

HOUSING & HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE
22 September 2015 at 7.00 pm

Further to the recent despatch of agenda and papers for the above meeting, please find the following item(s) which were marked as 'to follow':

7. **Budget: Review of Service Dashboards and Service Change Impact Assessments (SCIAS)**

APPENDIX A (which was marked to follow on the main agenda) (Pages 1 - 2)

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Advisory Committee responsibilities

Housing strategy & policy, housing standards, housing advice & homelessness, housing needs, empty homes, gypsy and travellers, disabled facilities grants, energy efficiency and fuel poverty

Objectives

- To develop and deliver the Councils strategy for the delivery of housing across the District that meets the needs of residents now and in the future
- Working to improve housing conditions through accreditation schemes, grants and working with local landlords and housing providers
- Providing housing advice seeking to prevent homelessness, empowering residents through the HERO scheme and supporting those who become homeless
- Providing advice on gypsy traveller encampments and managing the Council owned site
- Reducing fuel poverty and improving energy efficiency of housing stock through grants and retro-fit projects

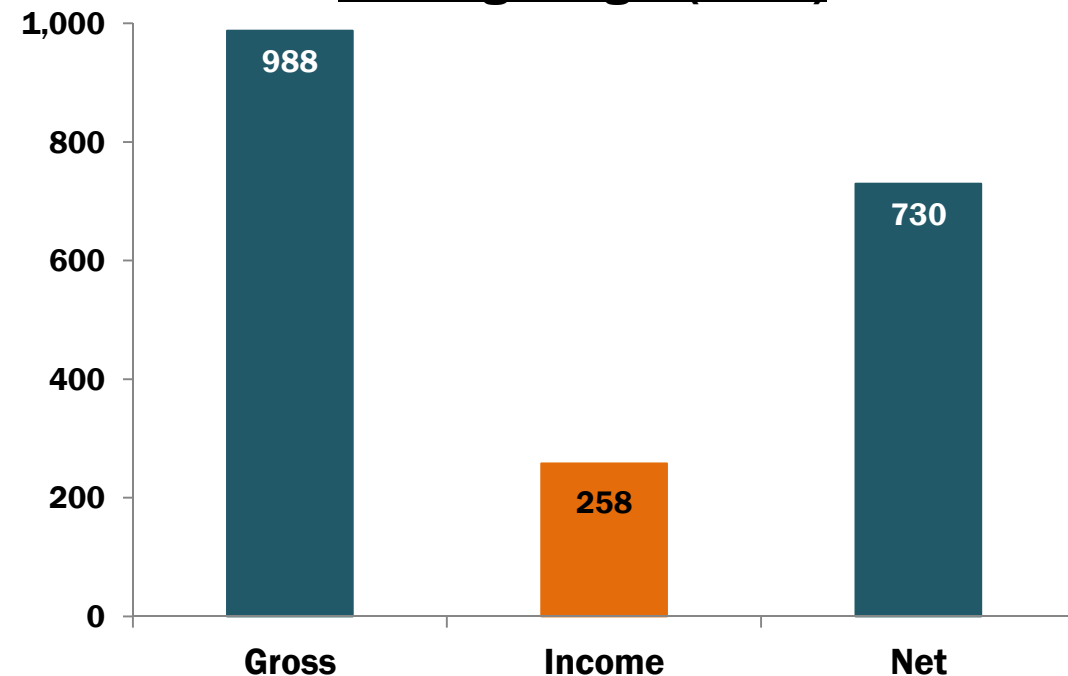
Achievements & Opportunities

- Disabled facilities grants process bought back in house, generating financial savings for the Council
- Only accredited properties are used for the Private Sector lettings scheme
- Highly successful HERO service continues to grow and generates an income to support the costs of the service
- Delivery of the Warmer Streets Campaign to improve energy efficiency of housing stock
- The innovative Switch & Save scheme has helped residents reduce their energy bills by more than £20k
- The DIYSO scheme has been recognised nationally as best practice helping local residents to own their own homes on the open market

Challenges & Risks

- Reduced funding from the Government and the Homes and Communities Agency could impact on the ability to deliver service objectives
- The potential for S106 funding to be withdrawn from smaller sites in the future will significantly impact on the Councils ability to deliver affordable housing schemes across the District
- Homelessness legislation vulnerability criteria has been widened and alongside changes to the right to buy and welfare reform may create more demand for the homeless service
- Proposed government changes to reduce and cap rents and amend the right to buy making business models difficult for Housing Associations

Housing Budget (£000)



Service contribution

Statutory service

Income generating

Working in partnership

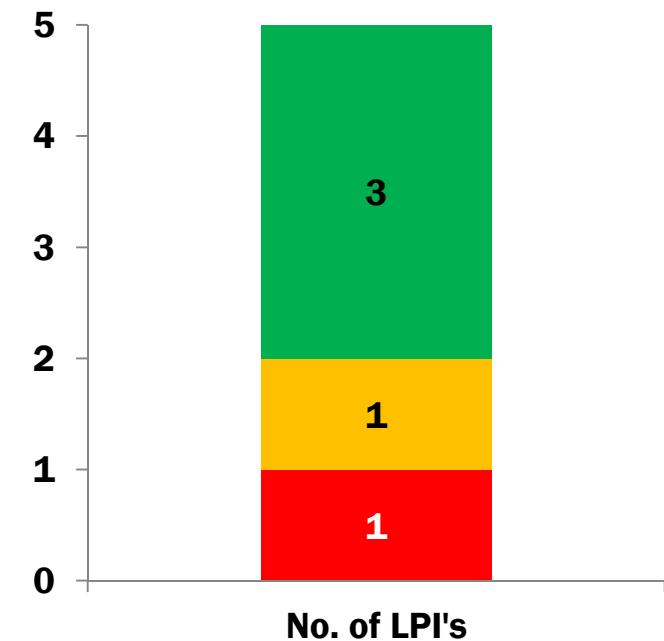
Corporate priorities

Self sufficiency × Value for Money ✓

Safe district ✓ Collect rubbish effectively ×

Protect Green Belt × Local Economy ✓

Performance



Advisory Committee responsibilities

Health and leisure

Objectives

- Providing value for money by:
 - Ensuing leisure facilities are well used and customer satisfaction is high; and
 - Continuing to review asset maintenance on leisure centres and seeking to ensure they are well maintained
- Meeting the Community Plan objective to promote a healthy environment where people have healthy lifestyles, equal access to services and where health inequalities are reduced.

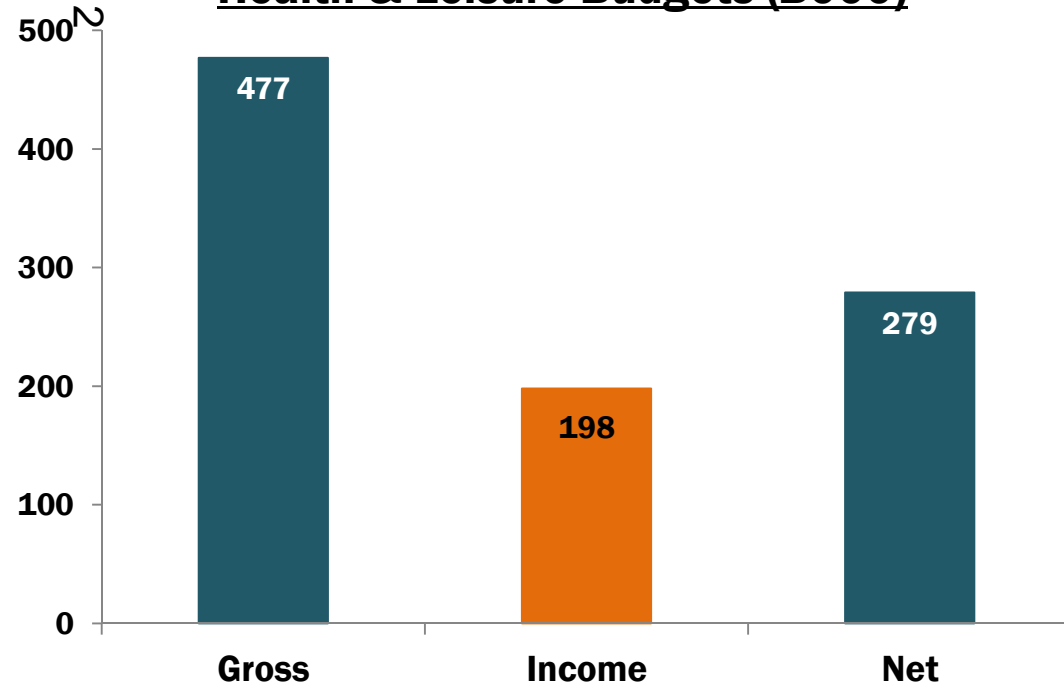
Achievements & Opportunities

- Leisure user numbers above target and exceeding 900,000 visits a year, above the national average
- Sencio-funded improvements to the changing facilities at both Edenbridge and Sevenoaks leisure centres
- Awarded £60,000 Sport England funding for community sports 'Be Inspired, Be Active' project with over 1,700 people benefiting from the project
- 82% of actions on target in the 2014-15 Sevenoaks District Health Inequalities Plan, exceeding its target
- 100 new cycle stands installed across the District and new cycles rides set up using external funding
- Decrease in the gap in life expectancy between the most and least deprived men, from 4.5 to 3.2 years

Challenges & Risks

- Need to find creative solutions to the Council's ageing leisure facilities
- Leisure strategy to be formulated to reassess local leisure needs
- Health inequalities continue to exist between the most and the least deprived wards across the District
- Reduction in Public health funding to delivery targeted health prevention programmes

Health & Leisure Budgets (£000)



Service contribution

- Statutory service
- Income generating
- Working in partnership

Corporate priorities

- Self sufficiency ×
- Value for Money ✓
- Safe district ×
- Collect rubbish effectively ×
- Protect Green Belt ×
- Local Economy ✓

Performance

