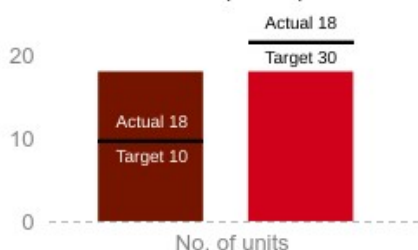


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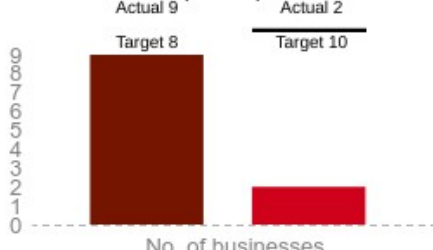
Number of businesses that are members of Ipswich Waterfront Innovation Centre network (LI 443)



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Target not reached as IWIC have seen some churn in businesses using the space which has seen some businesses move out into larger accommodation

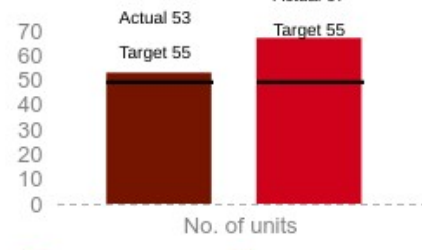
Businesses actively supported to locate in Ipswich or to expand in Ipswich (LI 437)



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Target has not been met due to a reduction in enquiries and length of time it takes from first contact with the business to making a decision on where to locate

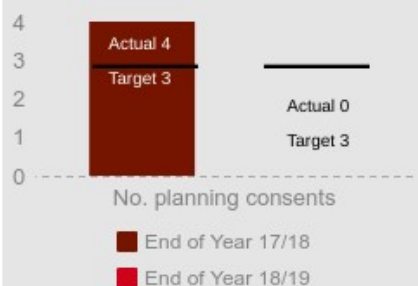
Vacant shops (class A1 use) in Ipswich Town Centre (LI 445)



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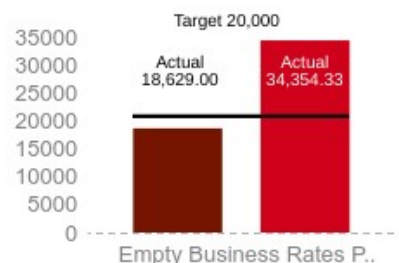
There are 67 vacant shops in Ipswich (9.7%) National vacancy rate in April for all town centre uses is 10% (IBC total vacancy rate is 13%)

Number of Planning consents achieved for IBC regeneration projects (LI 294)



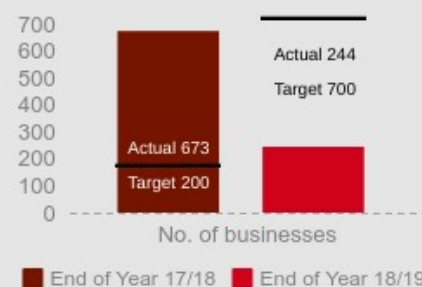
Target not reached due to resource issues.

Empty properties measured by empty business rates paid across the non-operational general fund property portfolio (LI 262)



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Businesses contacted by the Economic Development Team (LI 436)



Last year (17/18) 673 was achieved against a target of 200 and the target was then set at a very ambitious level. It is recommended that the target be set at a more realistic but still ambitious target of 500 (which is roughly double the 18/19 achievement). This would require the first quarter actual amount (for 2019/20) being sustained throughout the rest of the year.

Key Projects

Eastern Gateway Delivery



All site investigations are complete with section of the site ready for tenant from Spring 2019. Roadworks are due to be completed Summer 2019. The design is underway for Phase 1a and 2 of the site and deadlines have been agreed with everything progressing on programme.

Delivery of public realm Project in Arras Square



Design brief and specification is being prepared for procurement process to start. Discussions being held with conservation team for options of the site.

Upper Orwell Bridges



Suffolk County Council intend to work with partners to deliver bridge crossings B and C. Project is still progressing with the Associated British Ports making further progress to ensure project continues. Waiting for governance structure to be set out for the project.

Performance Summary

Overall performance in this portfolio against a range of measures is good. However, officers and Portfolio Holders will continue to address areas where performance is not on target and ensure measures are put in place.

Risk Management for Key Projects

Key projects undertaken within this portfolio are monitored monthly by senior management and the risks associated with the above key projects are graded as amber, with robust mitigations in place.

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