

Council priorities and responsibilities

Islington Commitment

- Sets out the Council's strategic priorities and key policy initiatives for 2014-18

Key Strategies and Plans

- Set out policies and approach in key areas such as:
Crime, Housing, Children & Young People, Adult Social Care, Public Health, Planning & Development and tackling Child Poverty and Health Inequalities

Legislation

- Statutory roles and responsibilities for local authorities are set out in primary and secondary legislation
- Includes duties around safeguarding, promoting equalities and health & wellbeing, as well as duties around provision of specific services

Corporate Performance Indicator Suite

- List of approximately 50 key performance indicators to enable monitoring of corporate performance against strategic priorities, key services and corporate equalities objectives

Monitoring

Departmental Monitoring

- Each department monitors outputs and outcomes of key services and contracts
- Overall performance monitored at senior level through Corporate Directors and their Departmental Management Team
- Corporate Directors accountable to Chief Executive

Monthly Performance Panel

- Internal panel comprising Leader, Chief Executive and Executive Member for Finance & Performance
- Each meeting focuses on a specific department: the relevant Executive Member and Corporate Director are required to attend
- Panel also monitors overall performance through the corporate performance indicator suite and other data sources eg complaints

Safeguarding Accountability Meetings

- Quarterly safeguarding meetings for Children's Services and for Adult Social Care
- Leader and Chief Executive meet with relevant Executive Member and Corporate Director for in-depth review of safeguarding issues within each department

Internal Strategic Boards

- Strategic boards in place to ensure corporate control of key areas of business
- Cover areas such as finance, procurement, IT, safeguarding vulnerable adults and children, corporate parenting

Accountability

Policy & Performance Scrutiny Committee

- Overall responsibility for scrutinising performance across the council
- Membership includes chairs of other scrutiny committees who are required to report back on the work of their committee
- Executive Member for Finance & Performance required to present Quarterly Report on progress against Corporate Performance Indicators

4 x Scrutiny Committees

- Aligned to service areas as follows: Children's Services; Health and Care; Environment & Regeneration; Housing
- Policy & Performance Committee covers remaining areas: Finance, Resources, Crime and Employment
- In-depth scrutiny of key services within departments
- Executive Members required to report annually to relevant committee on performance of services within their portfolio

Strategic Partnerships and Boards

- Develop and monitor progress against strategies and plans within their remit
- Includes Children & Families Board, Employment Services Board, Housing Board and Safer Islington Partnership