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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   Image: A construction of the second structure and support of the second structure and structure     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 6. Planning to adapt to climate change 7. To maintain the quality of our local environment
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 and meet their needs improvements

**Performance Narrative:** 

### Housing

In difficult housing market conditions the Council still expects to deliver over 60 new affordable homes during 2010/11, with an additional 22 homes to be delivered in April/May 2011. A specialist post of Housing Delivery Officer is being created to help maximise provision of affordable housing in Ryedale, the post will be based in the Housing Unit but will liaise closely with the Planning team. This post is being funded through use of developer contributions, to assist in meeting housing needs in Ryedale by boosting the provision of affordable housing and reflects the conclusions of the recent housing services review. The Council currently can demonstrate a 4.65 years supply of available housing sites. It is worth noting that developers are still looking to bring forward housing in Ryedale despite the wider economic conditions. Planning permission has recently been granted for 186 dwellings in Norton just off Scarborough Road (65 of these are affordable on site with a further affordable housing commuted sum of £194k to support affordable housing initiatives). Planning permission has been authorised for 89 dwellings at Cheesecake Farm in Norton (27 of which are affordable). Other major applications remain under consideration at Malton (Broughton Rd circa 300 dwellings) and Pickering (Whitby Rd and Thornton Rd, 87 and 110 dwellings respectively).

### Economy

The Ryedale Business Forum has met twice involving business leaders in Ryedale with the aim of improving the way the Council and local businesses work

together. The Forum meets quarterly. The Council's Commissioning Board has been working with local tourism businesses and other partners to redesign the way the Council invests in tourism support and changes have been agreed which will deliver the best value for money for the Council and the community. Nynet have launched a Community Broadband Initiative and have established two pilots in North Yorkshire at Newton upon Rawcliffe and Gillamoor. These have been undertaken to demonstrate that with a small amount of capital funding broadband can help to transform the lives of residents in remote rural locations.

Both North Yorkshire Council and Ryedale District Council have agreed to increase funding contributions to the Brambling Fields A64 junction improvements following the design process. This project will support new development and economic activity at Malton and Norton. A public consultation on the scheme and improvements to Malton town centre to encourage investment and attract visitors is expected in March/April 2011.

### Environment

The Council aspires to improve its performance in the area of waste reuse, recycling and composting and in order to achieve this proposes to increase the range of materials included in its recycling service. This should help to address the low levels of satisfaction with this service which are due to the lack of availability of kerbside plastic and cardboard recycling. Officers are in the final stages of a procurement exercise regarding sale of recycling materials and fees for composting of garden waste, early indications are positive regarding the potential for generating additional savings for the Council. In addition officers have been successful in attracting £25K grant funding which will be used to support a range of initiatives designed to improve efficiency, these include the trial of route optimisation software, Trackers and EDA systems (which promote greater fuel efficiency). The work is the result of a rural waste partnership initiative between Ryedale, Craven, Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils.

## **Safe Active Communities**

The Councils recent budget consultation has once again indicated the importance Ryedale's residents place on maintaining the low levels of crime in our communities. Ryedale is still the safest district in North Yorkshire, one of the safest counties 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.

Safer Ryedale are currently revising the Community Safety Plan for 20011 and Safer Ryedale is on target to deliver all of the objectives by the end of the current three year plan. Cases of theft and violence in Ryedale have risen in the past year, with the number of theft cases reported rising from 442 to 483, while violence incidents rose from 255 to 303. The overall number of all crimes increased from 1,264 to 1,299 in the year.

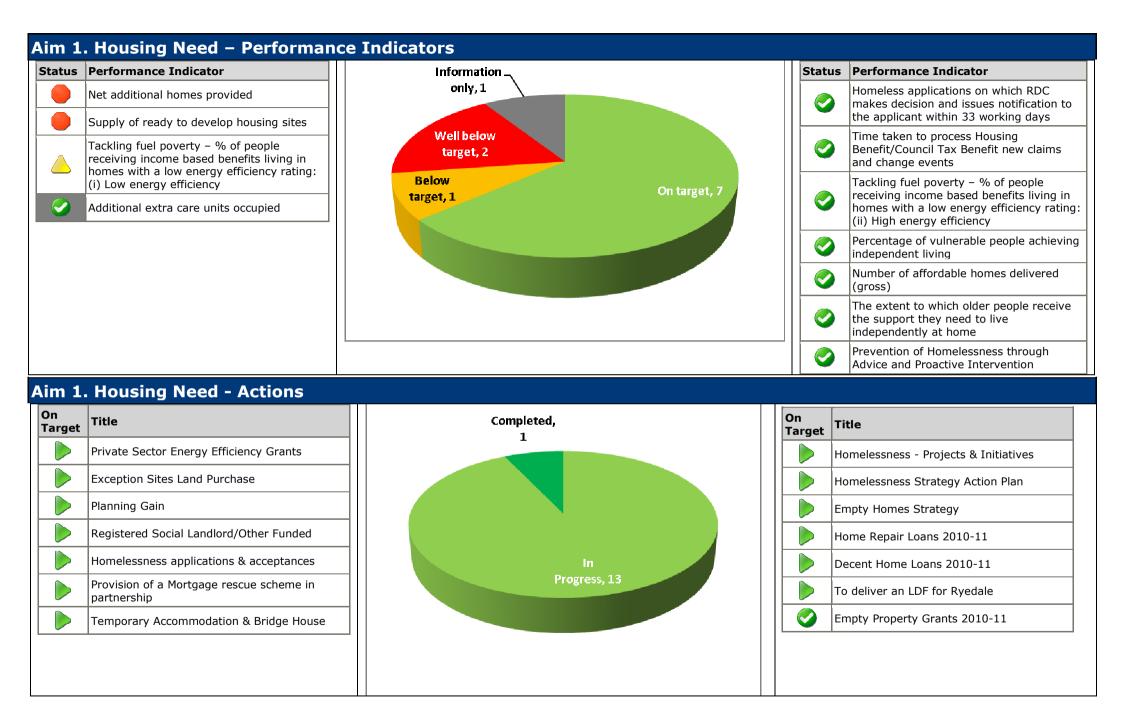
Research is currently being undertaken by the Commissioning Board into active living in Ryedale, with a view towards the production of a strategy to encourage more active lifestyles amongst residents in Ryedale. The new sports centre at Malton is due to be opened in early February 2011.

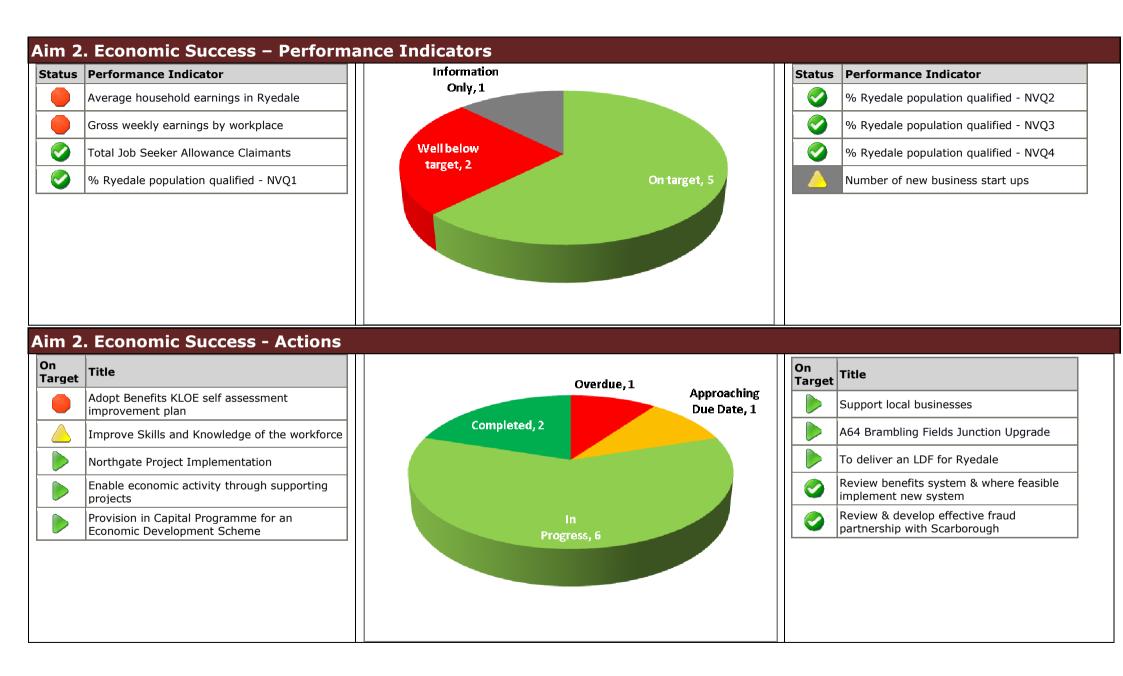
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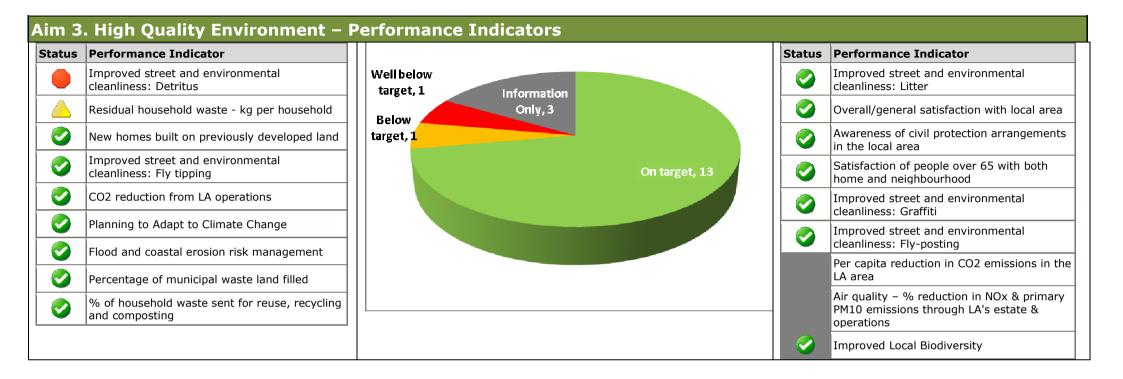
The council has undertaken the budget consultation using an online budget simulator. The results have been used to inform the development of the financial strategy and the preparation of the Budget for 2010/11. The one-11 programme is on schedule and almost fully delivered with efficiency savings achieved so far of £950k towards the target of one million pounds. Proposal for a balanced budget with zero increase in council tax will be put to Council, largely due to the achievements in delivering efficiencies under the One-11 programme and through the efforts of the whole Council. The Financial Strategy, including revenue and capital programmes, will be presented to the meeting of Council on 21 February.

Delivery of the Councils IT programme is on schedule with the new Revenues and Benefits system due to go live in February. The Electronic Document Management System is going live in February and will increase the Councils capacity to maintain front line services by streamlining administration processes and allowing for more effective use of the Councils administrative resource. Other IT developments include the public access to land charges and to online consultations for planning applications.

The Council has been successful in maintaining its Investors in people accreditation and also featured well in the Best Councils survey as 'one to watch' for the future.







# Aim 3. High Quality Environment – Actions

