

‘Impact of the Economic Downturn on Southampton’ Monthly Indicators

SP Delivery Board 2nd July 2009

Activity	Indicator	October 2007 Baseline	April 2009 Delivery Board	May 2009 Delivery Board	June 2009 Delivery Board	July 2009 Delivery Board	
Business	1. Commercial Property Vacancies in Southampton (units) <i>Southampton City Council</i>	Factories/Warehouses: 41 Offices: 84 Shops : 43	Factories/Warehouses: 75 Offices: 142 Shops: 115	Factories/Warehouses: 84 Offices: 171 Shops: 122	Factories/Warehouses: 84 Offices: 173 Shops: 127	Factories/Warehouses: 84 Offices: 179 Shops: 133	↑
	2. Business Link ‘Hot Topics’ raised by customers <i>Business Link</i>	Top 5 ‘Hot Topics’: Legal Status of a business How to write a business plan How to compile a cash flow statement Website development Running a business from home	Top 5 ‘Hot Topics’: Requests for grants/ funding Info on redundancy options Information on insolvency Marketing and new business Legal status of a business	Top 5 ‘Hot Topics’: Grants and finance. Managing finances/cash-flow. Redundancy options & HR issues (employment contracts i.e. hours). Marketing & finding new customers. Starting a new business.	Top 5 ‘Hot Topics’: Finance and funding. Bankruptcy / Liquidation. Redundancy options & HR issues (employment contracts i.e. hours). Training - Assistance provided under the joint Job Centre Plus / Train 2 Gain. Shareholder disputes.	Top 5 ‘Hot Topics’: Finance and funding. Debt collection. Managing finances/cash-flow. Redundancy – procedures and reducing working hours. Training advice/assistance to train key workers.	
Employment	3. Numbers claiming Jobseekers Allowance (JSA) <i>Job Centre Plus</i>	3,320	6,895 <i>(As at 12th Feb 09 – released 18th March 09)</i>	7,310 <i>(As at 6th March 09 – released 22nd Apr 09)</i>	7,255 <i>(As at 2nd April 09 – released 13th May 09)</i>	7,410 <i>(As at 8th May 09 – released 17th June 09)</i>	↑
	4. JSA on flows (i.e. new claims) by subset, i.e. previous employment sector of claimant <i>Job Centre Plus</i>	810	2,445 Top 5 sectors: Plant & Storage: 180 Sales: 125 Admin & Service: 85 Admin: 80 Construction/building: 55	2,445 Top 5 sectors: Plant & Storage: 500 Sales: 290 Administrative: 255 Metal/electronics: 235 Admin & Service: 195 <i>(As at 12th Feb 09 – released 18th March 09)</i>	1,770 Top 5 sectors: Plant & Storage: 325 Sales: 195 Admin & Service: 190 Administrative: 165 Transport/machine drivers: 135 <i>(As at 6th March 09 – released 22nd Apr 09)</i>	1,565 Top 5 sectors: Plant & Storage: 255 Sales: 230 Administrative: 160 Admin & Service: 130 Metal/electronics: 125 <i>(As at 2nd April 09 – released 13th May 09)</i>	1,830 Top 5 sectors: Plant & Storage: 300 Sales: 265 Administrative: 220 Admin & Service: 160 Construction/bldg: 135 Transport/machine drivers: 135 <i>(As at 8th May 09 – released 17th June 09)</i>

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Employment	5. JSA off flows (i.e. those leaving the register) by sub-set, i.e. the employment sector the claimant is moving into <i>Job Centre Plus</i>	820 Top 5 sectors: Plant & Storage: 180 Sales: 130 Administrative: 90 Admin & Service: 90 Construction/building: 45	1,555 Top 5 sectors: Plant & Storage: 325 Sales: 200 Admin & Service: 125 Construction/building: 125 Administrative: 125 <i>(As at 12th Feb 09 – released 18th March 09)</i>	1,355 Top 5 sectors: Plant & Storage: 265 Sales: 155 Metal/electronic trades: 135 Admin & Service: 120 Administrative: 120 <i>(As at 6th March 09 – released 22nd Apr 09)</i>	1,600 Top 5 sectors: Plant & Storage: 300 Sales: 185 Administrative: 165 Admin & Service: 145 Construction/building: 135 <i>(As at 2nd April 09 – released 13th May 09)</i>	1,675 Top 5 sectors: Plant & Storage: 335 Sales: 210 Administrative: 150 Admin & Service: 150 Metal/electronic trades: 130 <i>(As at 8th May 09 – released 17th June 09)</i>	↑
	6. Vacancies notified <i>Job Centre Plus</i>	2,906	1,894 <i>(Released 18th March 09)</i>	1,175 <i>(Released 22nd April 09)</i>	1,248 <i>(Released 13th May 09)</i>	1,572 <i>(Released 17th June 09)</i>	↑
Crime	7. Monthly no. of domestic burglaries <i>Hants Constabulary</i>	91	91 <i>(As at 31st March 2009)</i>	76 <i>(As at 30th April 09)</i>	83 <i>(As at 31st May 09)</i>	108 <i>(As at 30th June 09)</i>	↑
	8. Monthly no. of vehicle thefts <i>Hants Constabulary</i>	58	53 <i>(As at 31st March 2009)</i>	52 <i>(As at 30th April 09)</i>	52 <i>(As at 31st May 09)</i>	51 <i>(As at 30th June 09)</i>	↓
	9. Monthly no. of non dwelling burglaries <i>Hants Constabulary</i>	164	164 <i>(As at 31st March 2009)</i>	140 <i>(As at 30th April 09)</i>	126 <i>(As at 31st May 09)</i>	135 <i>(As at 30th June 09)</i>	↑
	10. Monthly no. of Robberies <i>Hants Constabulary</i>	52	35 <i>(As at 31st March 2009)</i>	30 <i>(As at 30th April 09)</i>	43 <i>(As at 31st May 09)</i>	28 <i>(As at 25th June 09)</i>	↓

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Debt Advice	11. Monthly number of new enquiries received by Citizens Advice Bureau <i>Citizens Advice Bureau</i>	Data unavailable due to different methods of recording	2,570 Top 5 enquiries: Debt: 393 Housing: 296 Legal: 279 Benefits: 247 Employment: 152 <i>(As at 31st March 2009)</i>	1,604 Breakdown of enquiries currently not available <i>(As at 30th April 2009)</i>	1,316 Breakdown of enquiries currently not available <i>(As at 31st May 2009)</i>	1,034 Breakdown of enquiries currently not available <i>(As at 18th June 2009)</i>	↓
	12. Monthly no. of referrals to SCC Welfare Rights Unit <i>Southampton City Council</i>	42 new referrals 10 one-off enquiries	38 new referrals 108 live cases 87 one-off enquiries <i>(As at 31st March 2009)</i>	43 new referrals 107 live cases 71 one-off enquiries <i>(As at 30th April 2009)</i>	22 new referrals 113 live cases 18 one-off enquiries <i>(As at 31st May 2009)</i>	33 new referrals 101 live cases 52 one-off enquiries <i>(As at 30th June 2009)</i>	↑
Housing & Homes	13. Average house prices <i>Southampton City Council</i>	£162,013	£140,416 <i>(For month of Feb 09)</i>	£136,837 <i>(For month of March 09)</i>	£133,649 <i>(For month of April 09)</i>	£134,268 <i>(For month of May 09)</i>	↑
	14. Number of households presenting as homeless to SCC (quarterly) <i>Southampton City Council</i>	07/08 Qtr 2: 196 preventions 78 homeless Total: 274	<i>No data available</i>	08/09 Qtr 4: 218 preventions 46 homeless Total: 264	09/10 Qtr 1: <i>To be presented to the 2nd July SP Delivery Board meeting.</i>	09/10 Qtr 1: <i>Figures to follow as not available as at 1st July 2009</i>	
	15. Number of individuals sleeping rough or at imminent risk of sleeping rough <i>Southampton Voluntary Services</i>	46	50 <i>(As at 31st March 2009)</i>	44 <i>(As at 30th April 2009)</i>	35 <i>(As at 31st May 2009)</i>	60 24 stated they were rough sleepers. 36 imminently at risk of rough sleeping. <i>(As at 30th June 2009)</i>	↑

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Housing & Homes	16. Monthly number of housing benefit claimants <i>Southampton City Council</i>	22,681	24,116 <i>(As at 28th Feb 2009)</i>	24,352 <i>(As at 31st March 2009)</i>	24,698 <i>(As at 30th April 2009)</i>	24,902 <i>(As at 31st May 2009)</i>	↑
	17. Monthly number of housing completions <i>Southampton City Council</i>	56	15 <i>(As at 28th Feb 2009)</i>	4 <i>(As at 31st March 2009)</i>	9 <i>(As at 30th April 2009)</i>	5 <i>(As at 30th June 2009)</i>	↓
	18. Mortgage repossessions at Southampton County Court <i>Southampton City Council</i>	Qtr 1 2007 – 184 Qtr 2 2007 – 148 Qtr 3 2007 – 173 Qtr 4 2007 - 163 Total 2007 – 668	Qtr 1 2008 – 192 Qtr 2 2008 – 188 Qtr 3 2008 – 193 Qtr 4 2008 – 129 Total 2008 – 702		Qtr 1 2009 – 117	Qtr 2 to be reported to September DB meeting	↓