

**BE THE BEST BOROUGH IN THE NORTH**

**CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2016/17**

Calderdale Council has performed well in 2016/17. We know this because we measure ourselves on over 60 key performance indicators. They provide us with evidence of how well we are doing against our own ambitions, and against other local authorities. This helps us to celebrate and learn from success, and identify where we need to improve. 15 of our indicators are called super key performance indicators (SKPIs), because they have the biggest impact on citizens, and are aligned to our priorities;

<b>GROW THE ECONOMY</b>	<b>REDUCE INEQUALITY</b>	<b>BUILD A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE</b>
Educational attainment – 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE Workforce skills - NVQ Level 4+ Digital skills Median gross weekly pay Employment rate	Life expectancy Physically active Older people accessing social care School readiness – early years achievement Crime	New dwellings Road maintenance Carbon emissions Litter Parks and green spaces

We want to be open and transparent about how we are doing, and since February 2017, have published an interactive dashboard of our top 15 SKPIs which allows you to look at our performance over time, and compared to others. <https://dataworks.calderdale.gov.uk/council-performance-overview/>  
To reach our aspiration of being the **Best Borough in the North**, we will start to set more challenging targets aligned to the top quartile performance.

**IMPROVED PERFORMANCE THIS YEAR**

This year has seen an improvement in the number of people in Calderdale being more active. Being physically active for about 150 minutes per week is proven to give great physical and mental health benefits, increase healthy life expectancy, and reduce the need for health or care services. Our Active Calderdale programme seeks to make us the most active borough in the North by 2021. A recent survey showed that nearly 80% of you regularly visit our parks and green spaces, many of you up to 10 times per month. We do well across the whole range of educational attainment; right from the early years, through to GCSEs and beyond into workforce vocational and digital skills. We understand the importance of a good education helping people to reach their potential, and in helping us to grow the economy in Calderdale. We have a good and improving employment rate and average weekly pay has increased, making Calderdale a great place to work.

**CHALLENGES GOING FORWARD**

We recognise the demand for homes in Calderdale, and there has been an increase in the proportion of new dwellings this year. Our draft local plan will be out for consultation later this year. Air quality is an issue in Calderdale, monitored via a number of air quality zones. Collectively we have reduced carbon emissions by 72% since 2005, but we need to do more, and we aim to revise our target going forward. Huge investment in our road infrastructure will support the reduction in traffic and congestion. Nationally there is great pressure with demand for social care; as the population lives longer. In Calderdale we place great emphasis on prevention and helping people to be independent and safe. We are working hard to ensure social care providers are of good quality and the market is sustainable. We work closely with health partners to make sure people don't stay in hospital any longer than they need to, and that they are involved in the design and delivery of their care. The number of crimes in Calderdale has risen and our neighbourhood and community teams continue to work closely with the police to tackle crime and improve the safety of people in Calderdale, and bring perpetrators to justice.