Falkirk Community Trust

Subject: October-December 2020 Quarter Three Performance Report

Meeting: Audit and Performance Sub-Group

Date: 11th February 2021

Author: Team Leader Performance Review

1. Introduction

1.1 This is the 2020-21 quarter three report on Falkirk Community Trust's performance indicators, covering the 3-month financial period October-December 2020. This report flags current performance, relevant current activity, and planned action in support of the Trust's strategic objectives.

1.2 It is important to note that facilities/services that reopened earlier this year are operating at a fraction of their normal capacity, so comparisons with previous years' performance and with targets set pre-COVID-19 cannot be made. They can be made but the issue is that the comparisons will be significant due the closure of services.

2. Performance Statement

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Audit and Performance Sub-Group with performance and high-level financial information on how the Trust has managed the business during the October-December period of the 2020-21 financial year:
 - indicators are not flagged using the usual red-amber-green system due to the exceptional circumstances at this time where targets set pre-COVID-19 no longer have any relevance;
 - each indicator is presented in the form of a chart with accompanying contextual commentary providing a more detailed description of quarterly performance;
 - charts detail usage (admissions, visits, bookings, etc) recorded for each quarterly period;
 - red bars within charts detail individual quarterly usage targets, although note that these targets were set prior to the onset of COVID-19.
- 2.2 Information presented numerically alongside each chart includes:
 - annual target for current year;
 - · year-to-date cumulative usage performance;
 - variance of cumulative performance compared to previous year; and,
 - variance of quarterly performance compared to the same period last year.
- 2.3 The third quarter of 2021-21 saw the reopening of more Trust venues throughout the quarter, with services offered getting closer to the full complement the Trust offers. That all came to an end with tightening of COVID-19 restrictions with the Falkirk area moving into tier 4 in December, putting a halt to much of the Trust's activity. Services and venues remained closed following the festive break with the whole of Scotland entering enhanced lockdown and preventing the delivery of most Trust services, which prevails at the time of this report.
- 2.4 This performance report and all previous reports are available to view on Falkirk Community Trust's website: https://www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org/about-the-trust/our-performance/
- 2.5 A report on the 3-month period January March 2021 and the 12-month financial year 2020-21 will be made at the next meeting of the sub-group on 13th May 2021.

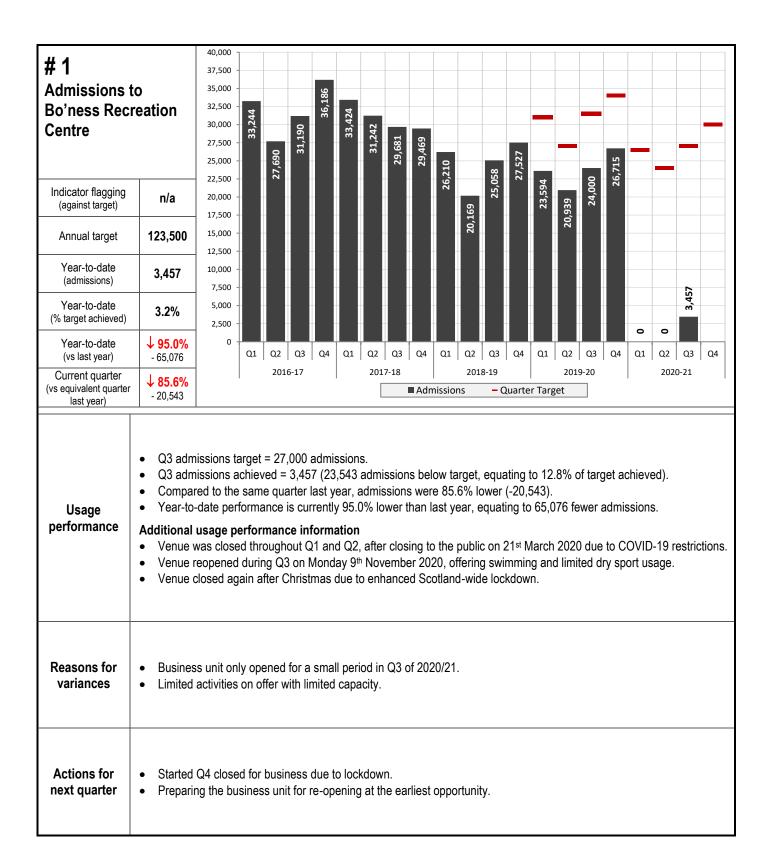
3. Recommendation

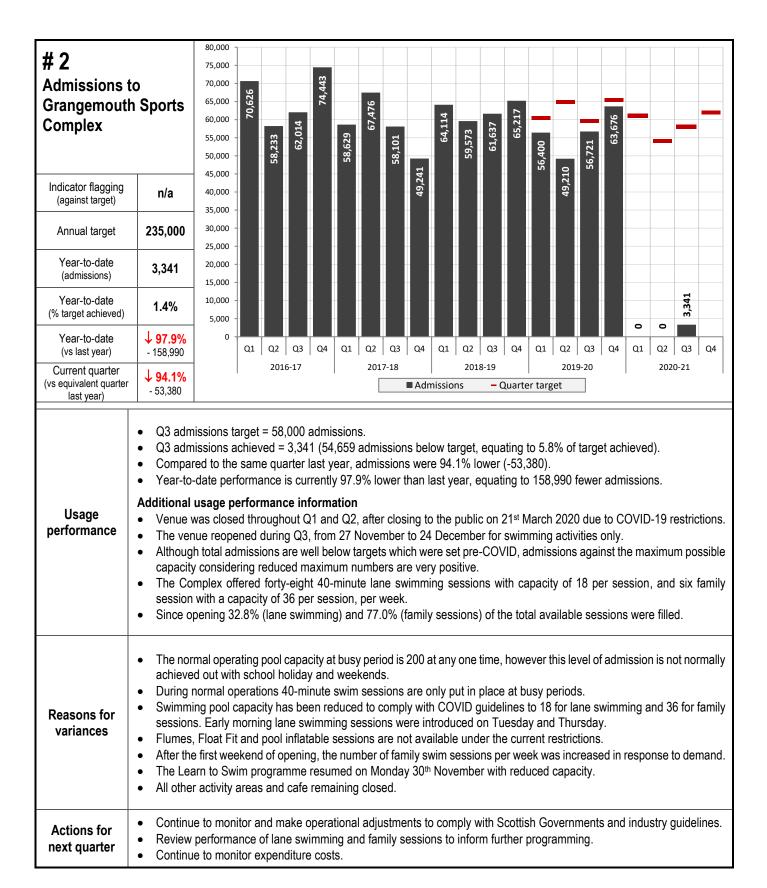
- 3.1 Directors are asked to note:
 - Progress made throughout the third quarter of 2020-21;
 - Plans for the forthcoming quarter.

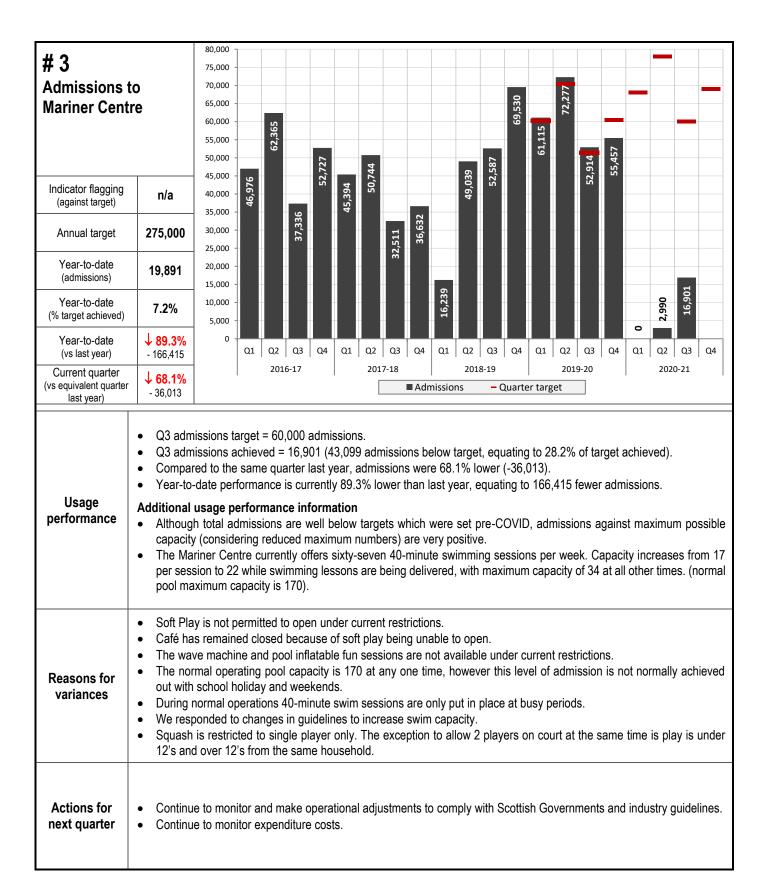
Alistair Mitchell

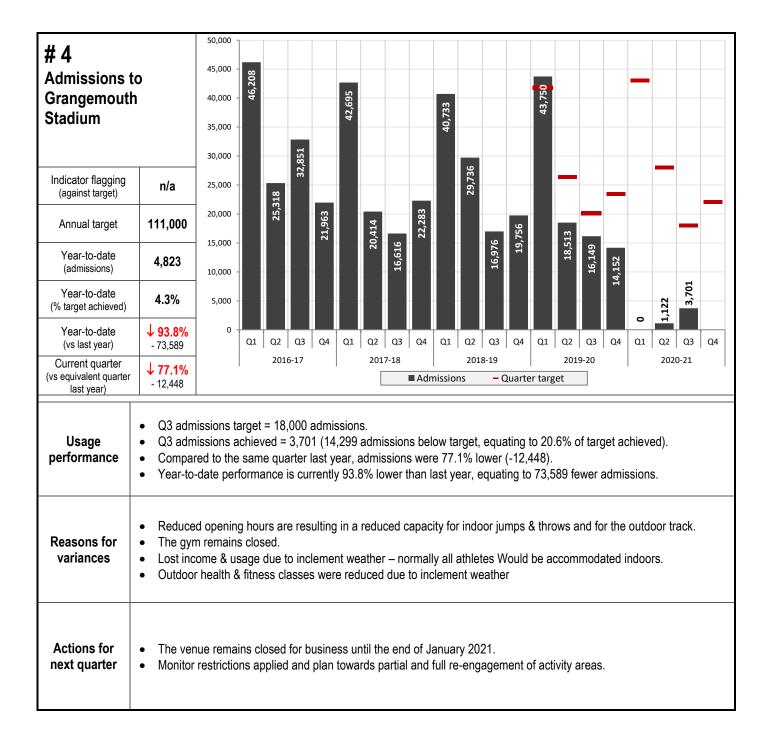
Team Leader Performance Review

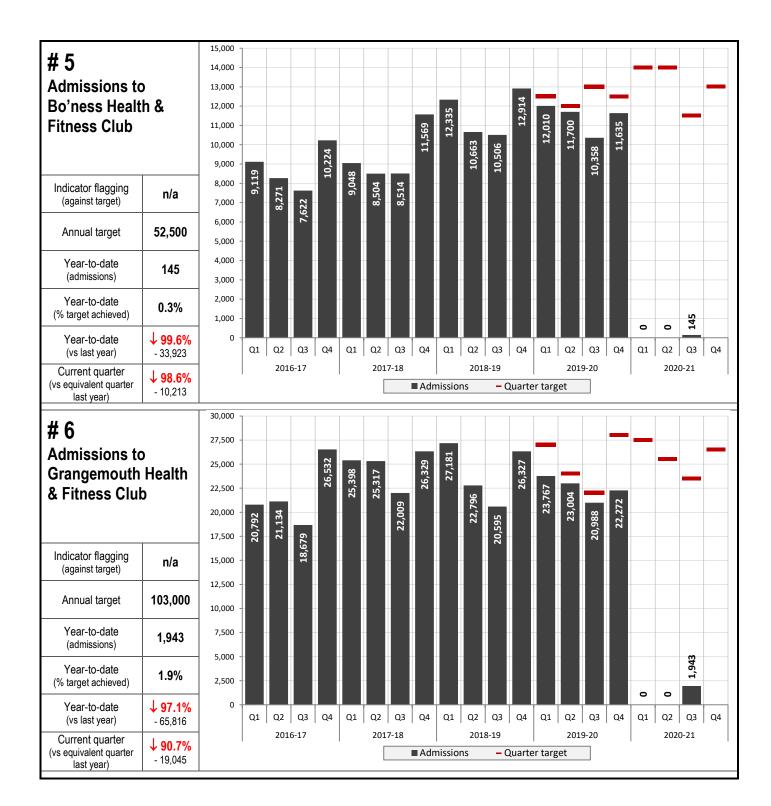
thister ruthely

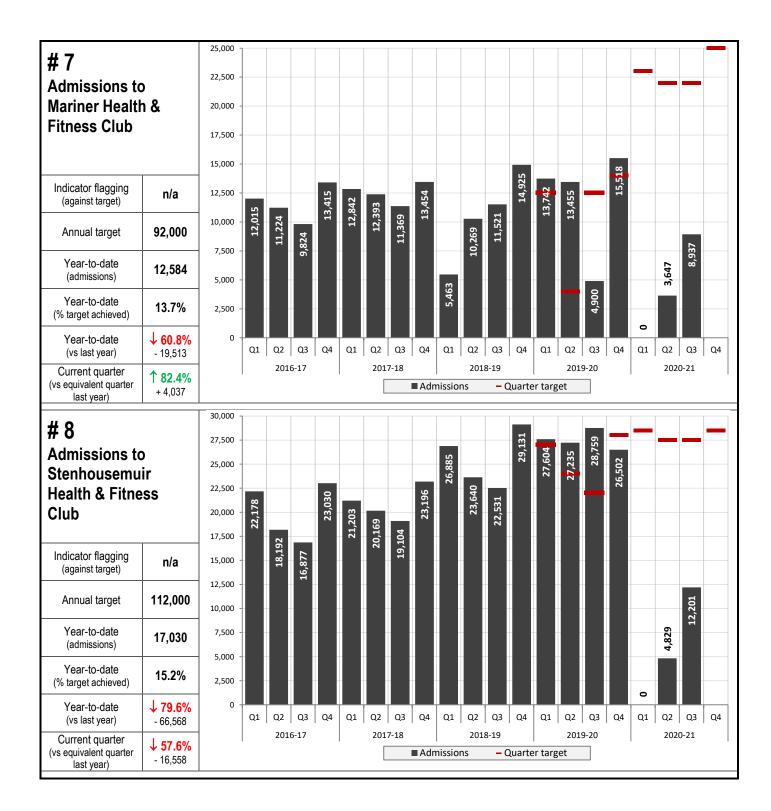


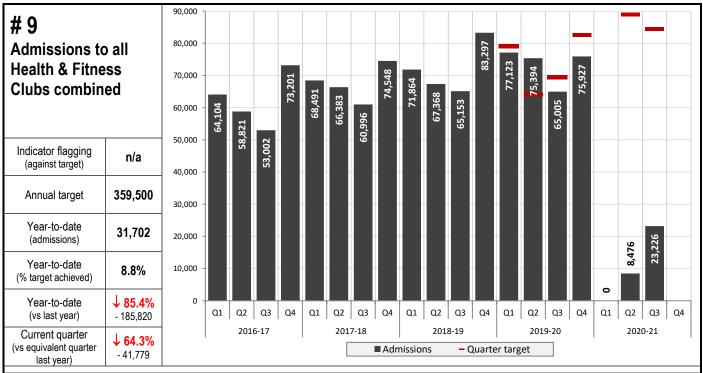












Bo'ness Health & Fitness Club (# 5)

- Q3 admissions target = 11,500 admissions.
- Q3 admissions achieved = 145 (11,355 admissions below target, equating to 1.3% of target achieved).
- Compared to the same quarter last year, admissions were 98.6% lower (-10,213).
- Year-to-date performance is currently 99.6% lower than last year, equating to 33,923 fewer admissions.

Grangemouth Health & Fitness Club (# 6)

- Q3 admissions target = 23,500 admissions.
- Q3 admissions achieved = 1,943 (21,557 admissions below target, equating to 8.3% of target achieved).
- Compared to the same quarter last year, admissions were 90.7% lower (-19,045).
- Year-to-date performance is currently 97.1% lower than last year, equating to 65,816 fewer admissions.

Mariner Health & Fitness Club (#7)

Usage Q3

performance

- Q3 admissions target = 22,000 admissions.
- Q3 admissions achieved = 8,937 (13,063 admissions below target, equating to 40.6% of target achieved).
- Compared to the same quarter last year, admissions were 82.4% higher (+4.037).
- Year-to-date performance is currently 60.8% lower than last year, equating to 19,513 fewer admissions.

Stenhousemuir Health & Fitness Club (# 8)

- Q3 admissions target = 27,500 admissions.
- Q3 admissions achieved = 12,201 (15,299 admissions below target, equating to 44.4% of target achieved).
- Compared to the same quarter last year, admissions were 57.6% lower (-16,558).
- Year-to-date performance is currently 79.6% lower than last year, equating to 66,568 fewer admissions.

All Health & Fitness Clubs combined (#9)

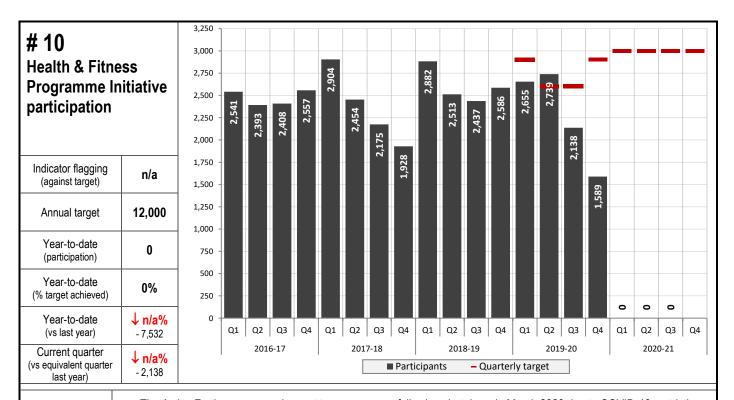
- Q3 admissions target = 84,500 admissions.
- Q3 admissions achieved = 23,226 (61,274 admissions below target, equating to 27.5% of target achieved).
- Compared to the same guarter last year, admissions were 64.3% lower (-41,779).
- Year-to-date performance is currently 85.4% lower than last year, equating to 185,820 fewer admissions.

Reasons for variances

- Bo'ness was the final Health & Fitness club to open and could offer only fitness class provision due to social distancing restrictions. The gym area is currently unable to open but fitness classes were reinstated on 14th December hence usage is only for a couple of weeks in December.
- Grangemouth opened at end-November with predominately gym usage fitness classes did not restart until 14th December. Grangemouth Gym has been temporarily relocated into sports hall 1, creating a 50+ station gym.
- Mariner has been open this entire quarter, being was one of the first clubs to open on 14th September. Predominately gym-based usage, this venue has been well received by existing and new customers. Compared to the same quarter last year, usage has increased, although this is due to being closed last year for refurbishment during which time only fitness classes had been available in the small studio.
- Stenhousemuir reopened on 14th September and has proved popular with existing and new customers. This usage is predominately gym-based due to restrictions with fitness classes, demonstrating the popularity of the gym area.

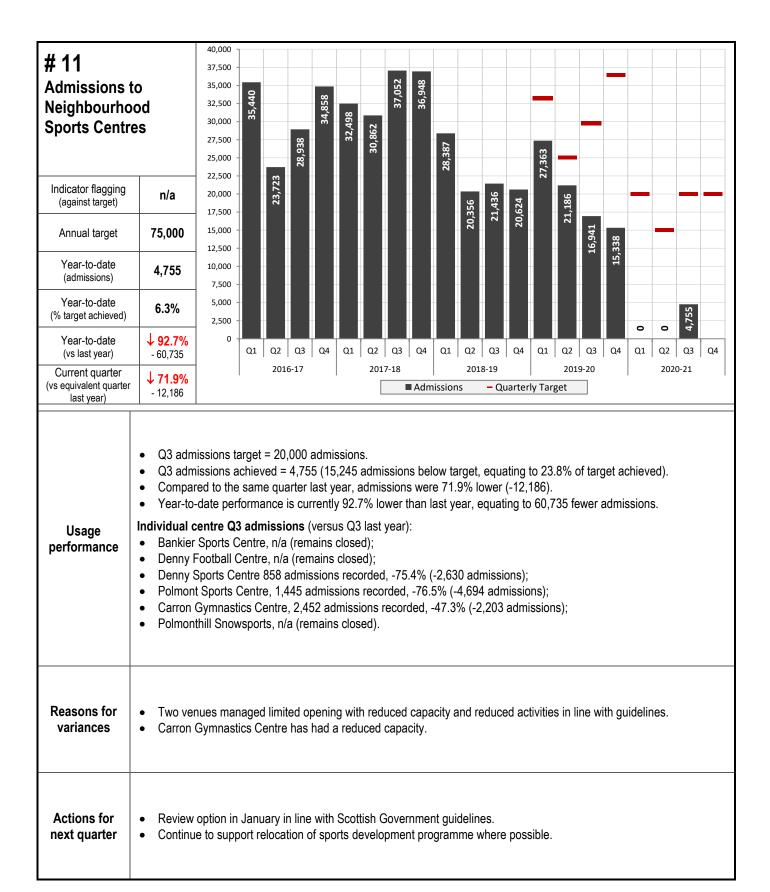
Actions for next quarter

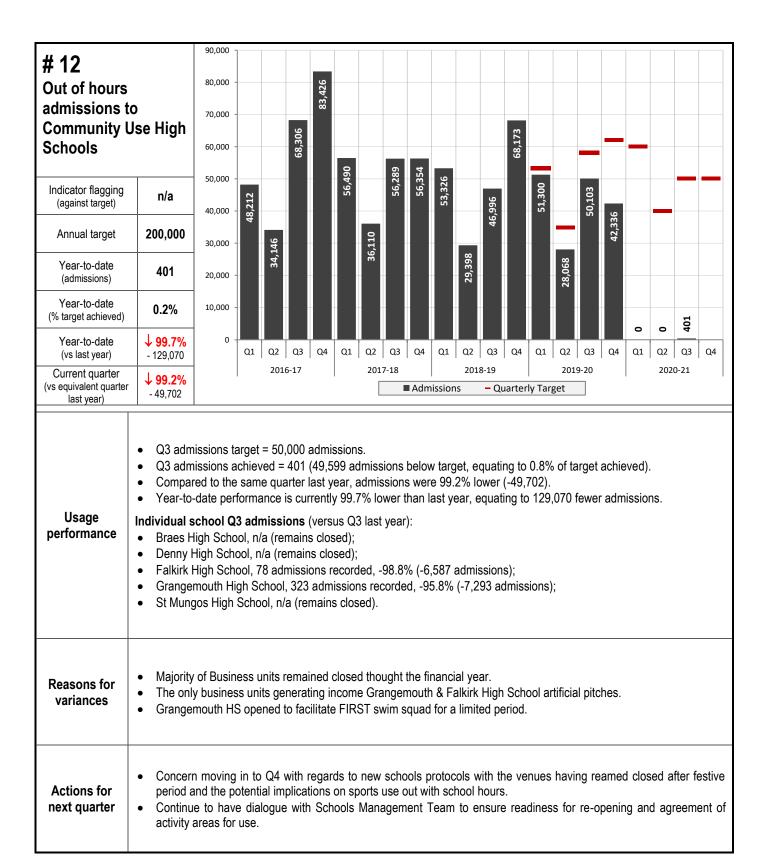
- Continuing working on the recovery plan with Health & Fitness to rebuild effectively.
- Once reopening plans are confirmed, a membership campaign to encourage new and previous members to re-join will be implemented.
- Implement a digital fitness class programme to enable customer to live stream classes or alternatively take part in a recorded session in their own time. This was launched in November and will implement a new timetable for January, based around no current live fitness class provision being available.

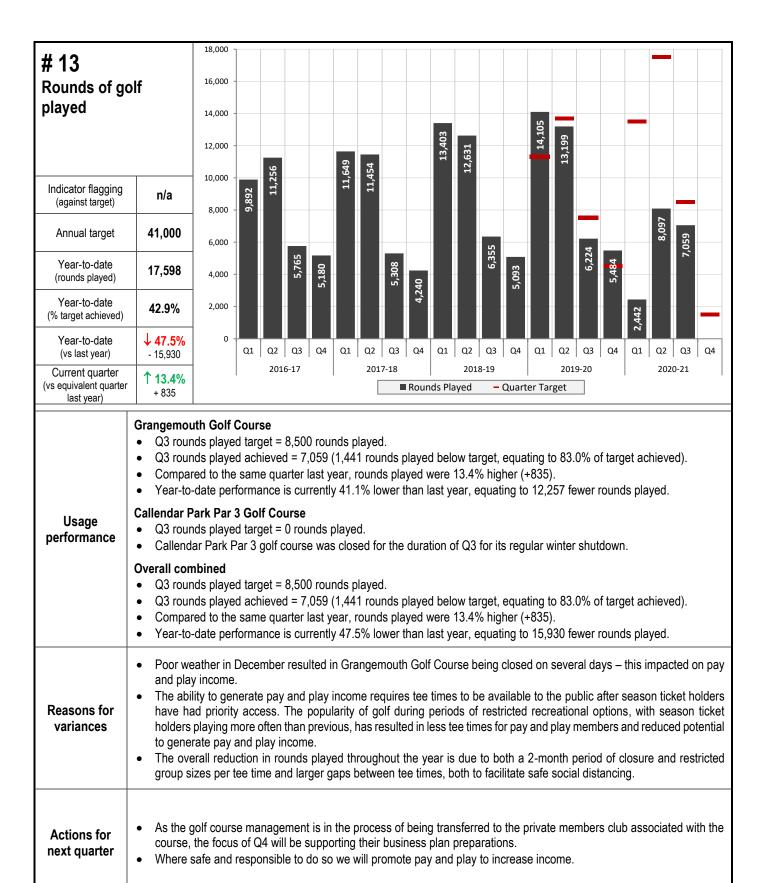


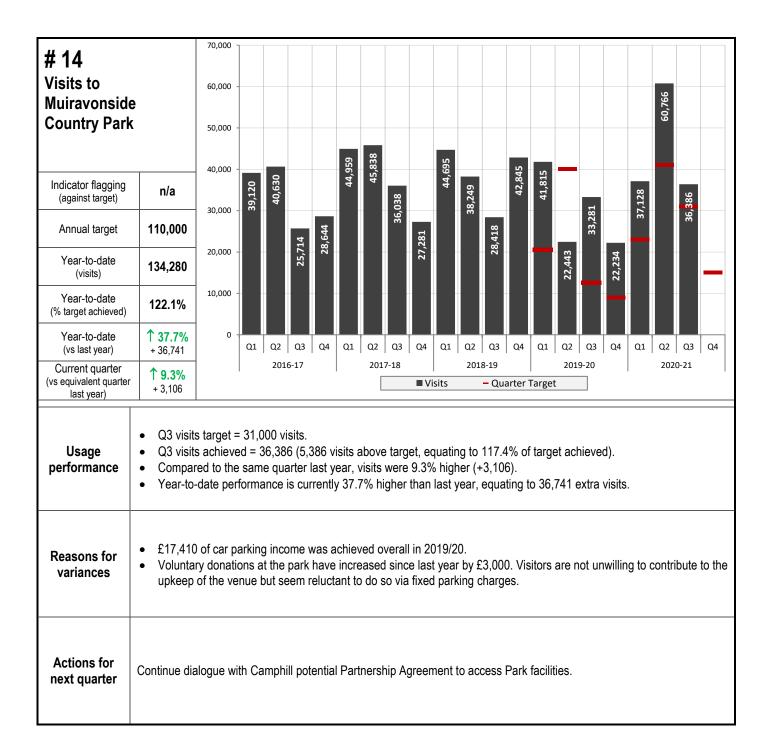
Usage performance

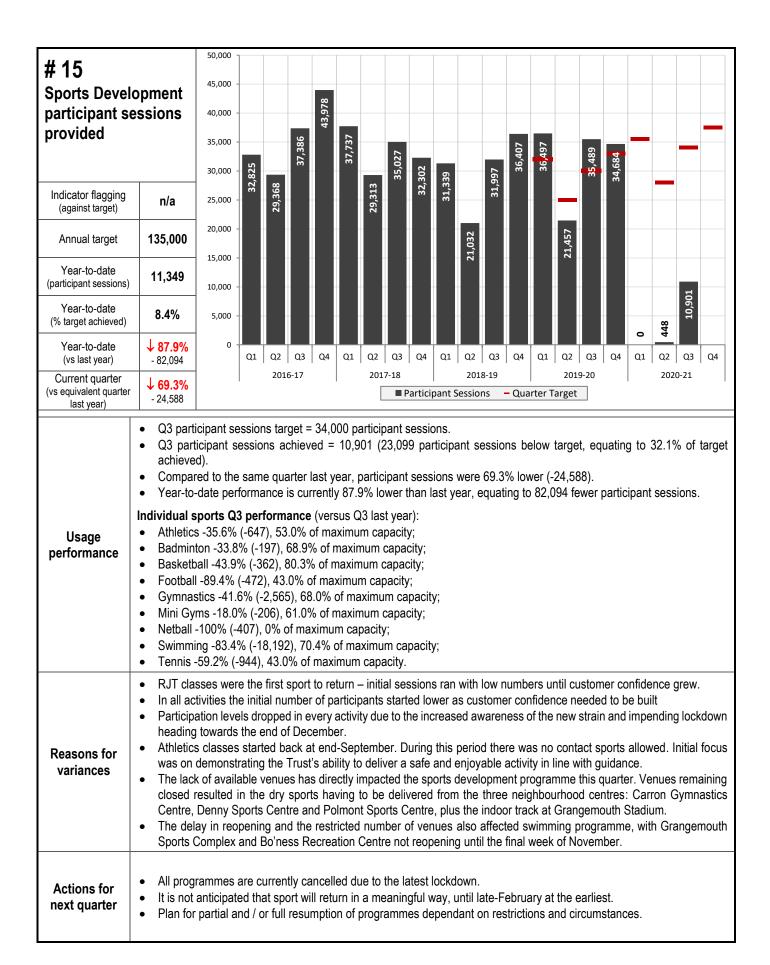
- The Active Forth programme has yet to recommence following shut down in March 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Due to the programme being predominately implemented by volunteers who are mostly over 70 years of age, it has not restarted. The Step Forth Coordinator was due to return in January 2021, before the 2nd lockdown commenced however will now return alongside the rest of the Health & Fitness team.
- Revised ways of working for our walkers with the support of our key partners, Falkirk Council and Paths for All.
- Work continues to restart the programme soon.

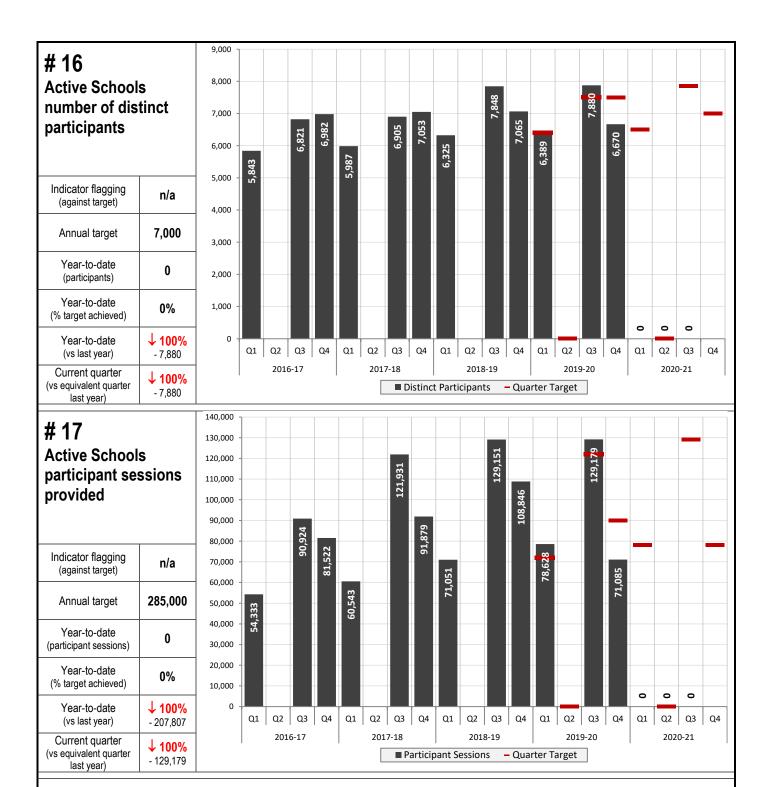




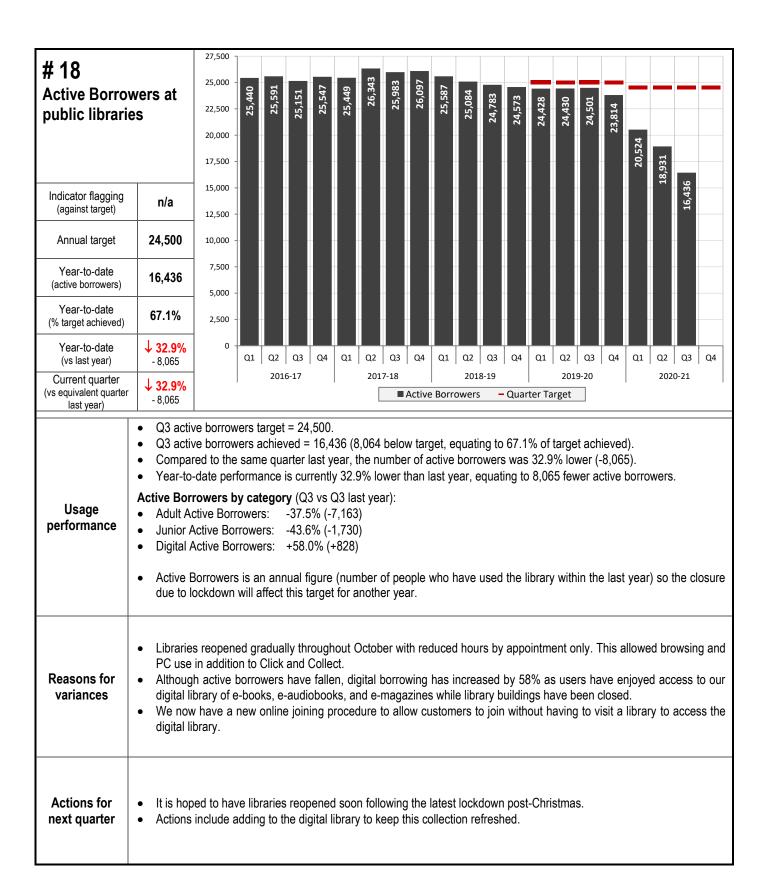


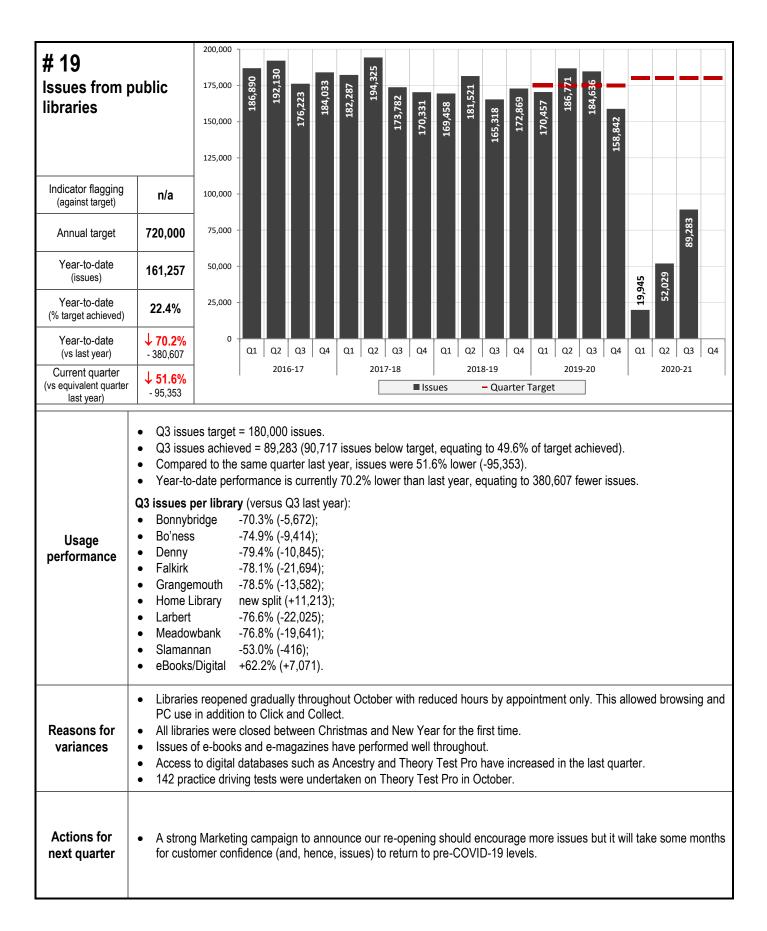


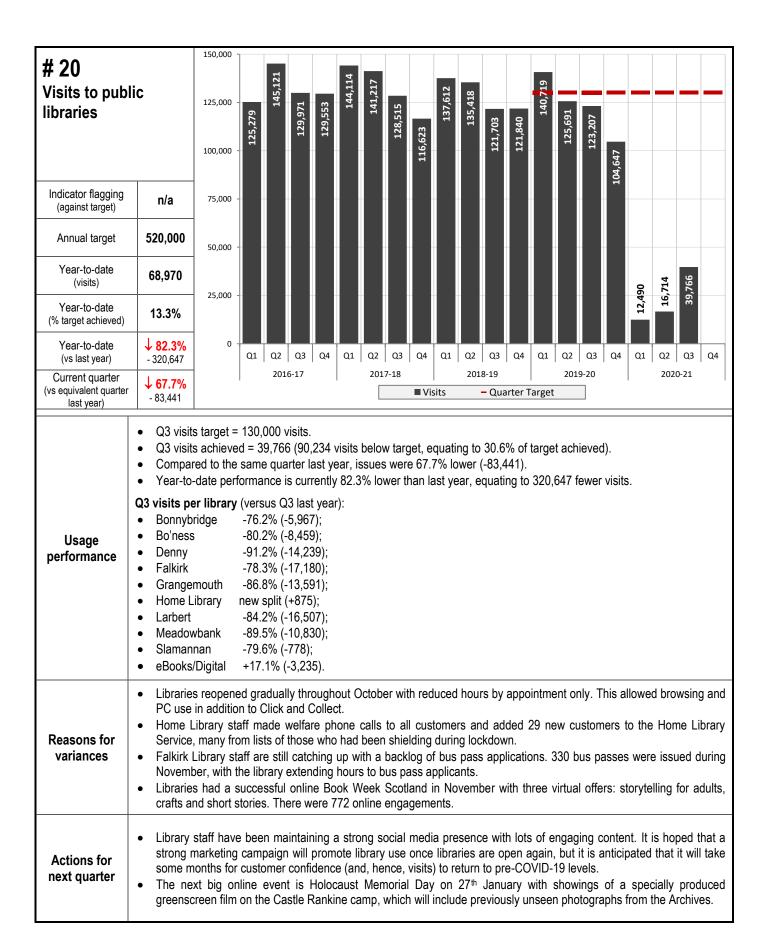


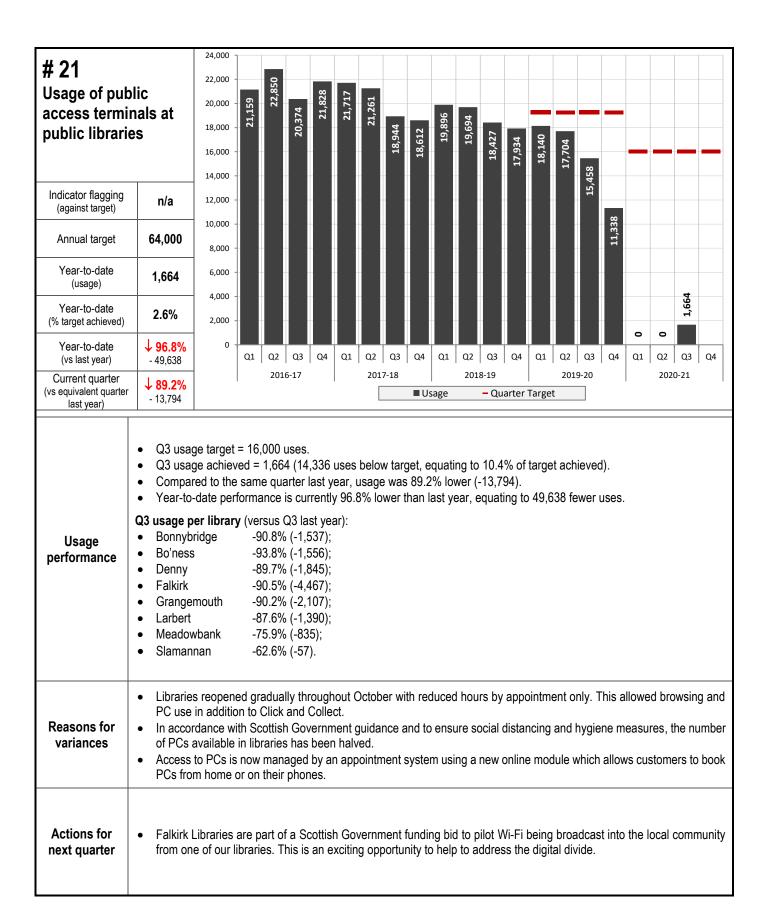


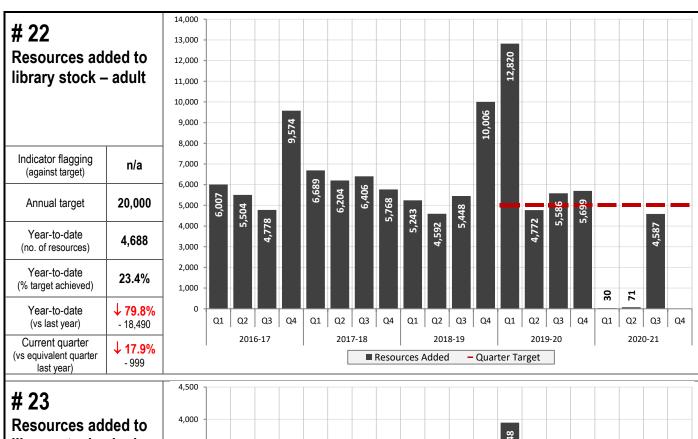
- Due to the guidance from Education Scotland and sportscotland around extra-curricular activity, there was no data recorded for Active Schools
- Extra-curricular activity was permitted in very limited circumstance commencing following the October school holidays, however a combination of the poor weather, concerns around safety and staffing levels meant that very few schools permitted any extra-curricular activity to take place.
- The team were deployed to support schools in a more direct role, with coordinators being involved in physical delivery in 28 schools during the Q3 period.
- A combination of restrictions around the number of groups that Active School Coordinators could work with during a day, and the limit to
 the number of schools, affected this. Equally, many schools considered Active Schools staff as non-essential visitors and requested that
 they do not visit the school.







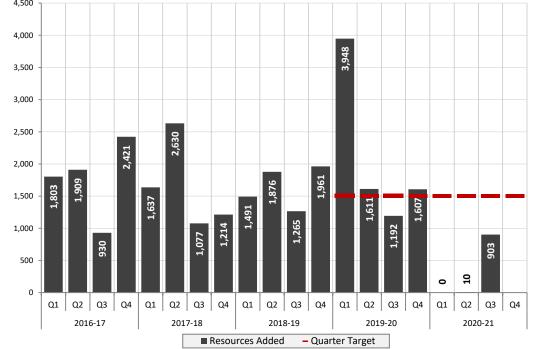




library stock – junior



Usage performance



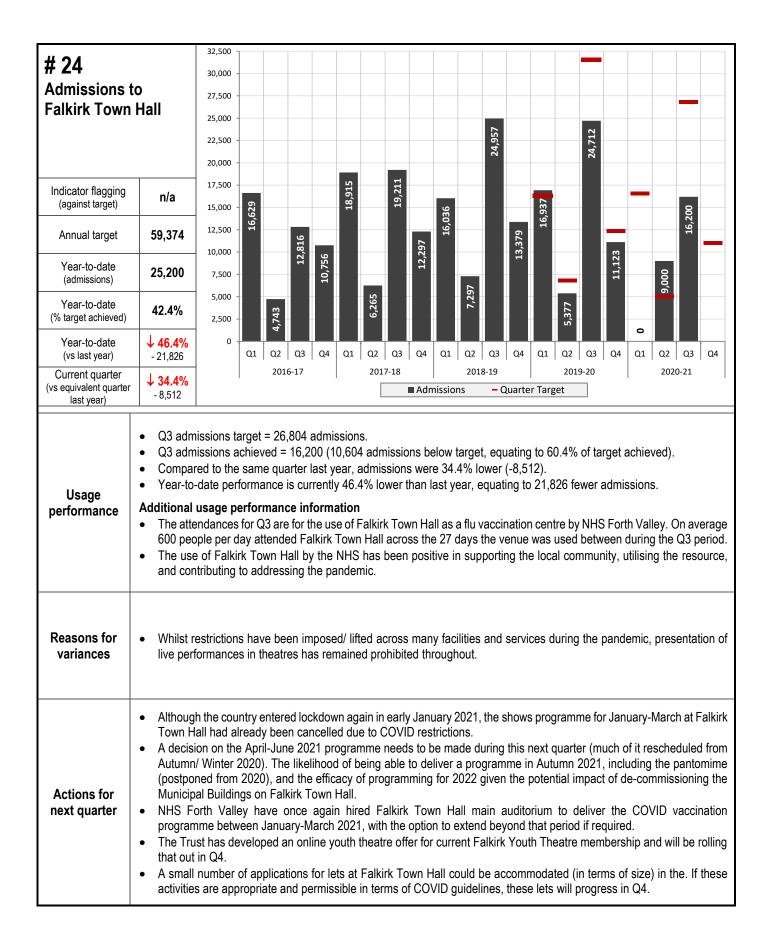
Adult additions to stock (PI #22)

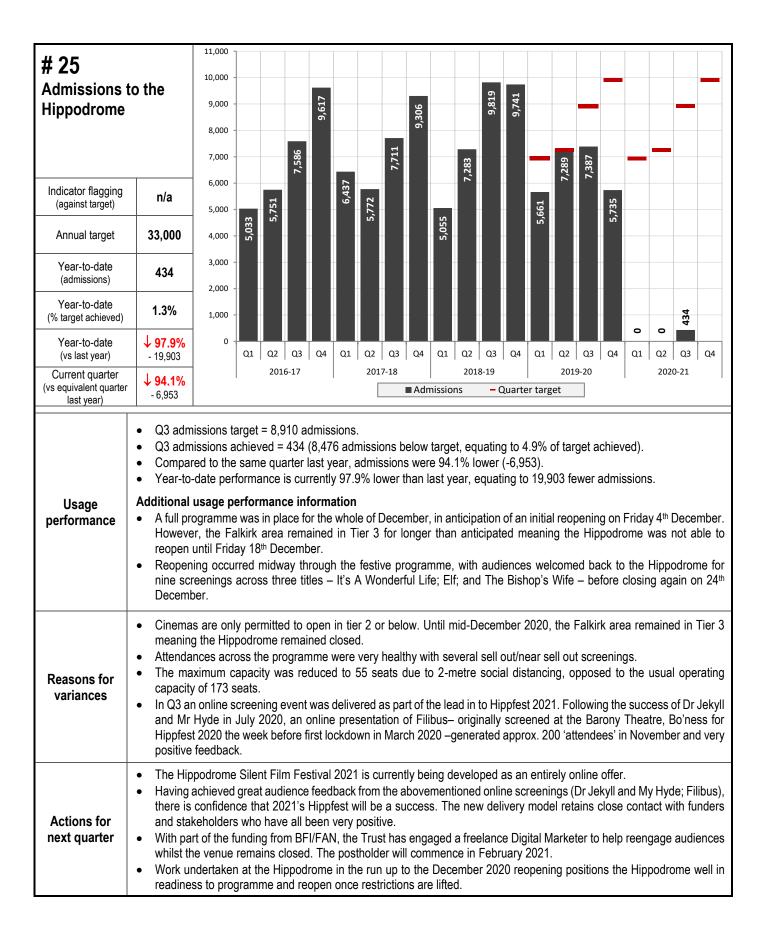
- Q3 resources added target = 5,000.
- Q3 resources added achieved = 4,587 (413 below target, equating to 91.7% of target achieved).
- Compared to the same quarter last year, resources added were 17.9% lower (-999).
- Year-to-date performance is currently 79.8% lower than last year, equating to 18,490 fewer resources.

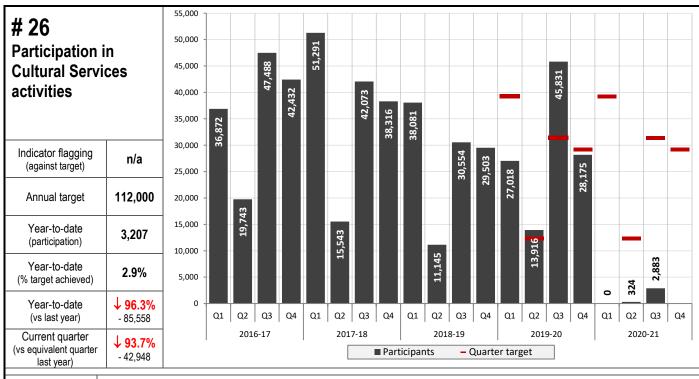
Junior additions to stock (PI #23)

- Q3 resources added target = 1,500.
- Q3 resources added achieved = 903 (597 below target, equating to 60.2% of target achieved).
- Compared to the same quarter last year, resources added were 24.2% lower (-289).
- Year-to-date performance is currently 86.5% lower than last year, equating to 5,838 fewer resources.

Reasons for variances	Library staff have been adding items ordered pre-lockdown and ordering stock that was published during lockdown.
Actions for next quarter	 Boost the e-book and E-audiobook offer by ordering new stock. The supplier of e-books has been taken over by 'Overdrive' – a larger company allowing access to a larger e-book collection within the next few months.







- Q3 participation target = 31,360 participations.
- Q3 participation achieved = 2,883 (28,477 below target, equating to 9.2% of target achieved).
- Compared to the same guarter last year, participation was 93.7% lower (-42,948).
- Year-to-date performance is currently 96.3% lower than last year, equating to 83,558 fewer participations.

Additional usage performance information

The attendance figures for Q3 for this PI are made up of Great Place activity and the YMI programme.

YMI

- Restrictions in Q3 prohibited external service providers from working in schools. As such, YMI tutors helped produce filmed YMI sessions that teachers could screen in class and pupils could take part in. Nine films were screened in primary schools across 6 weeks after the October schools' break. Feedback from the schools has been positive.
- A survey of schools in December indicated that at least 35 classes across 20 schools viewed the films and took part in
 the activities. 95% of respondents rated the lessons 'very good' or 'excellent', with YMI's navigation of COVID as 'good',
 very good' or 'excellent'. Comments included that children had engaged with material well, that lessons were valuable
 music making activities for pupils, and that pupils enjoyed the sessions as did teachers.

Usage performance

Great Place

- The Great Place programme Q3 generated 148 targeted usages across several activities including (but not limited to) 2 x Hidden Heritage projects (Glorious Gardens and Ancient Falkirk); 2 x storytelling training sessions; the Falkirk Heritage Network; an online schools' programme in Denny High School. The programme also generated 112 participants in self-led activity in particular, the Heritage Treasure Hunt in Callendar Park.
- The Our Stories website and Falkirk Explored app continue to generate engagement; headline statistics for Q3 are 4,073 new users of the website and 804 downloads of the app.
- Engagement through social media continues to grow with new followers in Q3: Facebook 419, Twitter 76, Instagram 79. A SoundCloud account for storytelling/oral histories content has generated 561 plays to date.

<u>Exhibitions</u>

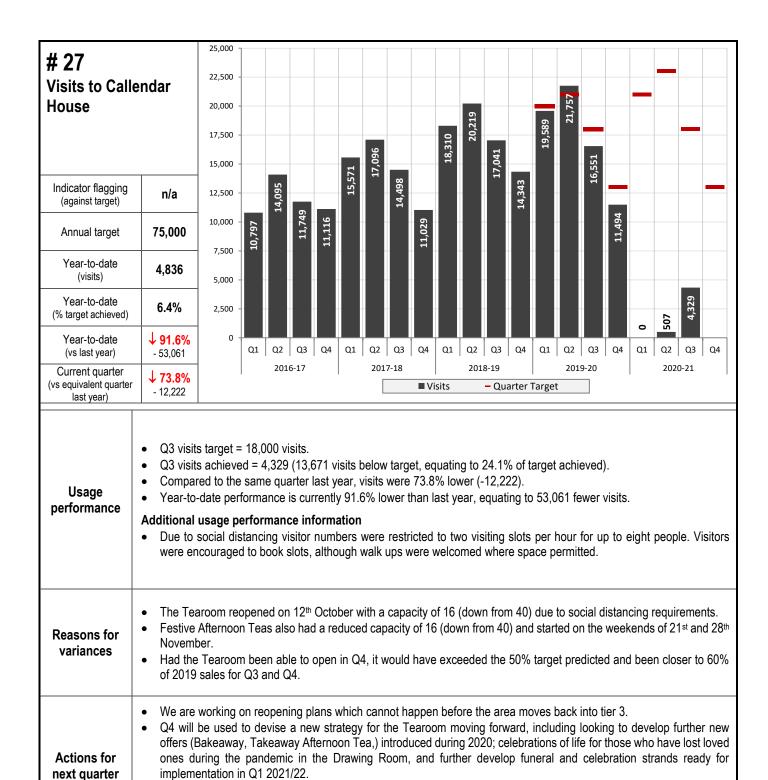
• In October, an exhibition was installed at Callendar House featuring work of c.20 artists based in the Falkirk and wider Forth Valley area. Ordinarily, this would have included a preview and supporting activity but given the current situation, the exhibition was simply curated and installed. Attendance figures are included in the Callendar House PI (#27).

Reasons for variances

- Due to a long-term sickness absence and a vacant post through maternity, the Great Places team have been operating
 in Q3 with reduced capacity. However, the main reason for the variance in performance is the impact of the pandemic
 on the ability to operate.
- The YMI team have not been working to their usual timetables in schools for the duration of the pandemic.

Actions for next quarter

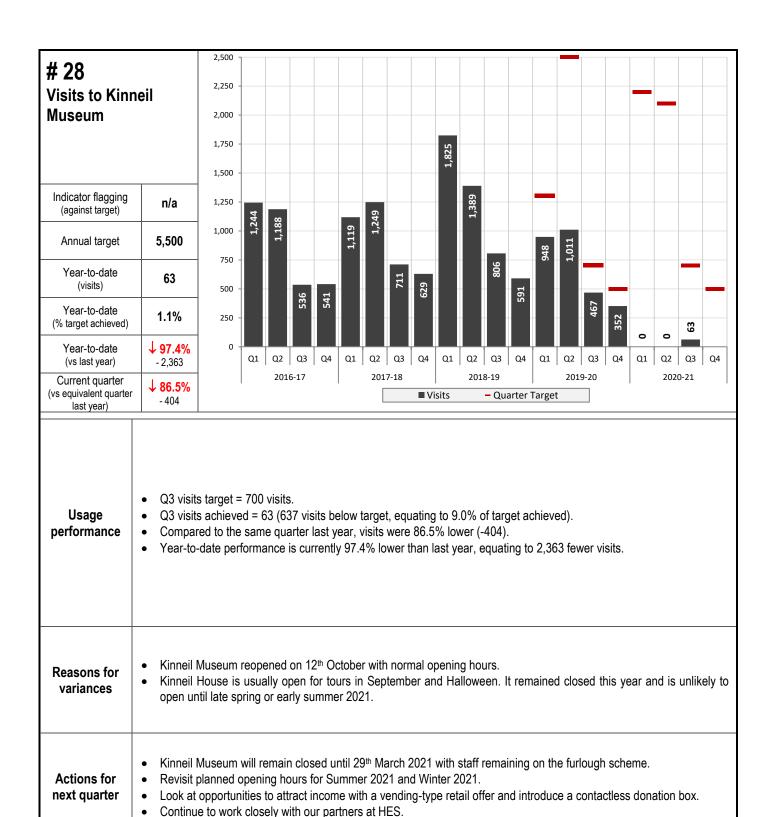
- Continue with the Great Place programme in Q4 with a focus on recorded heritage (storytelling/local histories, etc).
- There are several Hidden Heritage projects to be delivered in Q4 for further Our Stories content.
- YMI programme will continue to be delivered via the film sessions model.

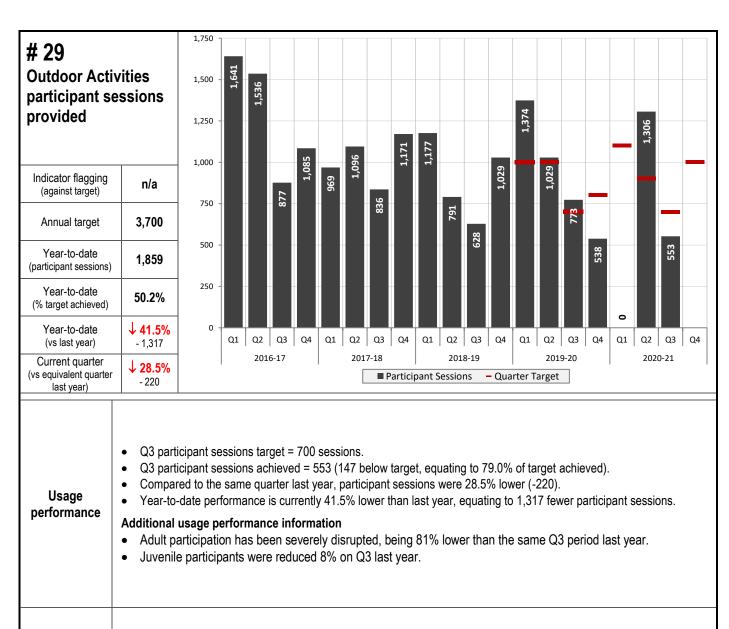


Continue with the simplified menu concentrating on soup, sandwiches, cakes to maintain a high gross profit and reduce

Implementation of the new EPOS (Electronic Point Of Sale) system is under consideration

waiting times.



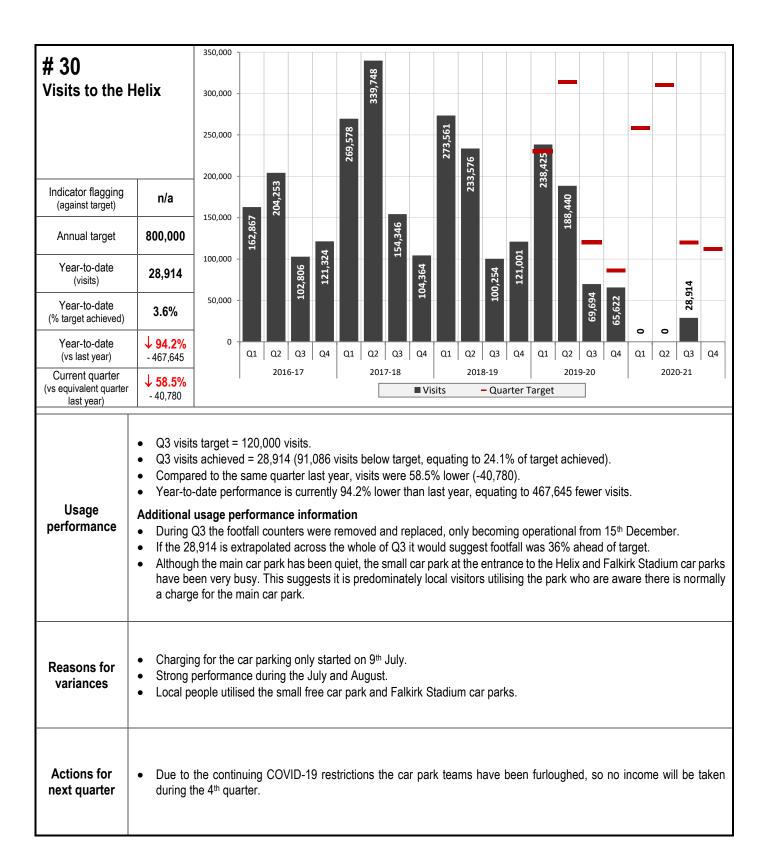


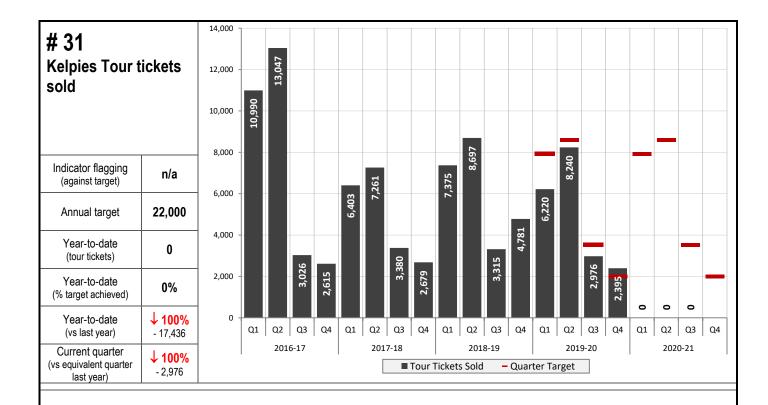
Reasons for variances

- Most of the Community Programme session were prevented from running. Only a limited NGB training programme was
 possible, giving an adult attendance 81% down on last year.
- Juvenile participation was good considering circumstances and the challenges facing both schools and the Outdoors team. Good partnership working overall combined with opportunities due to on site delivery enabled some whole year group sessions.

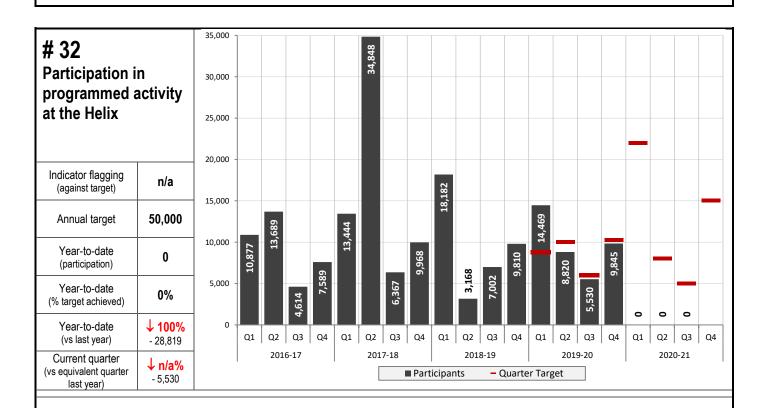
Actions for next quarter

- A reduced Winter Programme was booked and set with many sessions booked to capacity. However, the programme
 was then cancelled due to changes in lockdown restrictions.
- As soon as return is allowed it may be possible to pick up sessions in February and March.
- Speculative programmes were outlined before the festive break & again as soon as staff are back work will begin planning Spring & Summer programmes.





This service remains closed at this time, after closing to the public on 21st March 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions.



- No events have taken place on the Helix site since the lockdown in March 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Work continues to offer programmed activity once again at the Helix in the near future.

Falkirk Community Trust: Organisational Performance

- A strong, sustainable and valued organisation

In Process	2017/18 total	2018/19 total	2019/20 total	2020/21				
Indicator				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Year Total
Sickness Absence - % days lost	3.46%	4.46%	4.01%	1.69%	1.59%	2.39%		
Staff Turnover – cumulative	11.4% equates to 56 staff	13.9% equates to 67 staff	10.8% equates to 54 staff	2.6% equates to 12 staff	2.8% equates to 13 staff	Not yet available		
Number of Accidents involving staff and customers	367	466	365	1	2	Not yet available		
Number of complaints and formal enquiries received and dealt with	89	63	64	2	6	2		
Number of hits on Trust website	754,109	819,592	849,428	41,792	134,585	144,781		

Sickness Absence

Sickness absence for Q3 20-21 was lower than the same quarter last year with 2.39% of working days being lost, equating to 702 absence days. This compares to a rate of 3.70% and 1,182 days lost in Q3 last year. Q3 covers the third 3-month period of 20-21 where a significant number of Trust staff were placed on furlough.

Staff Turnover and Headcount

The rate of staff turnover at the end of Q2 20-21 was 2.8%, equating to a total of 13 leavers during the July-September period. This was near-identical on the same quarter last year which had totals of 2.7% equating to 13 leavers.

Figures for staff turnover for the Q3 20-21 period were unavailable at time or writing and will be included in the next quarterly performance report.

The Trust's headcount at 31st December 2020 was 465 employees working a total of 11,532 hours per week. This equates to 312 FTE (full-time equivalent) staff. This headcount is split between 164 full-time and 301 part-time staff, with 428 positions being permanent and the remaining 37 positions being temporary posts. These are all reductions in the overall staff establishment compared to this same end-Q3 position last year and reductions on the preceding quarter, reflecting the changes resulting from Covid-19. Changes compared to the same end-Q3 position last year:

- 4.3% reduction in headcount, equivalent to 21 fewer employees;
- 5.4% reduction in FTEs (-18 FTEs);
- 4.6% reduction in total weekly hours worked (-555 hours per week);
- 10.4% decrease in full-time positions (-19 posts);
- 0.7% decrease in part-time positions (-2 posts);
- 4.0 decrease in permanent posts (-18 posts);
- 7.5% decrease in temporary posts (-3 posts).

Accidents Reported

Figures for accidents and incidents reported for the Q3 20-21 period were unavailable at time or writing and will be included in the next quarterly performance report.

Complaints Received.

Complaints handing performance was not reported earlier this year for Q1 and Q2 due to a technical issue with the Trust's complaint's recording system preventing generation of performance statistics. This has now been resolved with Q1, Q2 and Q3 being reported below.

Q1 April-June 2020

- 2 complaints and formal enquiries were received and dealt with during Q1 20-21, with both being dealt with at Frontline Resolution (Stage 1) and none requiring further investigation (Stage 2).
- This was 13 fewer (-86.7%) complaints received than the same period last year and reflects the low number of Trust services and venues operating this year due to COVID-19.

Q2 July-September 2020

- 6 complaints and formal enquiries were received and dealt with during Q2 20-21, with all being dealt with at Frontline Resolution (Stage 1) and none requiring further investigation (Stage 2).
- This was 5 fewer (-45.5%) complaints received than the same period last year and is again a reflection of the low number of Trust services and venues operating this year due to COVID-19.

Q3 October-December 2020

- 2 complaints and formal enquiries were received and dealt with during Q3 20-21, with both being dealt with at Frontline Resolution (Stage 1) and none requiring further investigation (Stage 2).
- This was 22 fewer (-91.7%) complaints received than the same period last year and is again a reflection of the low number of Trust services and venues operating this year due to COVID-19.

Website Performance

- Trust website traffic during Q3 20-21 was lower than the same quarter last year with 144,781 sessions, a 34.9% decrease (-77,752 sessions) compared to Q3 last year.
- There were 374,959 page views during Q3, a 55.0% decrease and equivalent to 458,888 fewer page views for the 3-month period compared to last year.
- These website visits were carried out by 81,510 unique visitors (-41.2% on Q3 last year), with 24,802 being new visitors to the website.
- Average session duration was 1m44sec.
- Website performance during Q3 continues what was seen during Q2 with a return towards levels
 of visitors more like pre-COVID levels, following an extremely low level of website usage in Q1
 this year.

Support for the NHS/Council during the pandemic

Trust staff have been proactive in liaising with NHS and Council staff in offering and subsequently providing support in a number of ways, especially in this quarter. Given the nature of having to react quickly to Government announcements and local outbreaks, facilities have been used as Flu vaccination centres, mobile pop-up testing units and COVID vaccination centres as well as providing staff to support such a centre being delivered from Forth Valley College. An internal report is being prepared that specifically refers to this support and this is expected to continue throughout the coming months.