D	ecember 2010 Delivering the Council Plan 2009-2013
Council Aim	Aim 1: Housing Need To meet housing need in the Ryedale District Council area
Strategic Objectives	1. To change and add to housing stock to meet the local housing needs   2. To support people to access a suitable home or remain in an existing home
Council Aim	Aim 2: Economic Success To create the conditions for economic success
Strategic Objectives	3. Place of opportunity – economic structure and supporting infrastructure   4. Opportunity for people – increasing wage and skills levels
Council Aim	Aim 3: High Quality Environment To have a high quality, clean and sustainable environment.
Strategic Objectives	5. Reducing waste and CO2 emissions $\triangle$ 6. Planning to adapt to climate change $\bigcirc$ 7. To maintain the quality of our local environment $\triangle$
Council Aim	Aim 4: Active Communities To help all residents to achieve a healthy weight by encouraging an active lifestyle, in communities where everyone feels welcome and safe
Strategic Objectives	8a. Safe Villages and Towns Sb. Healthy Villages and Towns
Council Aim	Aim 5: To Transform the Council
Strategic Objectives	9. To know our communities and meet their needs 9. To know our communities 9. To know our communit

Performance Narrative:

### Housing

Even though housing market conditions are still very difficult the Council would still expect over 60 new affordable homes will be delivered this year with additional 22 to be delivered in spring which will take the total to over 80 in April 2011.

The Council currently can demonstrate a 4.15 years supply of available housing sites. It is noted however that developers are still looking to bring forward housing in Ryedale despite the wider economic conditions. Planning permission has recently been authorised for 186 dwellings in Norton (69 of these are affordable) and other major housing applications are under consideration in Norton (Cheesecake Farm- 89 dwellings), Malton (Broughton Rd circa 300 dwellings) and Pickering (Whitby Rd and Thornton Rd- 87 and 110 dwellings respectively ).

# Economy

The Ryedale Business Forum has held its inaugural meeting involving business chiefs in Ryedale with the aim of improving the way the Council and local businesses work together. The Forum will meet quarterly.

The Council is working with the Castle Howard Estate to utilise the Nynet point of present at Ryedale House to provide an improved broadband service at Castle Howard Rural Business Park. The Council is also investigating making this service available more widely to the business community in Ryedale. Both North Yorkshire Council and Ryedale District Council have agreed to increase funding contributions to the Brambling Fields project for design changes.

In a recent analysis of the labour market nationally, using a residence based indicator which provides the proportion of people aged 16-59/64 (men/women) in employment in each local authority area, Ryedale comes top as the area with highest level of employment in England. **Environment** 

Ryedale continues to perform well in delivering waste management services. The Rural Services Network have recently published data comparing the performance of all districts and Ryedale continues to achieve top quartile performance, being 2<sup>nd</sup> in our family group and top performer in Yorkshire and Humber region for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. The ranking for Ryedale is not as high nationally because other authorities are now catching up. However the Council aspires to improve its performance in the area of waste reuse, recycling and composting and in order to achieve this will need to increase the range of materials included in its recycling service. This would also address the low levels of satisfaction with this service which are due to the lack of availability of kerbside plastic and cardboard recycling.

Good progress is being made regarding the 'slowing the flow' scheme above Pickering and channel management improvements in Sinnington. A recent public consultation event was well attended and received. The 'slowing the flow' scheme is on track for work to start early next year and should help to alleviate a significant proportion of the flooding issues in Pickering.

Council investment into carbon reduction initiatives have exceeded target expectation with a 3% reduction last year by comparison to the 2009/10 base year. Arising from the Planning Service review (and following withdrawal if NYCC from the jointly funded countryside management post) the Council has engaged a part time countryside management advisor to take forward work in respect of the Biodiversity Action Plan. The role in addition to responding to individual application responses will involve active engagement with landowners to promote improvements and the completion of management plans for sites of importance for nature conservation.

### **Safe Active Communities**

The vision for strong safe communities in Imagine Ryedale... states that in 2013... Ryedale is home to welcoming and familiar neighbourhoods, where people and friendships are valued. Community spirit is strong, underpinned by security and safety. There is mutual trust between local people and the organisations that exist to help, support and serve them.

A national survey has recognized that Ryedale is the 4<sup>th</sup> most friendly place to live, with high levels of social cohesion and good neighbours. All the partners involved in the Ryedale Strategic Partnership have contributed towards this achievement and particularly Safer Ryedale. Already one of the safest places to live in England, the figures for year 2009 - 2010 for Ryedale showed crime has dropped by over 16%, which equates to 340 fewer victims of crime. Information gathered from the active people survey is showing an improvement in levels of satisfaction with local sport and leisure provision in Ryedale. In 2008 satisfaction levels in Ryedale were the same as those for the whole of England and showing a downward trend however this trend has reversed for 2009 and the Council are now exceeding both the national and Yorkshire and Humber results by over 3%. Participation in active recreation has similarly improved exceeding national and Yorkshire and Humber results by 2-3% in the 1-3 and 4-7 day categories.

### Transformation

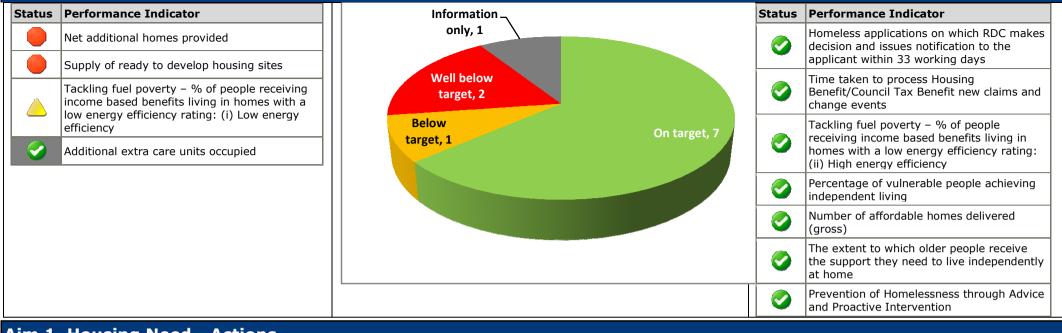
Over 80% of population of Ryedale have had the opportunity to participate in community led planning. Communities are being encouraged to develop local community resilience plans.

Two surveys have been undertaken with the citizens panel, the first on general levels of satisfaction with Council services and the current one on the Council's budget. Levels of satisfaction with the councils services were good overall with the highest levels being expressed in relation to Customer services, Ryecare and elections services. Areas for improvement included the Local Development Framework and Public conveniences. Feedback has been provided to all members of the panel on the action being taken by the council in these areas, and in response to any comments made.

The general election was successfully delivered despite the postponement and plans are now underway for the District elections on 5th May 2011, which will run alongside parish elections and the national referendum on voting reform.

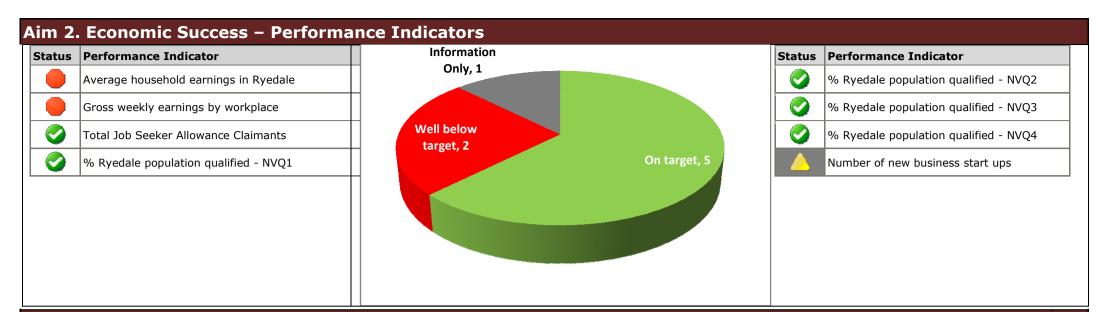
The one-11 programme is almost fully delivered with efficiency savings achieved so far of £700k towards the target of one million pounds.

# Aim 1. Housing Need – Performance Indicators

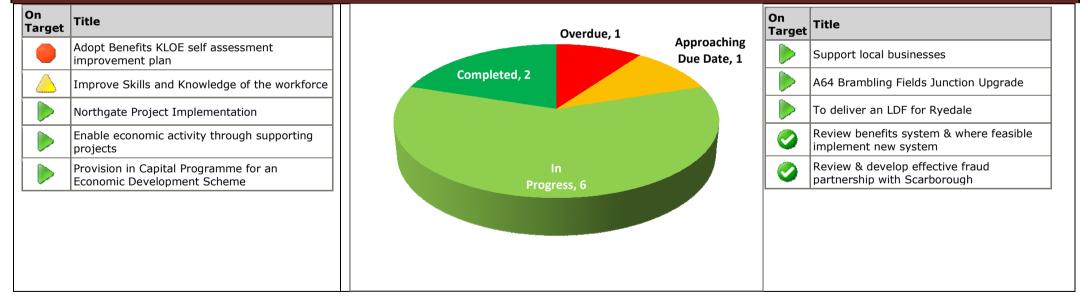


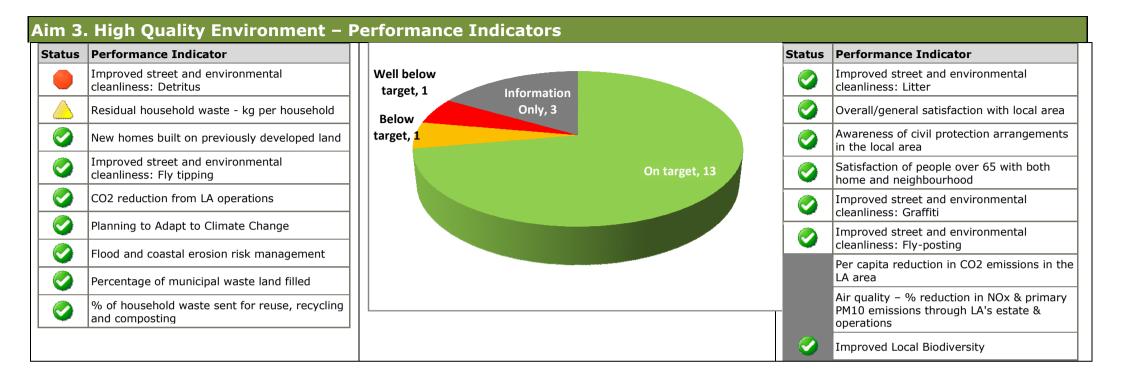
#### Aim 1. Housing Need - Actions



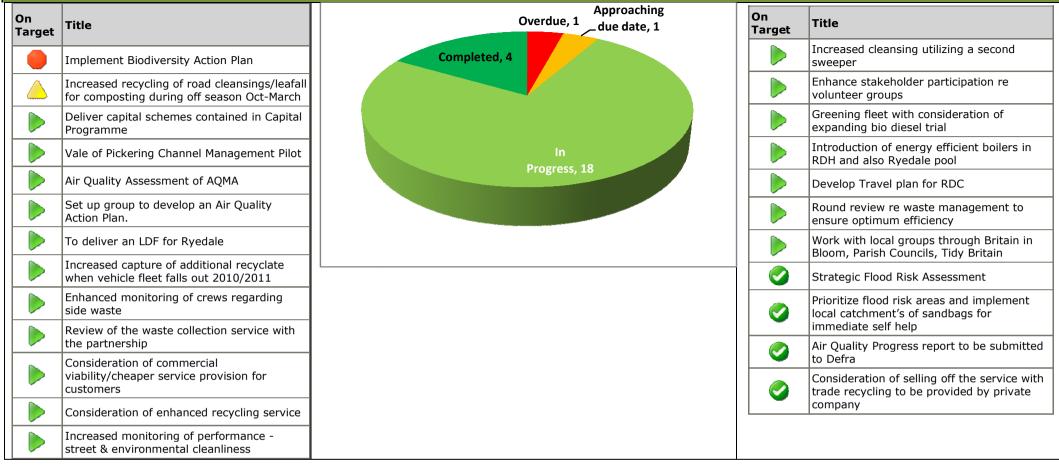


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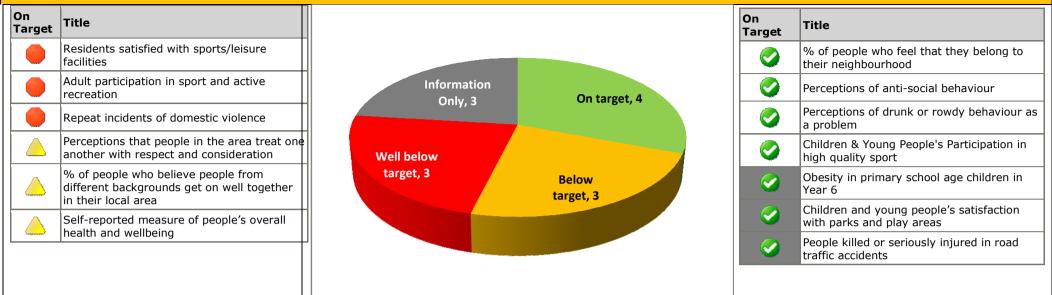




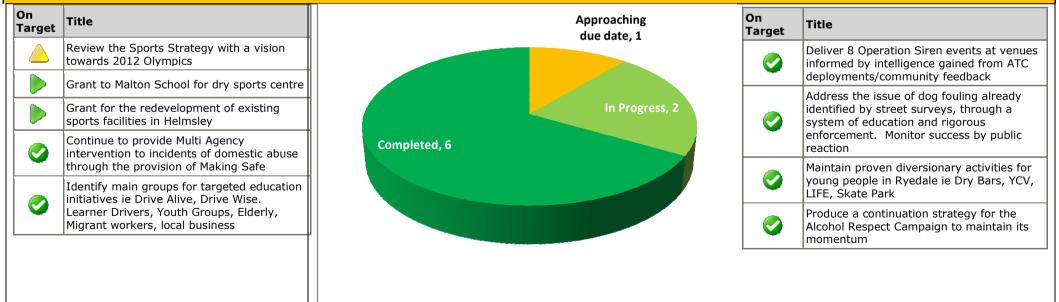
# Aim 3. High Quality Environment – Actions



## Aim 4. Active Safe Communities – Performance Indicators



#### Aim 4. Active Safe Communities – Actions



# Aim 5. To Transform the Council – Performance Indicators

