

## 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

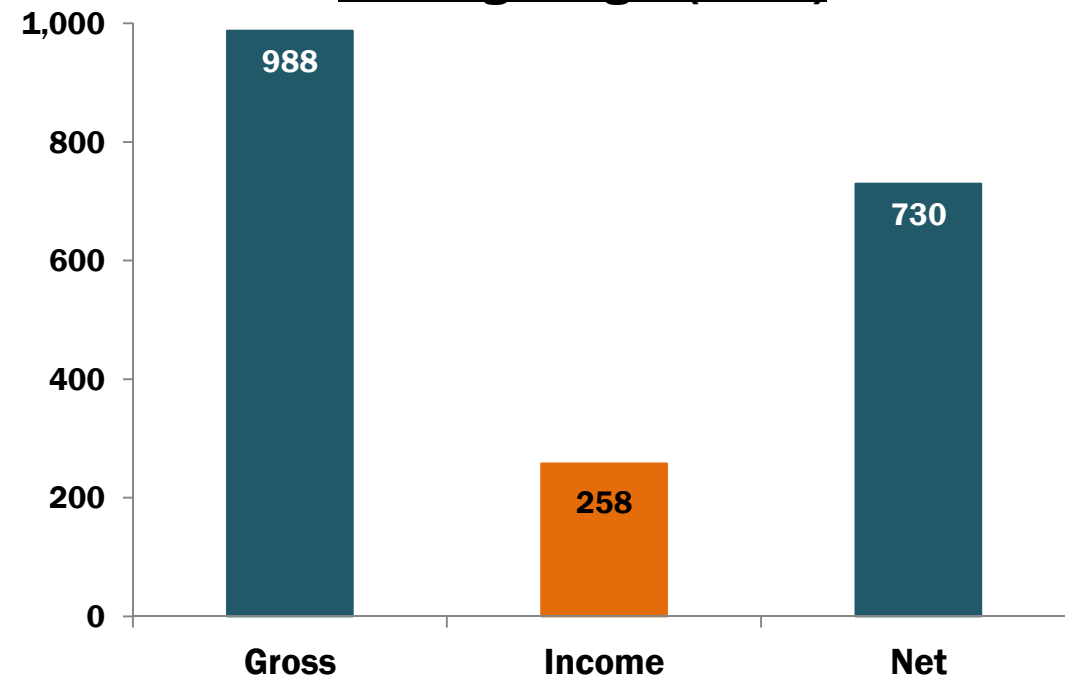
### Achievements & Opportunities

- 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- The potential for S106 funding to be withdrawn from smaller sites in the future will significantly impact on the Councils ability to deliver affordable housing schemes across the District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

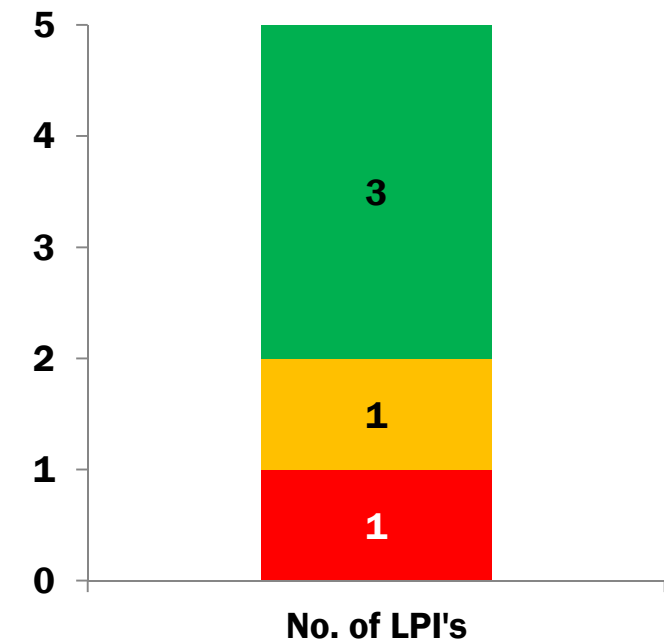
### Corporate priorities

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.

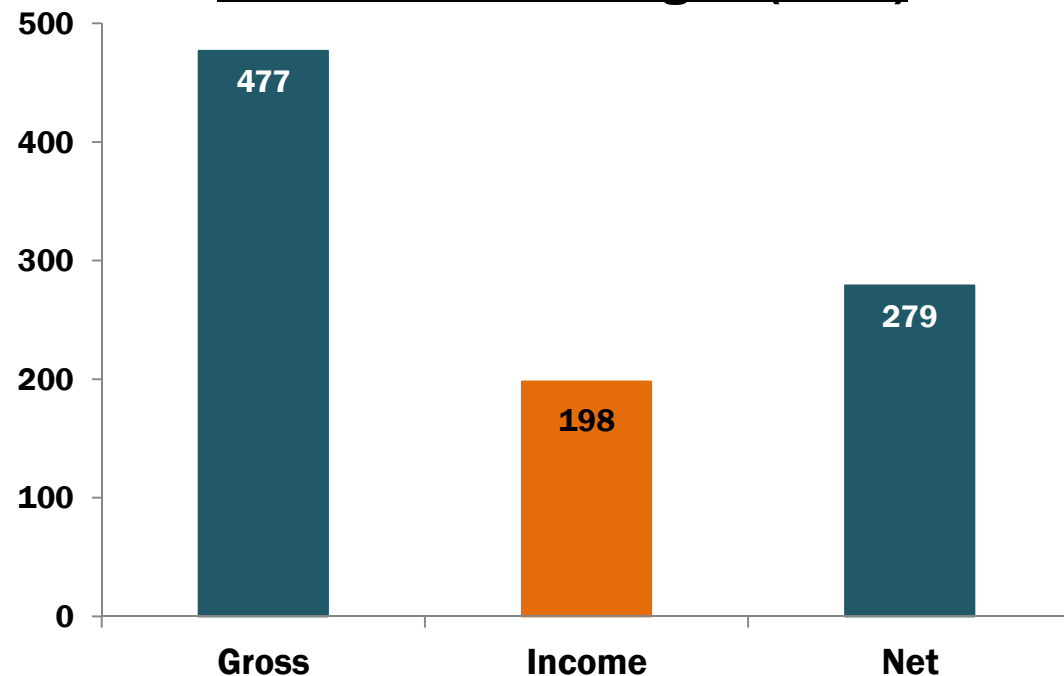
#### Achievements & Opportunities

- 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

