Council Plan Progress Highlights in 2012/13

We said	We did
We want to attract more jobs for local people	 Launched the Southampton City Centre Master Plan Created 11 new Employment and Skills Plans (ESP) S106 programmes which will lead to the creation of 140 new supported jobs for unemployed residents and 102 new/safeguarded apprenticeships Led the multi agency task force to provide skills training, advice and guidance to Ford employees to maximise their choices and job opportunities on the closure of the Swaythling Plant.
More local people who are well educated and skilled	 More young people achieving well at Key Stage 2 and 4 (GSCE): A*- C grade GCSEs, including English and Maths (increased from 51.7% in 2011/12 to 54.4% in 2012/13 More young people staying on in education post 16 and taking up applied/vocational learning opportunities – from 88.3% in 2011/12 to 89.3% in 2012/13 More children and young people attending school regularly – absence rates reduced from 6.4% in 2011/12 to 5.9% in 2012/13
A better and safer place in which to live and invest	 Launched an integrated web presence for inward investment to Southampton, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Received 97 inward investment enquiries on behalf of the Solent LEP Increased visitor numbers at Sea City Museum and progressed work on Centenary Quay, Woolston Secured £17.8million investment for the project 'A Better Connected South Hampshire' as part of the Transport for Southampton, Hampshire and Isle of Wight partnership Delivered a capital programme of £14m investment in Southampton's roads, pavements, transport, and the street scene environment 456 new homes completed, 196 affordable homes delivered and improved 1,643 private homes
Better protection for children and young people	 Increased the number of children looked after placed with local foster carers Commissioned detailed work on the challenges faced by the council in safeguarding vulnerable children to develop an Implementation Plan for improvement in outcomes.

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Support for the most vulnerable people and families	 More people helped to live at home for longer (domiciliary care increased from 2,730 2011/12 to 2,887 2012/13; reduced those in residential care from 627 2011/12 to 586 in 2012/13)
	 Increased the safety of the highest risk victims of domestic violence evidenced through a reduction of repeat incidents of domestic violence incidents returning to MARAC in 12 months from 20.13% in 2011/12 to 19.5% in 2012/13
	 Identified the first wave of families with complex, multiple problems to be supported through the Families Matter project and established a multi agency model to support families with complex needs
	 Led the city's preparation on informing and supporting residents in understanding and dealing with the impacts of the welfare reforms, including the publication of Moneytree for raising awareness
Reducing health inequalities	 1,547 people stopping smoking through 4 week smoking quitters
	 Increased the proportion of people participating in sport and physical activity from 23.10% to 24.7%
	 Increase from 1.1% to 3.6% in cycling amongst schools targeted through the My Journey project
Deliver high quality, low cost services that meet customer needs	 Achieved budget savings of £13.7m to reduce the council's funding gap
	 Establish a new People Directorate to improve outcomes, transform services and reduce costs.
	Implemented the chargeable garden waste scheme
	 Approved the Houses in Multiple Occupation Licensing project