Item: 7.1

Policy and Resources Committee: 22 November 2022.

Performance Monitoring – Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions.

Joint Report by Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions and Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure and Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.

# 1. Purpose of Report

To advise on the performance of Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions for the reporting period 1 April to 30 September 2022.

# 2. Recommendations

The Committee is invited to scrutinise:

#### 2.1.

The performance of Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions for the reporting period 1 April to 30 September 2022, as set out in sections 3 to 5 and Annexes 1, 2 and 3 of this report.

#### It is recommended:

#### 2.2.

That the actions, referred to at section 3.3 of this report, which has been progressed to completion, be removed from the Chief Executive's Service Plan.

#### 2.3.

That the action, referred to at section 3.4 of this report, which has been progressed to completion, be removed from the Corporate Services Service Plan.

# 3. Service Plan Performance Reporting

#### 3.1.

The service plan action plans for the former Chief Executive's Service and Corporate Services, are attached as Annexes 1 and 2 to this report. These action plans provide the detail of the agreed service priorities, as expressed in both of these plans, and contains SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-bound) targets for the life of the Service Plan. The service plan action plans also provide the

mechanism through which the time-limited aspects of the service plans will be progressed to completion.

#### 3.2.

As with the previous performance reports scrutinised in June 2022, these service plan action plans remain in the former directorate formats. Whilst this is not ideal, it ensures that the actions contained within them continue to be scrutinised by the appropriate service committee. New service action plans will be developed for each Directorate once the Council Plan is agreed.

#### 3.3.

Set out below are those Service Plan actions assessed as Blue within Annex 1, Chief Executive's Service Plan, namely those which have been progressed to completion and are now being recommended for removal from the Service Plan.

- 07 Review new Council Website and identify improvements following one year of operation.
- 13 Review operational procedures and processes within the service and identify changes to contribute to carbon reduction.

#### 3.4.

Set out below are those Service Plan actions assessed as Blue within Annex 2, Corporate Services' Service Plan namely those which have been progressed to completion and are now being recommended for removal from the Service Plan.

• 09 – A table-top exercise to test the Business Continuity Plan will be held.

#### 4. Service Performance Indicators

Service Performance Indicators provide the mechanism through which the performance of aspects of the services provided year on year are monitored. The monitoring report is attached as Annex 3 to this report.

# 5. Complaints and Compliments

#### 5.1.

Table 1 below sets out numbers of complaints and compliments made to the former Chief Executive's Service in the six month period 1 April 2022 to 30 September 2022, and for the two preceding six month monitoring periods.

Table 1.	Six months ending 30 September 2021.	Six months ending 31 March 2022.	Six months ending 30 September 2022.	Totals.
Complaints.	3	2.	1.	6.
Compliments.	20.	1.	5.	26.

#### 5.2.

When considering the data within Table 1 above, it should be noted that the Council has adopted a policy of encouraging staff to record all complaints against the Council through the Complaints Handling Procedure. This includes complaints that are quickly and satisfactorily resolved by the frontline service, thereby enabling the Council to identify any trends that would help to improve the service. As a result of this policy, the number of complaints captured by the procedure may increase and that does not necessarily reflect an increase in the number of people contacting the service to express dissatisfaction with the Council.

# 6. Corporate Governance

This report relates to the Council complying with its performance management policies and procedures and therefore does not directly support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the Council Plan and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan. That said, service plans are developed taking cognisance of the Council's policies as outlined in the Council Plan.

# 7. Financial Implications

There are not anticipated to be any significant financial implications arising as a result of the report recommendations.

# 8. Legal Aspects

The Council's performance management systems help the Council to meet its statutory obligation to secure best value.

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# 10. Annexes

Annex 1 – Summary of the performance of the former Chief Executive's Service against its service plan.

Annex 2 – Summary of the performance of the former Corporate Services Service against its service plan.

Annex 3 – Summary of performance of Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions against its performance indicator targets.

# **Chief Executive's Service Plan 2019 to 2022**

Progress against Service Plan Actions at 30 September 2022



Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		Start Date	Target Date
CES Service Plan Actions - 02 - Capital Strategy.	Develop a long-term capital strategy.	Council approves a long-term capital strategy	RED		01-Oct-2019	31-Aug-2022
Lead	Comment					
Gareth Waterson	profiling the Capital Programme for CO	ER. action over the past year as other matte DVID related cost pressures and supply am has been depleted over the last yea	chain iss	ues.	This will be ta	ken forward

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		BRAG S		Start Date	Target Date
Actions - 07 - Council		The Orkney community has improved access to Council information.	BLUE	<b>(4)</b>	01-Oct-2019	31-Aug-2022		
Lead	Comment	Comment						
	RAG Status at 31 March 2022: GREEN.  nprovements are being made to the structure of the Council's webpages following feedback from an internal staff roup. This will now be an ongoing piece of work as improvements will continue to be implemented.							

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		BRAG		BRAG		Start Date	Target Date
	progress to completion of Change	Change Programme projects delivered.	RED	•	01-Oct-2019	30-Apr-2022				
Lead	Comment	Comment								
	BRAG Status at 31 March 2022: GREI The Improvement and Performance te support for the significant priorities aro Change Programme projects includes improvement to business processes. A progress to be monitored.	am has recently re-initiated support for und Children's Services improvements the replacement of New Horizons, EDF	has concl RMS, the s	uded trate	. This renewe gic data ware	ed focus on house and				

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		BRAG		Start Date	Target Date
Actions - 11 -	Develop a programme of service user satisfaction surveys across the Service.	Services have up to date feedback from service users.	RED	0	01-Oct-2019	31-Aug-2022		
Lead	Comment							
	As operations have returned to normal satisfaction levels are also routinely in	RAG Status at 31 March 2022: GREEN. As operations have returned to normal, a Customer Services public survey has now been launched. Service User atisfaction levels are also routinely invited when a customer uses the Customer Services Platform in addition to seedback received by, email, specific audits and through the complaints and compliments process.						

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG	;	Start Date	Target Date
	Review operational procedures and processes within the service and	Policies and Procedures which contribute to achieving a carbon neutral economy.	BLUE	•	01-Oct-2019	31-Aug-2022

	identify changes to contribute to carbon reduction.					
Lead	Comment					
	BRAG Status at 31 March 2022: GREE Policies and procedures are reviewed changes to contribute to carbon reduct changes in existing procedures. Change	as they become due for updating and withing in the sill now be an ongoing piece	of work to	cont	tinue to identif	y small

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# **Corporate Services Service Plan 2019 to 2022**

Progress against Service Plan Actions at 30 September 2022



Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		Start Date	Target Date
CS Service Plan Actions - 02 - Pay and Grading Structure Review.	Undertake a review of the Council's pay and grading structure in line with national commitments.	Sustainable pay and grading structure in place.	RED		01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2022
Lead	Comment					
	BRAG Status at 31 March 2022: RED.  Vork to remodel the lower end of the Council's pay and grading structure has been undertaken with a number of options created and pay modelling work completed. Negotiation with Trade Unions has been delayed at their request lue to the ongoing national pay dispute but is likely to recommence in November 2022.					

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		Start Date	Target Date
CS Service Plan Actions - 05 - Office Accommodation Review.	analysis (Pre-CPA1) for Council Headquarters at School Place, which also takes account of the outcomes of	Accommodation Review. Should this progress following the options	RED		01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2021
Lead	Comment					
Hayley Green	BRAG Status at 31 March 2022: RED.					

Internal discussions have begun again on options, although this is still a significant amount of work to be done before this would be ready for consideration by Elected Members. This action dovetails with the Council Delivery Plan, Quality of Life action 5.13. Maintenance Strategy and the Asset Management Review. The Asset Management Review is in the procurement phase of engaging with consultants who will lead on this work once this phase is complete. The review will become the vehicle for the School Place project, options and recommendations will be needed which will develop into a plan. Informal discussions have been held with Scottish Futures Trust and some other potential public sector organisations regarding options and we are aiming to investigate further with a view to a report being prepared. It is expected that this will become one of the deliverables in the new Council Plan which is being developed at the current time.

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		BRAG		Start Date	Target Date
CS Service Plan Actions - 06 - Asset Management.	Progress where possible Phase 2 of the Change Review of Asset Management.	Reduction in the number of Council Property Assets. Evidence of community bodies benefiting from the programme.	GREEN		01-Oct-2019	31-Mar-2023		
Lead	Comment							
Hayley Green	been possible for officers to conduct vassumptions made when this Change Elected Members to re-consider. Con and Infrastructure Plan. This action do Strategy and the Asset Management I	and when opportunities arise. Due to the riewings again. Work is underway to bring Review was completed and to update to a pletion of the new plan will be monitored by the Council Delivery Plan, Council Serview. The Asset Management Reviews are looking to progress this internally,	ng in addit the asset of ed as part Quality of w was put	tional dispo of the Life a	support to restal recommer e Neighbourhaction 5.13. Materials	view the ndations for ood Services aintenance unfortunately		

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		BRAG		BRAG		Start Date	Target Date
	the Change Review of Procurement.	Effective procurement which contributes to a reduction in Council costs. Support for local businesses, where possible.	AMBER		01-Oct-2019	31-Mar-2023				
Lead	Comment	omment								
	RAG Status at 31 March 2022: RED.  he Sustainable Procurement Policy, including its provisions on community benefit, is followed when undertaking rocurement exercises. However, savings have been increasingly difficult to achieve given the overall inflationary acreases in the cost of goods, supplies and services across all areas of the Council.									

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG	3	Start Date	Target Date
CS Service Plan Actions - 08 - Digital Strategy.	Review and update the current Digital Strategy and develop a new Digital Strategy Delivery Plan. Focus for this second iteration to be on practical service improvements for Orkney citizens.	A more digitally developed and confident workforce.	RED	•	01-Oct-2019	30-Sep-2021
Lead	Comment			•		
Karen Greaves	be presented at Policy and Resources	very plan supports and enables the Co Committee in February 2023. This will Policy and Resources Committee in N	mean it is	deve	eloped based	

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAC	3	Start Date	Target Date
CS Service Plan Actions - 09 - Business Continuity Plan.	A table-top exercise to test the Business Continuity Plan will be held.		BLUE	•	01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2021
Lead	Comment					
	RAG Status at 31 March 2022: RED. The formal exercise of the Business Continuity Plan (BCP) has yet to be completed. A desktop exercise of reparedness for a cyber-attack took place on 6 October 2021. This included reference to use of BCPs, and actions fter this exercise will be followed up.					

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAC	3	Start Date	Target Date	
CS Service Plan Actions - 10 - Participatory Budgeting.	Working with colleagues in Finance, explore options to further develop Participatory Budgeting (PB) in line with national policy drivers and the Council's strategic plan, and move the Council towards readiness to meet its 1% budget target for mainstream PB. Inclusion of mainstream PB in Council budget for 2021 to 2022.	More participations by communities in mainstream budgeting.	RED	•	01-Oct-2019	31-Mar-2023	
Lead	Comment						
Anna Whelan	BRAG Status at 31 March 2022: AMBER. COSLA and Scottish Government agreed in January 2021 to be "flexible" in the delivery of the 1% target for mainstream PB in 2021/22 budgets. COSLA is continuing to support councils which wish to pursue mainstream PB. Given constraints on officer capacity, the Corporate Leadership Team does not consider PB to be a priority at present and OIC is not expected to meet the 1% target in the foreseeable future.						

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG	3	Start Date	Target Date
CS Service Plan Actions - 11 - Locality Plan.	2021 for the non-linked isles. Working	by residents of Orkney's non-linked	RED		01-Oct-2019	31-Mar-2022
Lead	Comment					
Anna Whelan	BRAG Status at 31 March 2022: RED. A closing report on the 2018-21 Locality Plan was submitted to the Orkney Partnership Board in June 2022, together with an options paper for future locality planning. It was agreed to compile a new locality plan to cover all of Orkney, focusing on areas of significant socio-economic deprivation, including the ferry-linked isles, and supporting their local development plans. The new locality plan will sit alongside the new Local Outcomes Improvement Plan scheduled to run from 2023.					

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG	3	Start Date	Target Date	
Actions - 12 -		1 1, 1,	GREEN		01-Oct-2019	31-Mar-2023	
Lead	Comment						
Gavin Mitchell	BRAG Status at 31 March 2022: GREI	RAG Status at 31 March 2022: GREEN.					

Stage 2, comprising system piloting and testing, is underway with development on course to be completed by 31 March
2023. Thereafter implementation of the system will need to take place across Services, and it is envisaged that this
will form a separate action within the new Council Delivery Plan.

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAC	}	Start Date	Target Date
CS Service Plan Actions - 13 - Online Applications for Licensing.	Develop online facility for submission of licence applications as Phase 2 of the Customer Service Platform project.		GREEN		01-Oct-2019	31-Mar-2023
Lead	Comment					
Gavin Mitchell	RAG Status at 31 March 2022: GREEN. Development of an online system is well underway with support being provided by the Improvement and Performance service and is on course to be completed by the end of the financial year.					

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# **Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions Performance Indicator Report**

Service Performance Indicators at 30 September 2022



#### Performance Indicator

CCG 01 – Sickness absence – The average number of working days per employee lost through sickness absence, expressed as a percentage of the number of working days available.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAC	è
4%	2.46%	6.1%	GREEN	

#### Comment

Staff sickness absence is managed in accordance with the sickness absence policy.

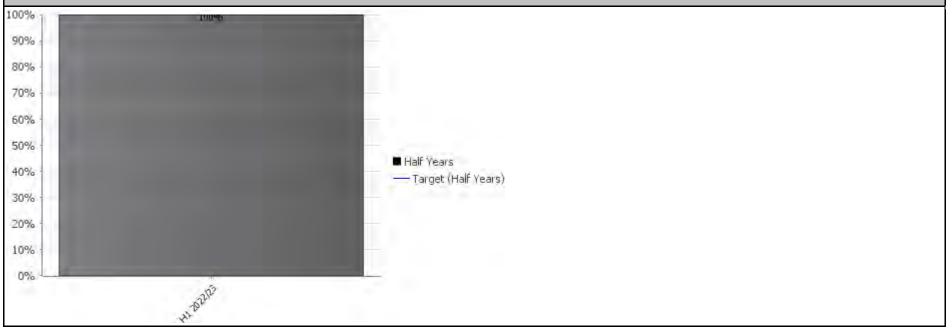


CCG 02 – Sickness absence – Of the staff who had frequent and/or long-term sickness absence (they activated the sickness absence triggers), the proportion of these where there was management intervention.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAC	3
90%	100%	79%	GREEN	

#### Comment

Managers ensure the management interventions within the sickness absence policy are applied and the associated reporting is completed to confirm this has taken place.

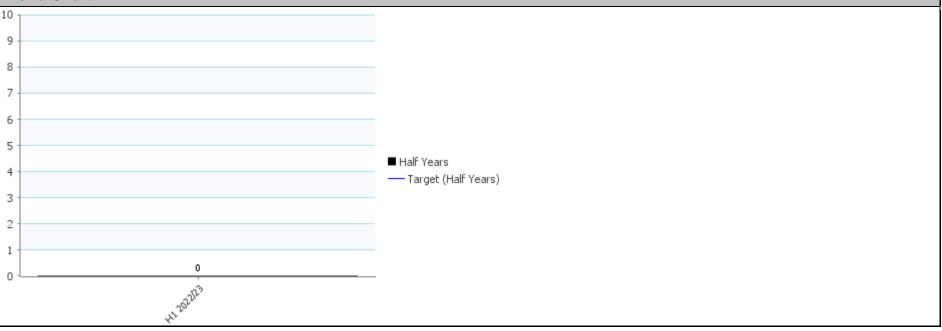


CCG 03 – Staff accidents – The number of staff accidents within the service, per 30 staff per year.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAC	G	
1	0	2.1	GREEN		

# Comment

No accidents were reported over the period.

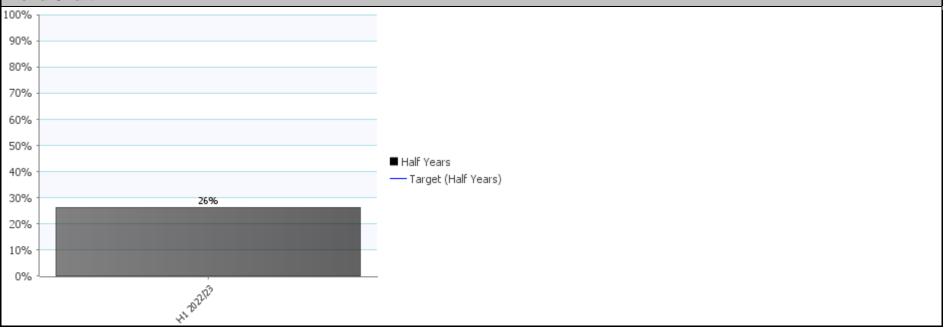


CCG 04 – Budget control – The number of significant variances (priority actions) generated at subjective group level, as a proportion of cost centres held.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAC	}
15%	26%	31%	AMBER	

#### Comment

Budget holders will continue to monitor budgets for the respective cost centres.

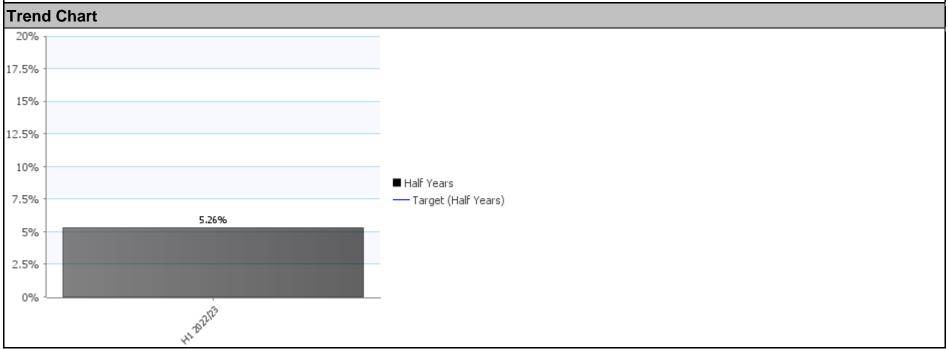


CCG 05 – Recruitment and retention – The number of advertised service staff vacancies still vacant after six months from the time of advert, as a proportion of total staff vacancies.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAC	3
2%	5.26%	4.1%	RED	

# Comment

Recruitment in specific areas has been challenging and campaigns to increase awareness of the vacancies through different media outlets is underway.

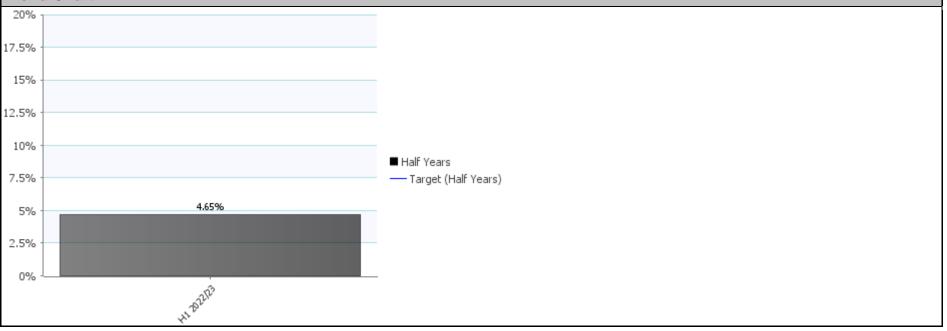


CCG 06 – Recruitment and retention – The number of permanent service staff who leave the employment of Orkney Islands Council – but not through retirement or redundancy – as a proportion of all permanent service staff.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAC	3
5%	4.65%	10.1%	GREEN	

#### Comment

Recruitment and retention, in relation to staff leaving employment, is currently meeting the target for this performance indicator.

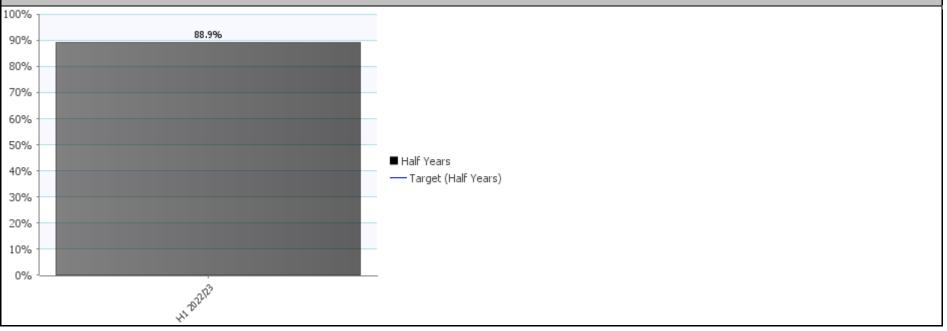


CCG 07 – ERD – The number of staff who receive (at least) an annual face-to-face performance review and development meeting, as a proportion of the total number of staff within the service.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAG	
90%	88.9%	79%	AMBER	<u> </u>

# Comment

Managers continue to do their best to schedule and complete ERDs with their staff as workloads allow.

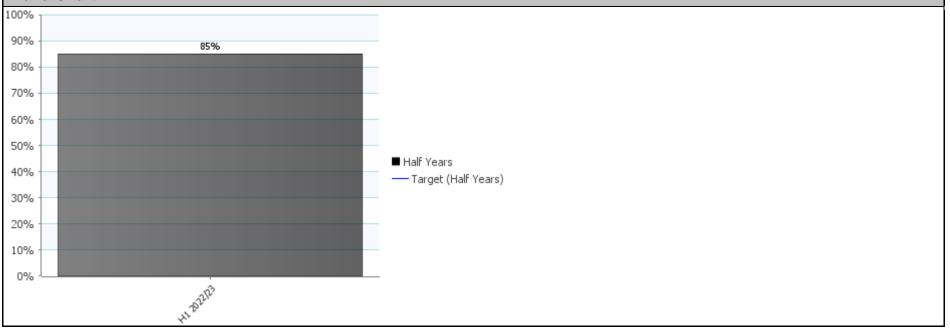


CCG 08 – Invoice payment – The number of invoices that were submitted accurately, and paid within 30 days of invoice date, as a proportion of the total number of invoices paid.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAG	
90%	85%	79%	AMBER	

# Comment

The service will prioritise to process invoices expediently in order to improve the performance of this indicator



CCG 09 – Mandatory training – The number of staff who have completed all mandatory training courses, as a percentage of the total number of staff in the service.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAG	
90%	76.77%	79%	RED	

#### Comment

Performance has improved from 62.37% in the last reporting period. Staff are regularly reminded to undertake the mandatory training requirements of the Council. Where mandatory training is shown as not completed - this can be mainly due to the completion of refresher training being outstanding due to competing workload priorities.

