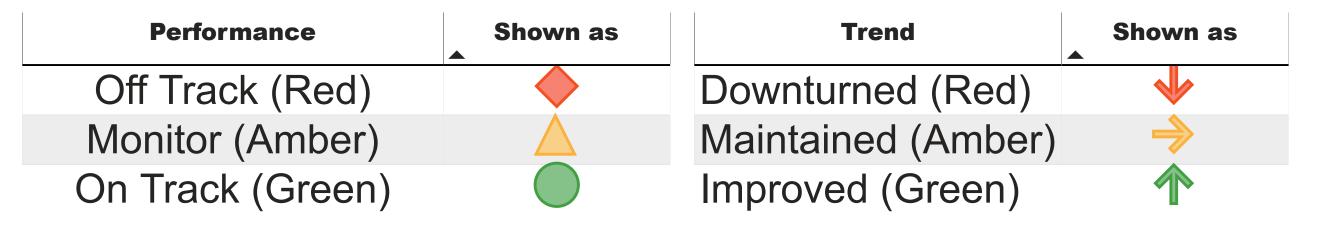


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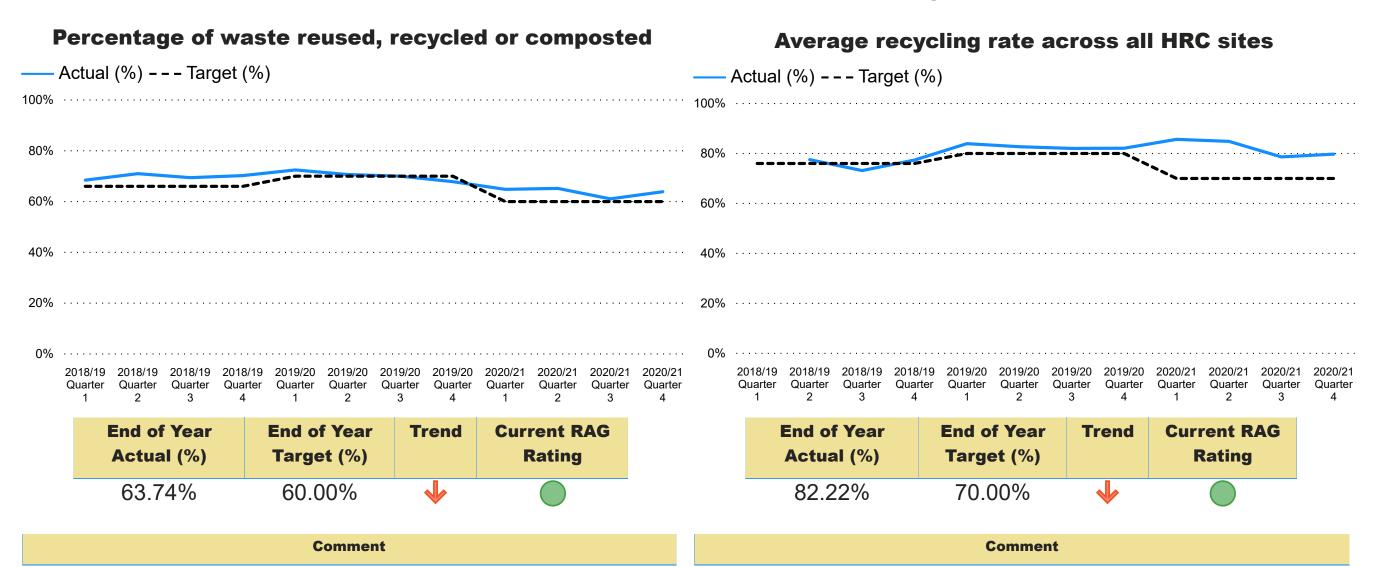


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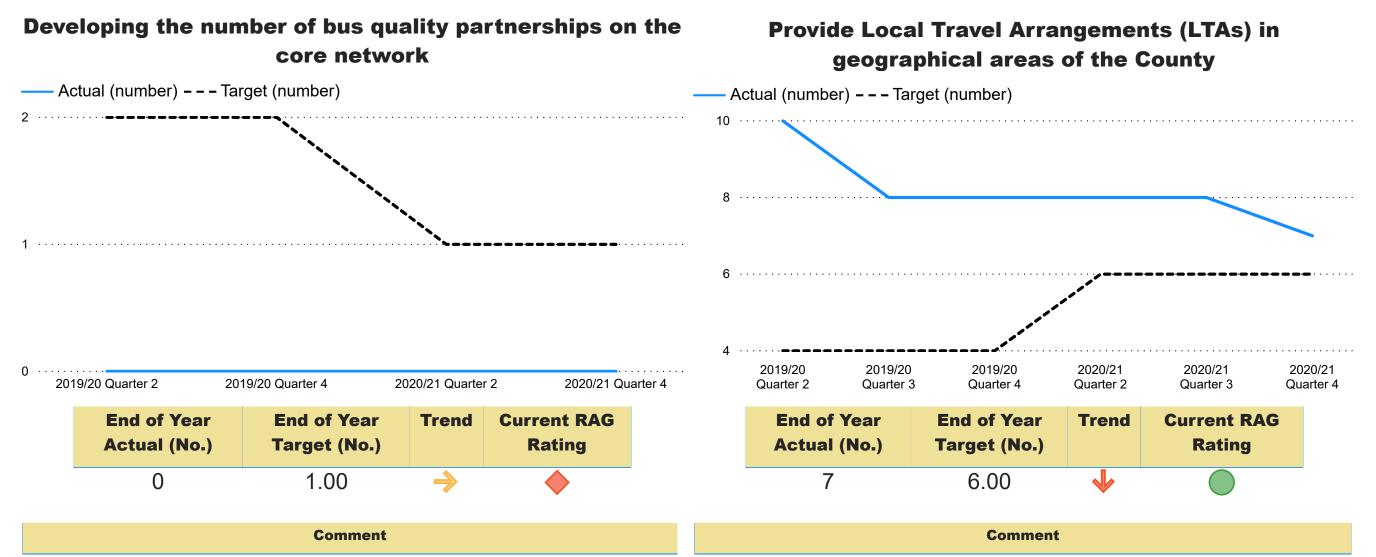
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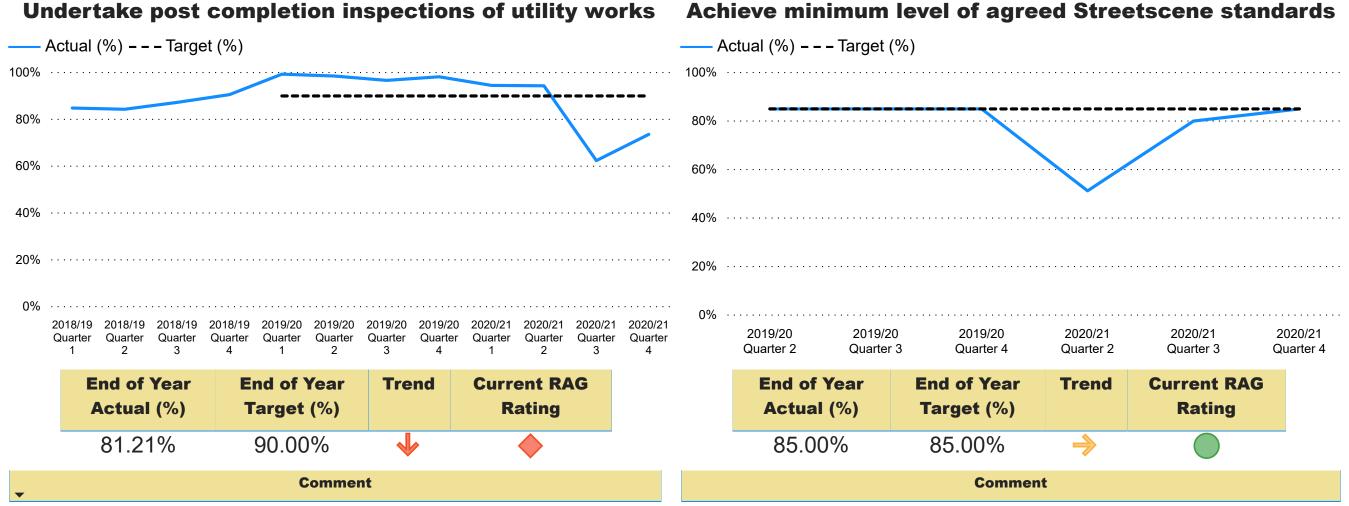
Welsh Government statutory target has been achieved. Due to COVID restrictions, and the increase in working from home, including home refurbishments, waste and recycling tonnages have increased overall. However the increase in residual waste has offset any benefit from increases in recycling. Also, the impact of the Household Recycling Centres being closed during lockdowns has adversely impacted performance.

National lockdown measures meant non-essential journeys were discouraged. Household Recycling Centres remained open when possible with appropriate measures. A decrease in footfall in January and February meant less waste brought to site.



The ongoing development of the Quality Bus Partnership has been put on hold. Transport For Wales are undertaking a Network review across North Wales with a report due in May 2021.

The Councils progress on the revision of LTA's has unfortunately been hindered by the recent COVID-19 pandemic and therefore, it has not been possible to obtain representative patronage data. That said, following the easing of the initial travel restrictions work has recommenced to review the current LTA's in place. The current LTA arrangement in Holywell will be replaced with a Fflecsi service in May 2021.

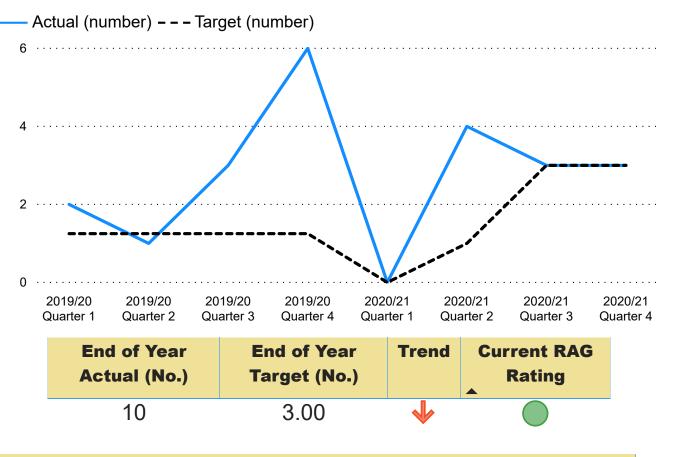


Every Highway Authority is required to inspect 10% of all repairs before the end of this guarantee period, but the Council inspect more than required to promote best practice and avoid future costs. If any defects are identified during the inspection the Utility are required to carry out the required remedial works, preventing the Authority from being burdened with the future repair costs. During the pandemic Streetscene Officers have continued to deliver services throughout. The percentage of inspections has reduced during this period, however the number undertaken is still significantly higher than the statuary requirement and these inspections have been complemented with an appointed contactor carrying out additional technical inspections. Inspections are allocated on a weekly basis, and therefore in order to provide a meaningful and reflective report, the data provided for quarter four are inspections generated in guarter three.

Essential frontline services continued to be delivered throughout the pandemic, some services such as grass cutting, garden waste collections and household recycling centres were suspended in the early period of response. All services were resumed in early summer 2020 and have continued to operate throughout the rest of the year.

Number of targeted environmental educational

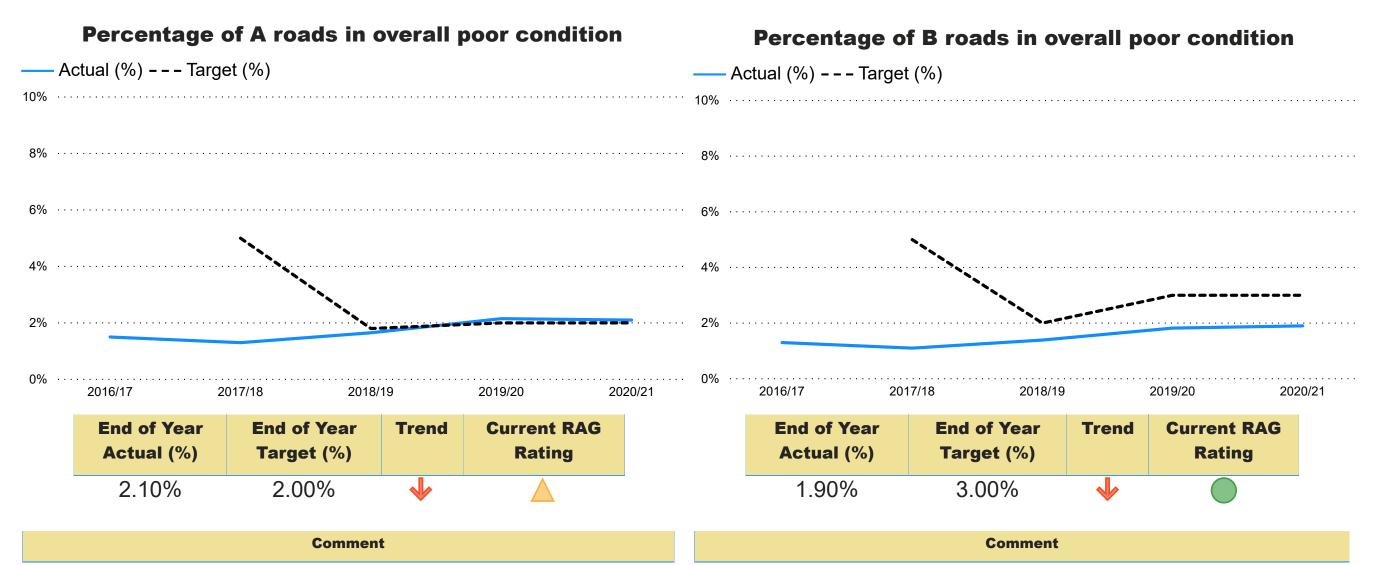
campaigns



Comment

Due to the increase in dog fouling a press release was issued in February to raise awareness of the issues and a reminder about the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices. Campaigns were carried out in the following areas, Muirfield, Linderick Sunningdale and Aberllanch (Buckley), these were completed in January 2021. Since January 2021 foot patrols in all areas across Flintshire have been increased and officers are speaking with owners/residents on a daily basis and are carrying stickers and dog bags for distribution. Data is being collated and shared regarding hot spot areas, number of weekly visits and details of how many interactions with owners.

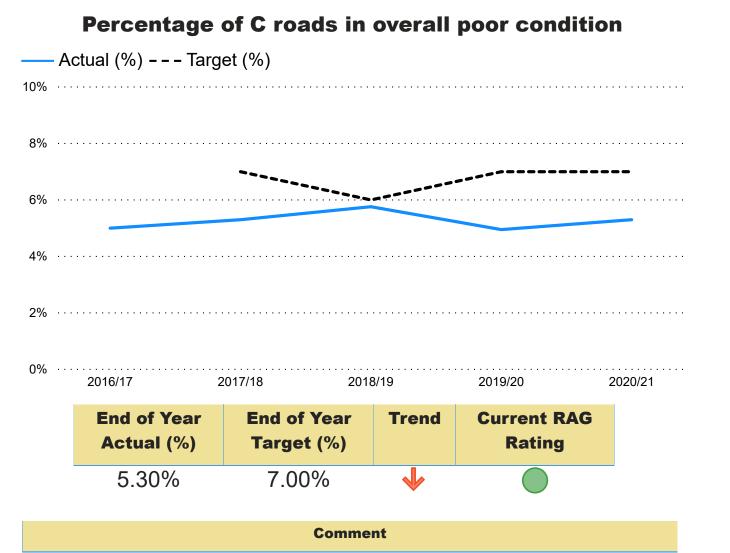
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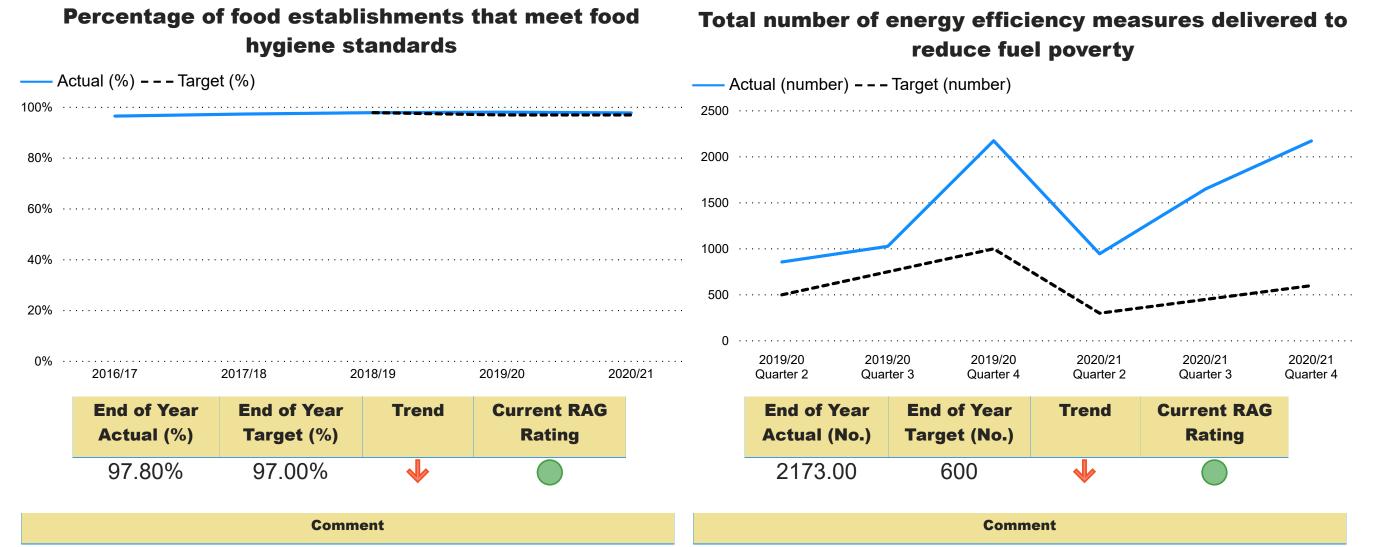
Welsh Government Scanner Data received in September 2020 shows a similar level of the length of 'A' roads deemed to be in a poor conditions to the previous year. This may be as a result of reduce usage during the initial period of the pandemic, and the annual level of investment in the highway network being below the level required to maintain a steady state. However, national data continues to show that the roads within Flintshire have one of the lowest proportion in poor condition.

Welsh Government Scanner Data received in September 2020 shows a similar level of the length of 'B' roads deemed to be in a poor conditions to the previous year. This may be as a result of reduce usage during the initial period of the pandemic, and the annual level of investment in the highway network being below the level required to maintain a steady state. However, national data continues to show that the roads within Flintshire have one of the lowest proportion in poor condition.

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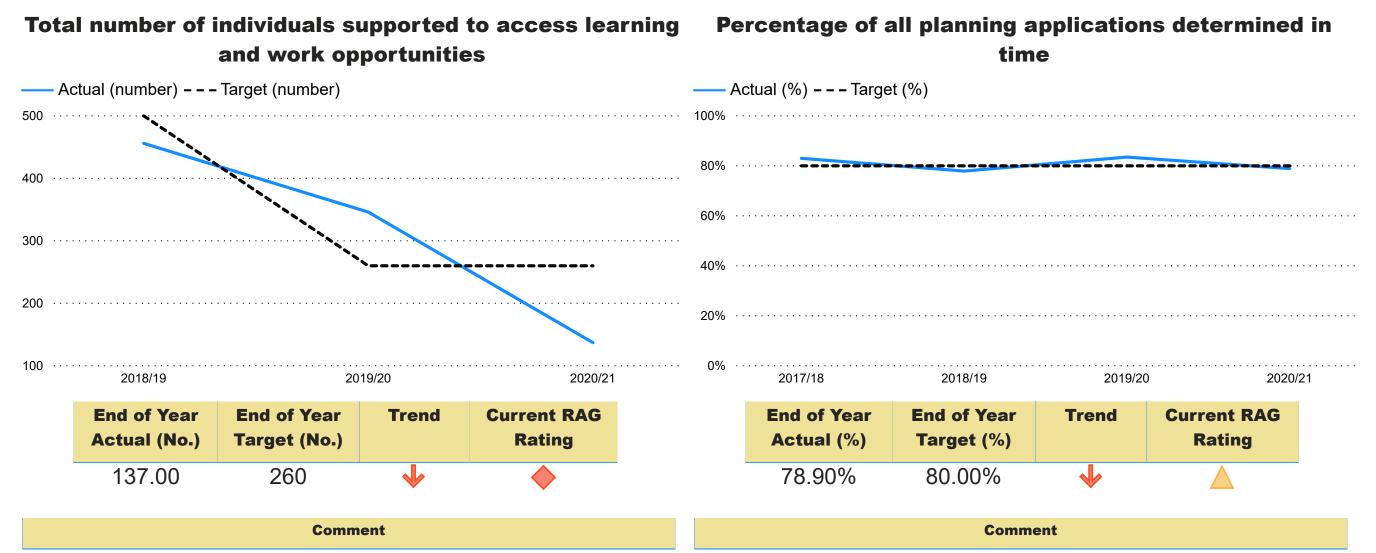


Welsh Government Scanner Data received in September 2020 shows an increase in the length of 'C' roads deemed to be in a poor conditions. This is a result of the annual level of investment in the highway network being below the level required to maintain a steady state, despite any reduction in the usage during the initial stages of the pandemic. However, national data continues to show the roads within Flintshire have the lowest proportion in poor condition.



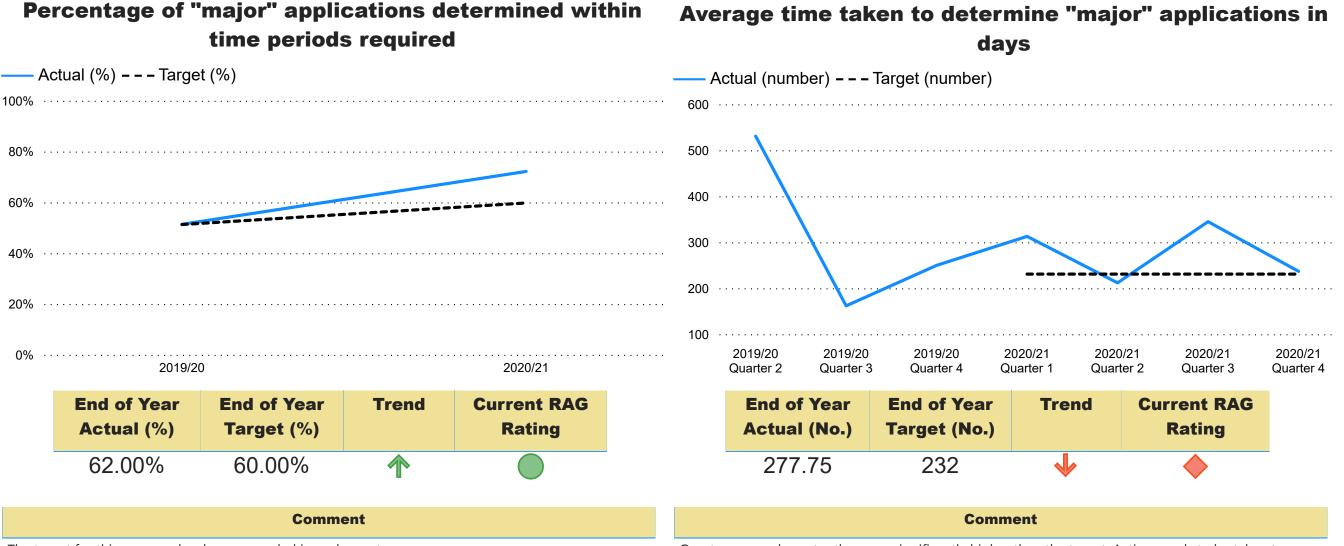
Due to the requirements on the service to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, a lower level of food hygiene inspections have been undertaken. While the level of Broadly Compliant premises has remained above the target of 97%, this is in part due to businesses not having been inspected and so there was no change to their food hygiene rating. The service is concerned as to the effect of the pandemic on compliance levels within food businesses and on the number of new businesses that require inspection which will impact on next year's figures.

These measures are actual installs funded from various sources available to the team to reflect the maximum benefit to the resident both financially and emotionally who find themselves in fuel poverty. The numbers are less than our target for this quarter due to over achieving last quarter and throughout the year. However the target for the year has been exceeded.



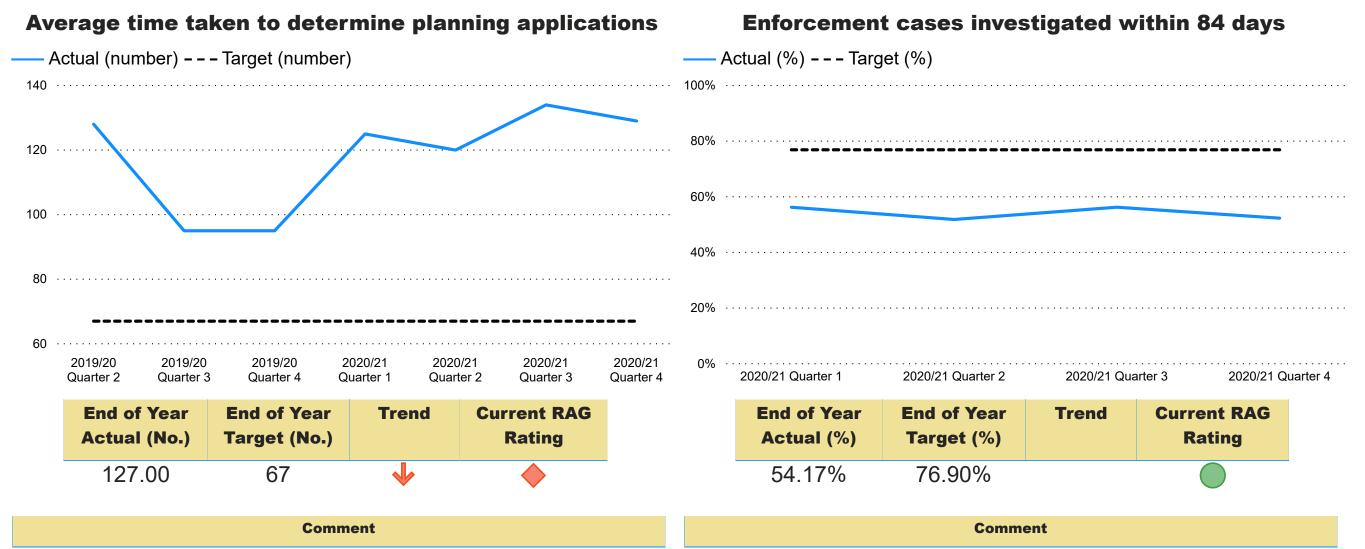
This has been a challenging year for the Communities for Work (CFW) programme, which saw Pathway programmes put on hold limiting the options available to participants to access the relevant training opportunities. Teams have delivered the programme virtually by working from home and have supported mentoring scheme participants to gain E-Learning, Customer services and construction skills qualifications. The teams have also supported participants into employment opportunities within the care, retail and construction sectors.

Acknowledgement that the target is unmet. However due to significant capacity issues in the first six months of 20/21 and ongoing impact of pandemic preventing full site visits from December until mid-April the level of performance achieved so close to the target in normal operational times is excellent.



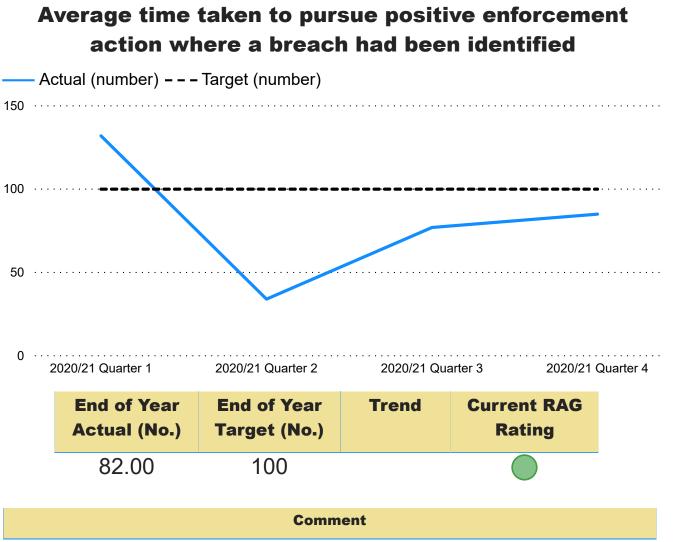
The target for this measure has been exceeded in each quarter.

Quarter one and quarter three are significantly higher than the target. Action needs to be taken to ensure the overall length of such application is reduced by effective case management.



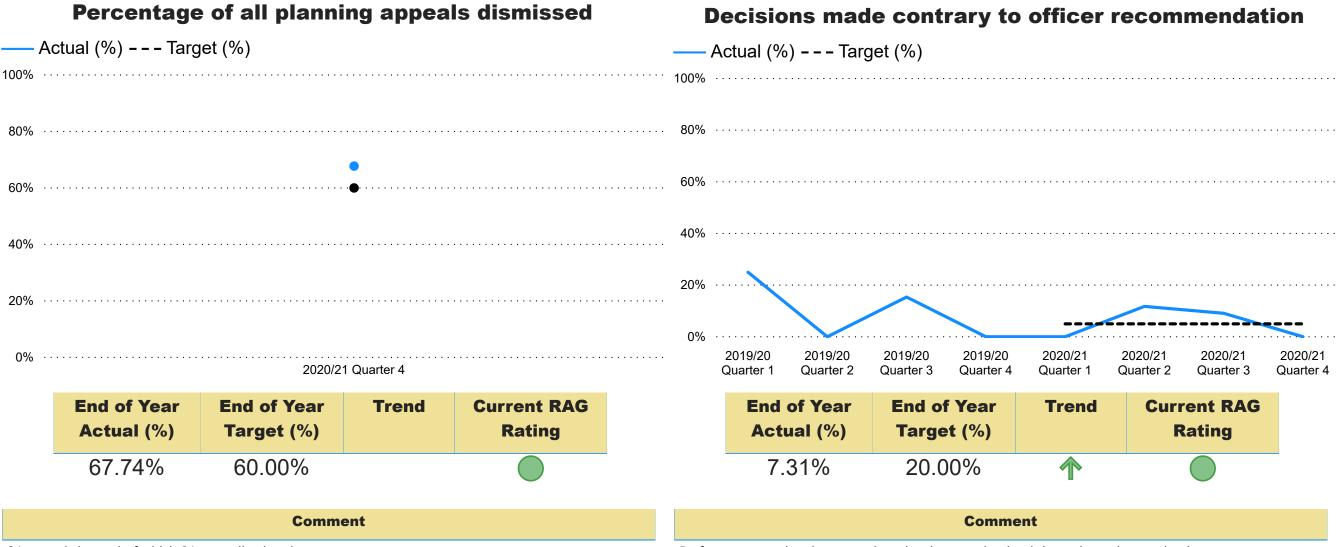
Target not met and double the time taken or more. This reflects the impact of the pandemic throughout 20/21 and the reduced capacity within the service to 30% at times. The majority of applicants agreed to extension of times with understanding of delay of the whole process such as inability to display statutory notices (in accordance with Welsh Government advice) and the back log of cases which developed whilst service transferred to electronic working from home .

Data to be verified - Significant impact on speed of investigations as service capacity was reduced and actively redirected to manage significant and major planning applications.



Reflects the pro-active work that the enforcement team were able to take during lockdowns once a breach had been identified.

Planning, Environment and Economy - Portfolio Measures



31 appeals in total of which 21 were dismissed.

Performance at planning committee has been maintained throughout the pandemic.

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