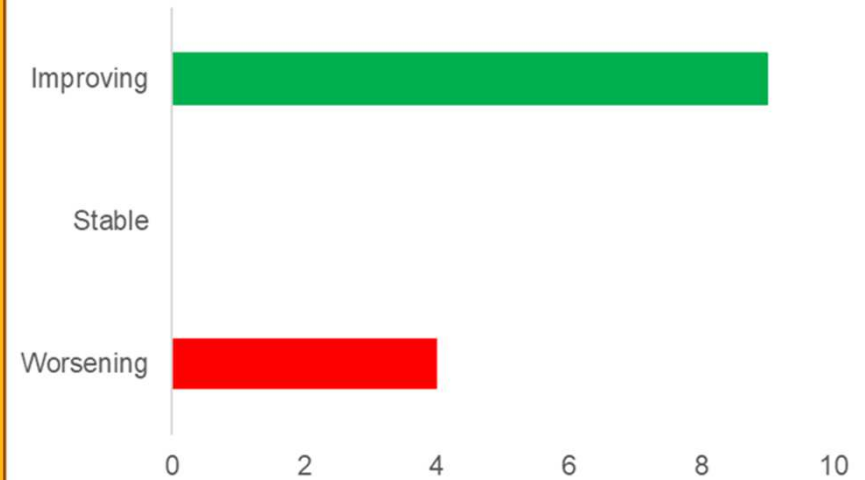
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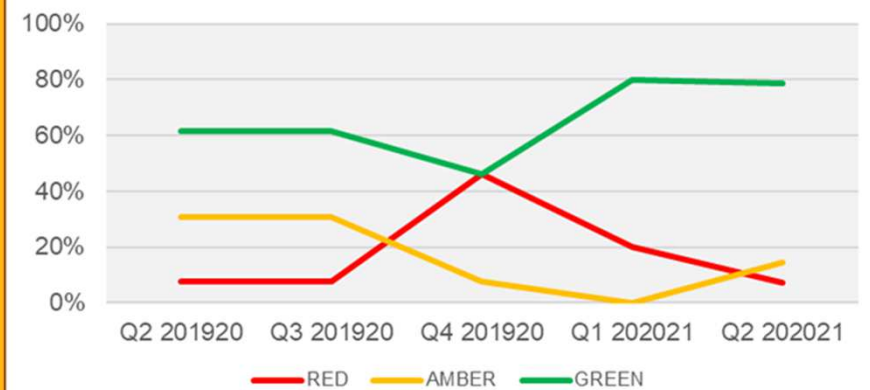
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Executive Director Summary – Adults & Communities



- Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there has not been the same number of volunteering opportunities as last year.
- Despite the reduction in ASB compared to Q1, current levels of ASB are due to those who are breaking the Covid-19 Government guidelines rather than the typical ASB incidents reported in previous quarters.
- This quarter we have been consulting residents to shape our Safer Barnsley Plans and despite the challenges of consultation we had 1256 responses, an increase of 87 responses from the previous year.

Executive Director Summary – Place



- Employee and resident safety continues to be our primary concern in all of the work that we undertake. All services are now back up and running and incorporating the required safe systems of work aligning to the latest government advice.
- Our ongoing commitment to a clean, green borough is evidenced by continued success in dealing with instances of fly tipping, alongside progress with our tree-planting programme. Bins are emptied on time, traffic signals, street lights and pot holes are repaired quickly, and our recycling rates are improving.
- There remains ongoing appreciation for our front line workers with considerable acts of kindness being shown towards our staff.

Areas of Good Performance



- Take up of Volunteering Opportunities
- Fly Tipping
- Self Service via BMBC/third party Websites

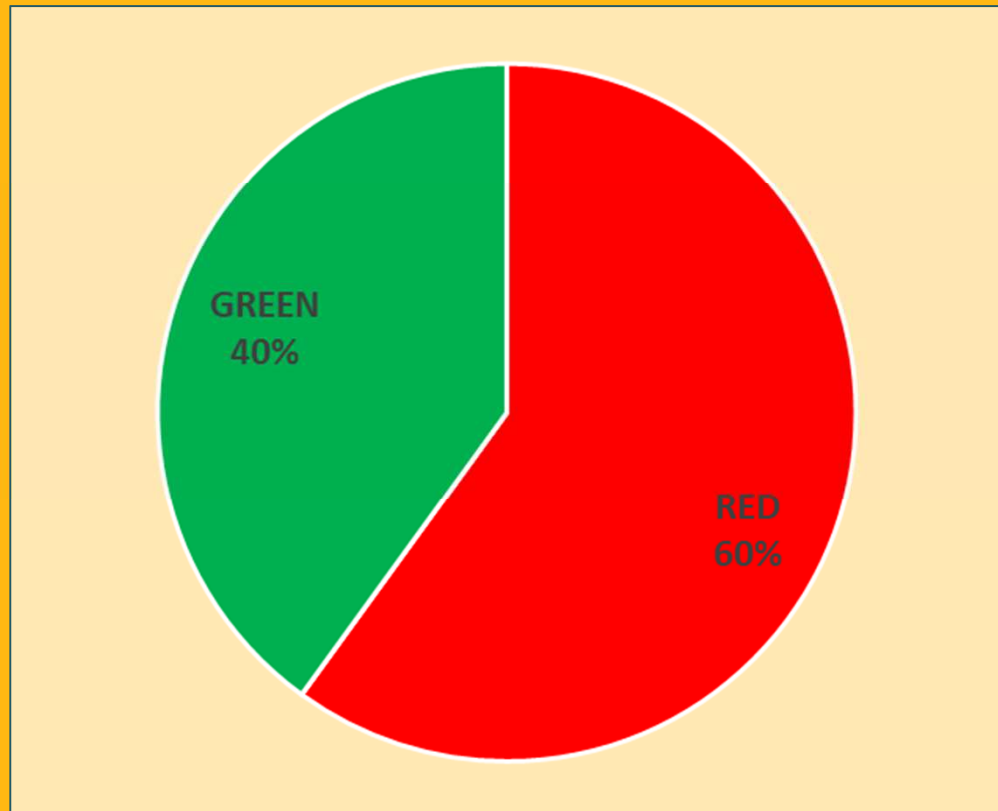
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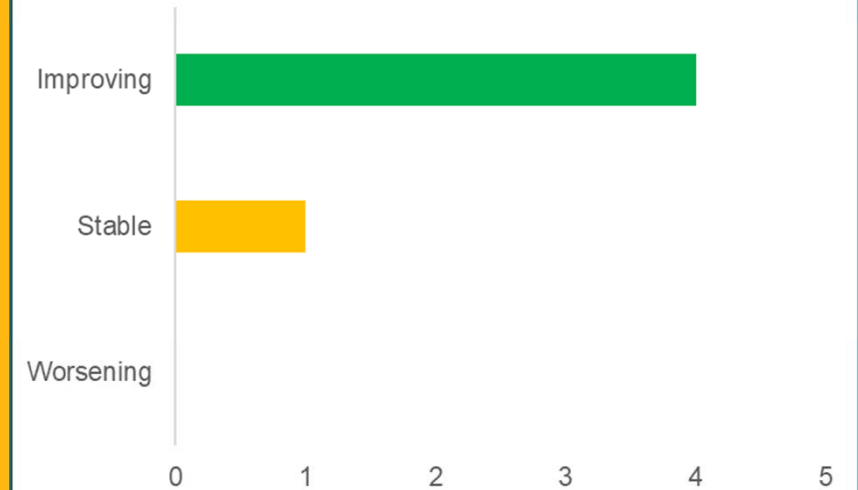
- Number of New Volunteers

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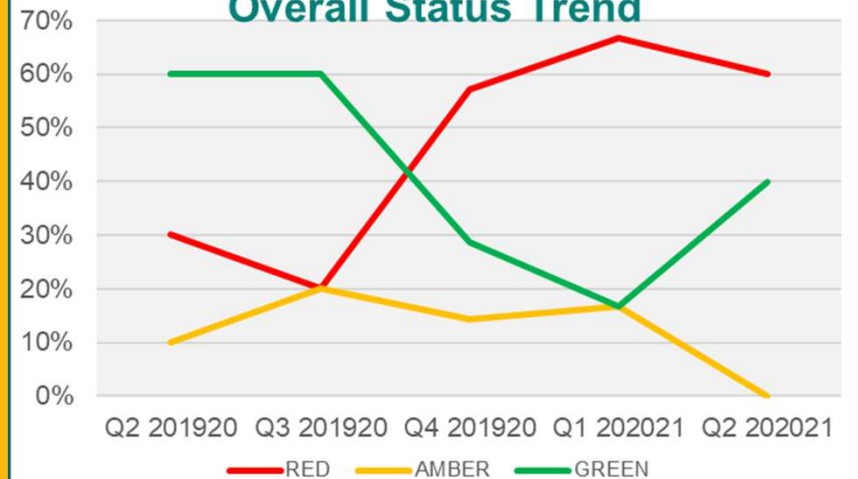
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Executive Director Summary – Core Services

- The Covid 19 pandemic continues to affect business sustainability. The collection of business rates is currently stable, but the future position remains uncertain as we face further restrictions.
- We've had an additional 57 people taking up apprenticeship opportunities in Q2. Over 80% of these were employees who had undertaken our Future Leaders Programme. We have already achieved 50% of our annual target and should see further increases in the next six months with targets being set for each Directorate.
- Our core services remain resilient. All statutory meetings such as Full Council, Cabinet, Licensing, Planning and Area Council meetings are now webcast. Preparations have been taking place to deliver the first ever virtual Annual Council and Mayor Making.

Finance

- A total of £7.448M of efficiency savings are to be delivered in 2020/21. Directorates are reporting a **96%** delivery against this target,
- The Council Tax collection rate in Q2 was **94.6%** falling short of target by 1.4%.
- The Business Rates collection rate was **94.25%** and has fallen short of target by 3.25%.

Sickness Absence

- Total FTE days lost to sickness absence per employee in Q1 is **1.71** days. This is slightly lower than Q1 2019/20 (1.84 days lost)
- Long-term sickness absence is 1.18 days and short-term sickness absence is 0.53 days.



KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

THE TIMELINE BELOW SHOWS SOME OF THE KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES THAT TOOK PLACE DURING QUARTER 2 (JULY-SEPTEMBER 2020).

PRIORITY	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	
	Deichmann Shoes becomes the second major retail signing to The Glass Works during the coronavirus pandemic. The store will be it's first in Barnsley and is set to open in December	Barnsley Museums announce that one of it's volunteer groups has been shortlisted for the Museums+ Heritage Award in the category 'Volunteer Team of the Year'	The company behind the demolition of the multi-storey car park in the town centre is shortlisted for a global award in recognition of their work to bring down the car park safely.	In line with the Zero Carbon strategy, the Council orders 31 electric vehicles to replace current diesel and petrol engines within the fleet.
	The Council hosts a virtual safeguarding awareness week to raise awareness about the many ways that communities can safeguard Barnsley's children and young people	Barnsley Council teams up with national charity, Grandparents Plus to deliver targeted support for special guardians during the COVID-19 pandemic	The Council's fostering service launches the Mockingbird Family model to improve fostering placements and peer support for foster carers	The creation of the Vulnerable Adults Panel supports early identification of individuals who could potentially enter into safeguarding arrangements
	Barnsley Council is awarded Gold standard for their work to support Barnsley's armed forces community – the highest award offered by the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme	The Council provides 25,000 reusable face coverings free of charge for Barnsley residents as part of the 'Be a Barnsley Superstar campaign'	Financial hardship funding is made available to residents in response to the Covid-19 pandemic with cash injections into the Local Welfare Assistance scheme, Healthy Holidays and Welfare Advice Services	Barnsley libraries implement a new library management system to improve the online customers' experience
	The Council is proud to announce that they have been shortlisted and commended at the prestigious MJ awards.	Local businesses continue to be supported as the Council moves to paying all suppliers on a faster payment scheme without a fee	Council announces the 'Barnsley Spirit Mayors Awards' to take place in October to recognise the dedication, resilience and community spirit shown by people in the borough throughout the pandemic	Cabinet receives the Annual Customer Feedback report highlighting that the Council received 369 customer compliments in 2019/20

Thank You