

Businesses supported by the Council

Number of businesses who receive direct support and advice from services the Council commission. The council commissions a series of programmes which help business leaders to grow their business. The businesses who receive support will grow, creating jobs and other opportunities (e.g. supply chain). A higher number of businesses supported by the Council indicates a better performance.



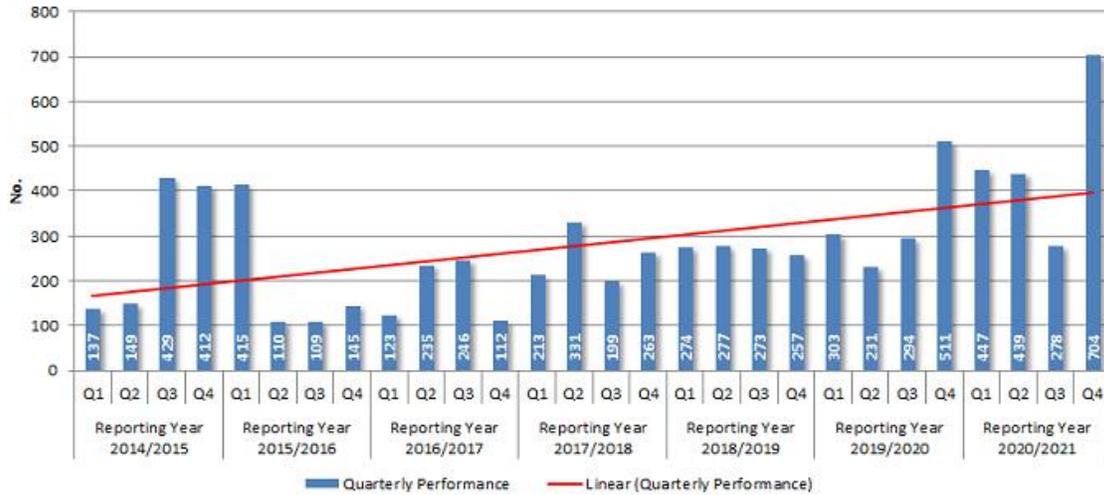
About the latest performance

During Q2 433 businesses were supported bringing the total for the year to date to 1126, above the target of 869. This is a direct result of the Lincolnshire County Council's Covid 19 business support programme which provided businesses with vital financial support to tackle the challenges and opportunities that were presented by the pandemic. These programmes included a digital voucher scheme and 3 investment funds. Overall the council expects to have helped around 800 businesses with these and other programmes, and specific outputs will be reported in this report at the time that businesses have received all of the finance from the council. It is expected that the council's Covid 19 business support programmes will have been fully completed by the end of Q3 2021/2022.

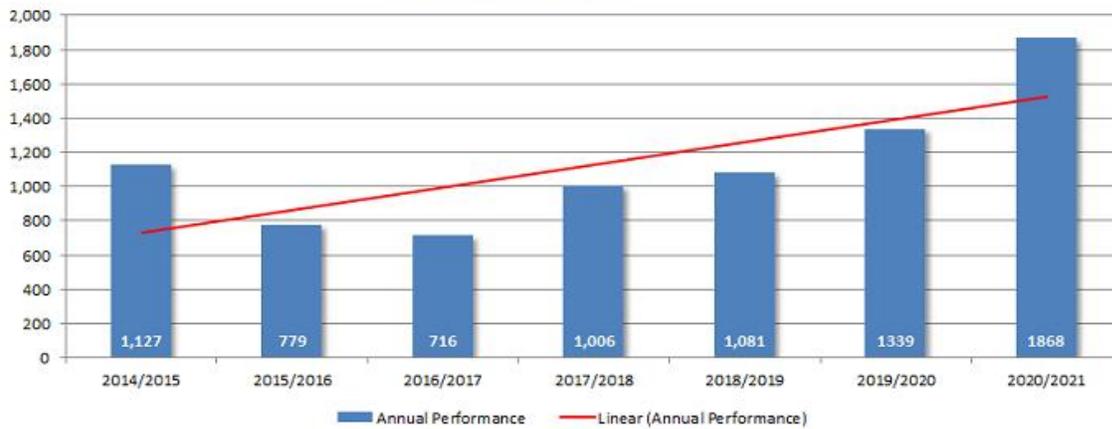
The council's Covid 19 business support programmes are additional to the core business support work which is provided by the council through the Business Lincolnshire Growth Hub. A Project Change Request has been submitted to repurpose funds from our European Regional Development Fund Project which, if approved, will enable further grants to be available to businesses. During Q2 the council continued to provide support to businesses through the growth hub advisory team and via the Team Lincolnshire virtual coffee club meetings. In addition, 4 businesses were supported to develop and grow directly through the LCC Property Portfolio.

Further details

Businesses Supported by the Council



**Businesses Supported by the Council
Annual Performance**



About the target

Targets are based on previous years actuals. However, dependent on individual business needs, the level and type of support that businesses demand and seek during the course of a year may vary which will affect the performance of this measure

About the target range

The target range for this measure allows for a +/- 5% fluctuation against the target

About benchmarking

This measure is local to Lincolnshire and therefore is not benchmarked against any other area.

Qualifications achieved by adults

Number of qualifications achieved (skills programmes, vocational training programmes, adult and community learning) through programmes supported by the council. The council commissions a series of training schemes which help individuals to gain skills. These training schemes are focused on the skills that employers need. Employers can understand an individual's skill level by the qualifications that they hold, hence the reason that we count the number of qualifications achieved.

A higher number of qualifications achieved indicates a better performance.

Although this measure is reported on a quarterly basis, the data that is published spans two academic years, 2019/20 and 2020/21



About the latest performance

The number of qualifications achieved by adults in Q2 was 973 - higher than the original target for Q2 of 140. The figure is as a direct result of several factors relating to Covid 19 including the adoption of new delivery methods, by both LCC and contracted providers. In addition, several new longer courses were delivered that had multiple qualifications attached to them, including many that are part of construction skills training courses.

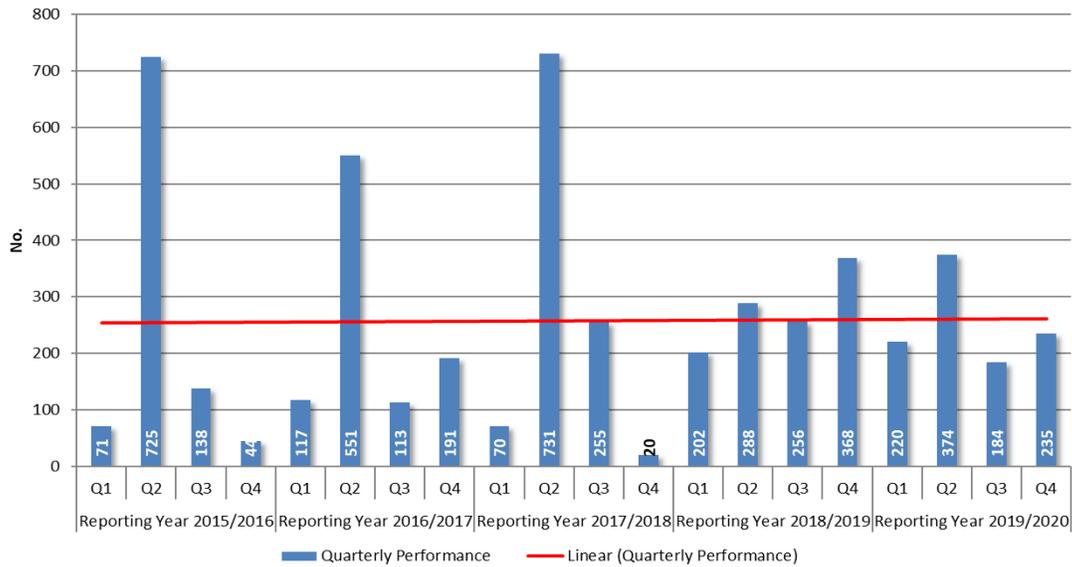
The introduction of more online/distance learning in 2020 continued to grow throughout the remainder of the 20/21 academic year with the result that 43% of qualifications achieved in Q2 were delivered through that route. Of the qualifications delivered in classroom settings, 40% were delivered in Lincoln, 23% were delivered in Gainsborough, 15% in Grantham and 13% in Skegness/Mablethorpe.

Provision continues to be aimed at targeted learners resulting in 56% of qualifications being achieved by male learners and 36% by learners with no, or low levels of previous qualification attainment.

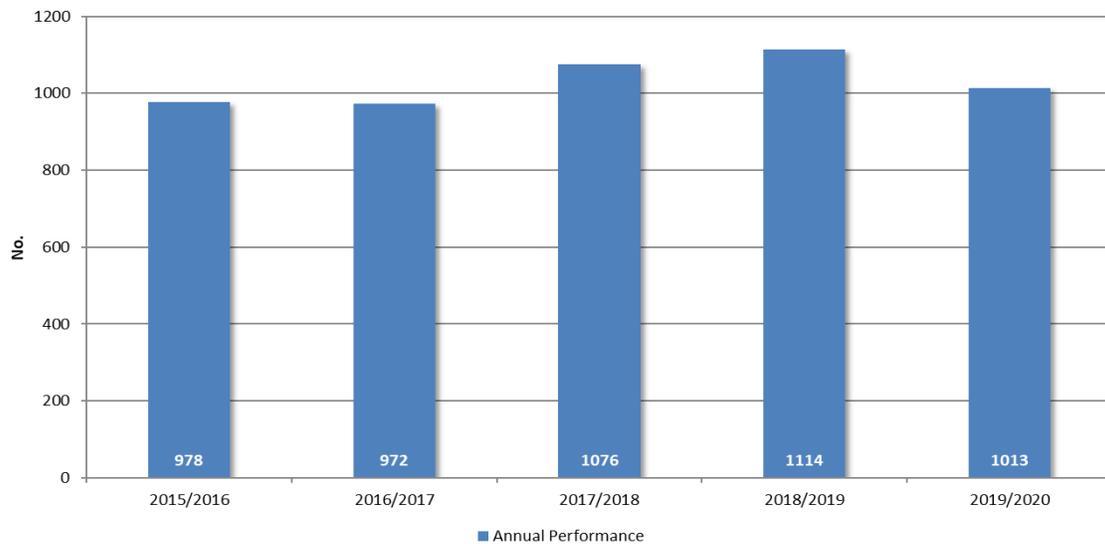
With a continued focus on supporting employability, the range of qualifications achieved included 83 GCSE's or Functional Skills in English or Maths as well as a further 10 ESOL qualifications. In support of Lincolnshire's priority employment sectors, 259 qualifications related to the wider care sectors, 186 to construction, 159 to hospitality and 122 to accountancy and business administration.

Further details

No. of Qualifications Achieved by Adults



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Annual Performance**



About the target

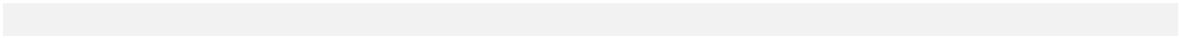
Covid-19 along with changing guidance from the DFE and Exam boards has had a negative impact on the ability to plan and deliver qualification courses during 2020-21. With few qualifications actually achieved between April and June no reporting will be recorded for Q1 with this instead being reported out at the end of Q2 for what will in effect be Summer Term provision. Q3 and Q4 reporting will continue as usual as these are already matched to planned achievements during the Autumn and Spring Terms for 2021-22.

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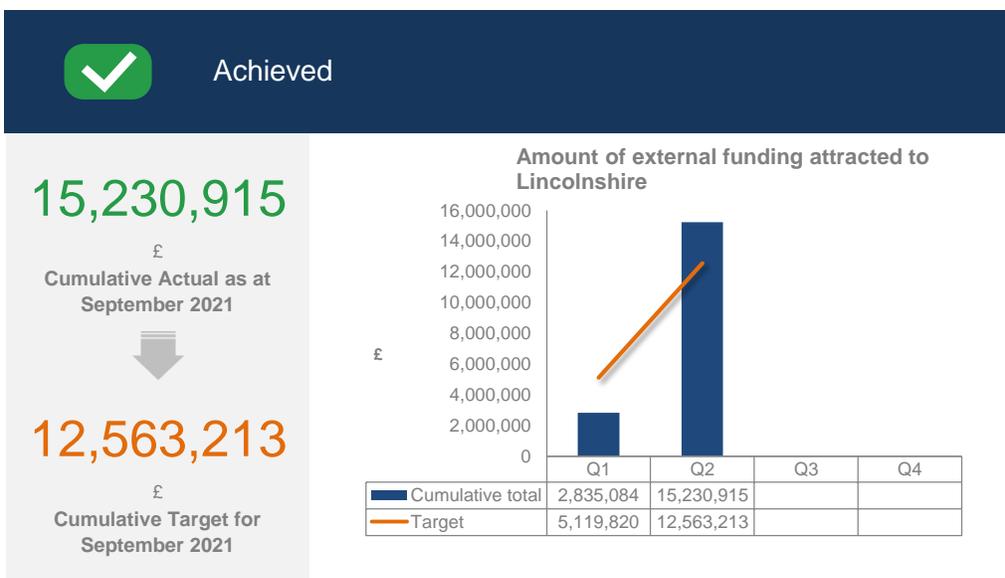
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Amount of external funding attracted to Lincolnshire

Amount of external funding attracted to Lincolnshire (including Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership and European Union funding programmes) by the council. A higher amount of external funding indicates a better performance.



About the latest performance

During Q2 £15,230,915 of external funding has been received, against a target of £12,563,213. This includes £1,739,000 through 3 European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) continuation projects now funded to deliver until June 2023: Collaboration 4 Growth £533,000, Gain Enterprise Growth 2 £502,000 and Grants 4 Growth with an additional £704,000 ERDF.

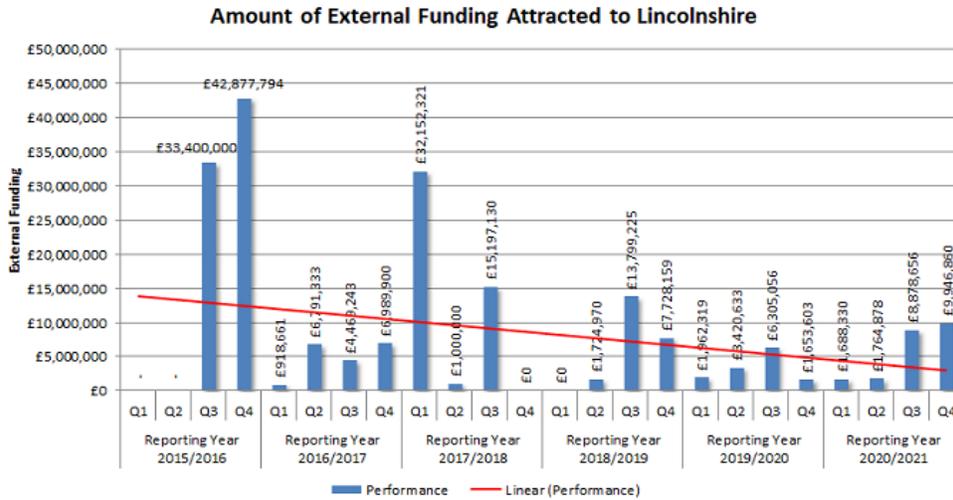
The final tranche, £12,900,000 of the £25.8 million from the Get Britain Building Fund has now been received. The Programme will deliver 6 projects over the coming year:

- *Lincoln Science and Innovation Park (Phase 2)
- *Greater Lincolnshire Cycle Programme
- *Killingholme Pumping Station
- *Centre for Innovation in Rural Health
- *Holbeach Food enterprise Zone (Phase 2)
- *Greater Lincolnshire Skills Capital Programme

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) funding of £115,750 has been received to support the Business Lincolnshire Growth Hub activity. The Business Lincolnshire Sustainable Business Growth ERDF programmes has submitted 2 claims to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for Q1 and Q2 21-22 totaling £476,165.00.

There have been further national delays of the announcement of Community Renewal Funding (CRF) and Levelling Up Funding streams, so we are yet to hear about the LCC bids of £9m for CRF and £20m for the Levelling Up Fund.

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About the target

The target set is based on external funding bids submitted that are anticipated to be approved throughout the reporting year.

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