Item: 4

Development and Infrastructure Committee: 8 November 2022.

Performance Monitoring.

Joint Report by 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 Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure and Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration for the reporting period 1 April to 30 September 2022.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is invited to scrutinise:

2.1.

The performance of Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure and Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration 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.

The Committee is invited to note:

2.2.

That the following Service Plan actions have been assessed as progressed to completion:

- 07 CARS scheme for St Margaret's Hope undertake survey work and submit application to Historic Scotland.
- 22a Develop and implement a World Heritage Site (WHS) Strategic Masterplan
 approved Masterplan and progression of WHS-related projects.
- 22b Develop and implement a World Heritage Site (WHS) Strategic Masterplan
 dispersal of tourism activity to all of Orkney.
- 22c Develop and implement a World Heritage Site (WHS) Strategic Masterplan
 Gateway facility established Improved infrastructure.

It is recommended:

2.3.

That the actions, referred to at paragraph 2.2 above, which have been progressed to completion, be removed from the Development and Infrastructure Service Plan.

3. Service Plan – Performance Reporting

3.1.

The service plan action plan, attached as Annex 1 to this report, provides the detail of the agreed service priorities, as expressed in the service plan, and contains SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-bound) targets for the life of the service plan. The service plan action plan also provides the mechanism through which the time-limited aspects of the service plan will be progressed to completion.

3.2.

Set out below are those Service Plan actions assessed at Blue within Annex 1, namely which have been progressed to completion and are now being recommended for removal from the Service Plan:

- 07 CARS scheme for St Margaret's Hope undertake survey work and submit application to Historic Scotland.
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3.3.

There are no actions to be amended. The current Service Plan is now out of date and there is no value in extending target dates. Actions will continue to be monitored and it is likely that some actions will move to the new Service Plan once a decision has been made on that new plan.

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 reports are attached at Annexes 2 and 3. As this is the first time that these performance indicators have been reported on under the new Council structure, the trend charts for the Cross Council Generic Performance Indicators will only show data for this reporting period but a trend will build for future reporting periods. Please note that a review of Performance Indicators is currently underway and these will be updated in due course and for future reporting periods.

5. Complaints and Compliments

5.1.

Table 1 below sets out numbers of complaints and compliments made to Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure and Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration in the six-month period 1 April to 30 September 2022.

Table 1.	Six months ending 30 September 2022.					
Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.						
Complaints.	21.					
Compliments.	108.					
Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration	1.					
Complaints (ESR).	6.					
Compliments (ESR).	0.					

5.2.

Table 1 above provides raw data on complaints and compliments; we usually provide this data over three reporting periods but as this is the first period reporting under the new services the table only includes the first set of data. When considering the data within Table 1, 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 has increased across the Council.

5.3.

There is no discernible relationship in terms of the types of complaints received over this six-month monitoring period for either service.

5.4.

It is helpful to note that the statistics above show the number of complaints received, but not all the complaints received are upheld, some are partially upheld or not upheld.

5.4.1.

In the reporting period April to September 2022, the percentage for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure complaints generally is broken down as follows:

- 38.1% of complaints were not upheld.
- 14.29% of complaints were partially upheld.
- 47.61% of complaints were upheld.

5.4.2.

In the reporting period April to September 2022, the percentage for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration complaints generally is broken down as follows:

- 66.7% of complaints were not upheld.
- 16.6% of complaints are still in progress.
- 16.7% of complaints were upheld.

5.4.3.

The Directorate Complaints Officers work with Heads of Service, Managers and Officers to improve the flow of communication and response time regarding complaints. The new Customer Services Platform system has proved to be very beneficial in regard to handling Stage 1 formal complaints and in the longer term, when reporting capacity has increased, it will become beneficial in the handling of Stage 2 investigation complaints. Internally run complaints training is offered to all Council staff and the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman ran remote courses for the Council at the start of 2022.

5.4.4.

It is encouraging to observe the number of compliments received across the Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure Directorate noting that the detail on these compliments is provided in the quarterly reports produced by the Complaints Officer and submitted to the Information Governance Officer. The compliments received during this six-month monitoring period vary in nature – the majority are in relation to the service provided by the Trading Standards team, but others relate to various other services provided by Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure. A quarterly reminder of how to report compliments is now being sent to all service staff (including those who do not have access to a computer); managers also play a key part in encouraging their teams to ensure compliments are shared and sent to the Directorate Business Support team for recording.

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.

9. Contact Officers

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10. Annexes

Annex 1: Summary of the performance of Development and Infrastructure against the targets within its service plan.

Annex 2: Summary of the performance of the Neighbourhood and Infrastructure Service against its 6 monthly performance indicator targets.

Annex 3: Summary of the performance of the Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration Service against its 6 monthly performance indicator targets.

Development and Infrastructure Service Plan 2019 to 2022

Progress against Service Plan Actions at 30 September 2022



Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		BRAG		Start Date	Target Date
D&I Service Plan Actions - 03 - Local Development Plan, Open Space Strategy and Supplementary Guidance.	Prioritise resources on core work, with resultant reduction in nonstatutory areas. Settlement Statements for Orkney's towns, villages and rural settlements.	Ensure up-to-date Local Development Plan and relevant suite of Supplementary Guidance following new Planning Act.	GREEN		01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2022		
Lead	Comment							
Hayley Green	from the Scottish Government. Draft r March 2022. Final regulations are exp updated Housing in the Countryside S	lanning regulations following The Plann regulations were published in December bected to be published later in 2022. The supplementary Guidance were approved Infrastructure Committee on 2 Februar	r 2021 for ne Develop I by Coun	cons omer cil on	sultation which nt Plan Schem n 2 March 202	n ended on 31 ne 2021 and an 1, following		

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG	3	Start Date	Target Date
D&I Service Plan Actions - 04 - Regional Marine Planning and Crown Estates Pilot Governance.	0 0	To deliver successful Regional Marine Partnership and Crown Estates Pilot.	GREEN		01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2023
Lead	Comment					
Gareth Waterson	Stage 1 application submitted for Crowseabed leasing. Stage 2 application successed that the Orkney pilot project had format of this in June 2020. A Memora	Resources Committee in September 2 vn Estate Scotland Pilot Scheme to deliubmitted to Crown Estate in March 2019 been given 'preferred project status' by andum of Understanding between the Cen agreed. A Project Officer is in post.	ver enhan 9. Crown its Board Council and	ced Estat and d Cro	local decision te confirmed in Council appro own Estate Sc	making on n September oved final otland to

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		Start Date	ate Target Date	
D&I Service Plan Actions - 05b - Environmental Services.	Engage with Empowering Communities work.	To reduce waste shipment for incineration through proactive engagement and awareness raising (i.e. two-year Change Management project), and where practical and possible, delivery of empowering communities and community-based solutions to service delivery in the context of the Circular Economy.	GREEN		01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2022	
Lead	Comment						
Hayley Green	Waste Strategy, to replace the now co- constrained in this area due to resource	ortunities to work with local communities oncluded Joint Area Waste Managemen ce constraints, however efforts do contir deliveries etc. It is expected that this ac	t Plan. Th	ne ab rkloa	ility of the tea d allows. Loc	m is al contractors	

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG	3	Start Date	Target Date
D&I Service Plan Actions - 05c - Environmental Services.	Explore Circular Economy/ community-based options as part of continuous service review.	To reduce waste shipment for incineration through proactive engagement and awareness raising (ie two-year Change Management project), and where practical and possible, delivery of empowering communities and community-based solutions to service delivery in the context of the Circular Economy.	GREEN		01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2022
Lead	Comment					
Hayley Green	part of the development of the revised	ortunities to identify community or busin I Waste Strategy, to replace the now co f the proposed Integrated Waste Facility	ncluded Jo	oint A	rea Waste M	anagement

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		BRAG		Start Date	Target Date
D&I Service Plan Actions - 05d - Environmental Services.	Seek recognition of Islands issues in the implementation of Scottish Government landfill ban on biodegradable materials, and deposit return scheme.	To reduce waste shipment for incineration through proactive engagement and awareness raising (ie two-year Change Management project), and where practical and possible, delivery of empowering communities and community-based solutions to service delivery in the context of the Circular Economy.	GREEN		01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2022		
Lead	Comment							
Hayley Green	other specific working groups on these issues relating to these schemes and necessary) are identified and impleme look at the landfill ban and Orkney Islataking place on 11 October 2022. In rescottish Government container return	cottish Government through the Waste I e areas. As a result, there is awareness efforts are ongoing to ensure that approinted. The Scottish Government has seends Council is contributing towards this egard to the Deposit Return Scheme, the initiative which is being trialled in the Is a will be carried forward to the next serv	s at governopriate mit opriate mit of up an Is owork, wit ne Council lands prio	nmer igation lands th the lis a	nt level of islar on measures (a specific work next meeting ctively suppor	nd specific where king group to of the group ting the		

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		Start Date	Target Date
D&I Service Plan Actions - 07 - CARS scheme for St Margaret's Hope.	Undertake survey work and submit application to Historic Environment Scotland.	Develop Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS) for St Margaret's Hope and consider other operations.	BLUE	•	01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2021
Lead	Comment					
Hayley Green	Elected Members confirmed that an ex Scotland Heritage and Place Program An Expression of Interest was submitted Place Programme for grant funding to complimentary fund administered by the schemes for heritage led place making and unfortunately both Expressions of	e Planning and Regulatory Services Concepts of interest should be submitted me by the end of July 2022. ed in July 2022 to Historic Environment develop the project. In addition an Expine National Heritage Lottery Fund which g. Decisions on both Expressions of Interest have been unsuccessful. A Bit the outcome of the Expressions of Interest have been unsuccessful.	Scotland ression of provides refing was	ew H and t Inter gran	to Scotland's est was also so t funding for a	Heritage and submitted to a area based ptember 2022

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		BRAG		BRAG		Start Date	Target Date
D&I Service Plan Actions - 08 - Major Projects.	Prioritise and where necessary secure additional resources to deliver strategic projects.	Pursue and deliver major projects that align to the Council Plan through Service and Council decisions e.g. Campus, Hydrogen, community wind, Islands Deal.	RED	•	01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2022				
Lead	Comment									
Gareth Waterson		ras Red. ources Committee recommended addition Deal Programme Manager (permanent								

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG	3	Start Date	Target Date
D&I Service Plan Actions - 10a - Improve Accessibility to all Transport Services.	Continue to pursue funding opportunities where possible.	Continue the ongoing programme to improve accessibility to all transport services, taking advantage of contract, vehicle, infrastructure and vessel replacement/renewal opportunities where possible.	GREEN		01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2025
Lead	Comment					
Gareth Waterson		en secured but the significant improvem the aircrafts. There are a lot of discuss				

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		BRAG		Start Date	Target Date
D&I Service Plan Actions - 10b - Improve Accessibility to all Transport Services.	Ensure all contracted services have accessibility provision.	Continue the ongoing programme to improve accessibility to all transport services, taking advantage of contract, vehicle, infrastructure and vessel replacement/renewal opportunities where possible.	RED		01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2025		
Lead	Comment							
Gareth Waterson	accessibility for the air service are min for vehicles to be able to unload and lo different users. All buses have low floo	ras Red. aced in August 2021 meet all accessibilitimal. The contract specification for the pad passengers. There is still a degree pers. Other contracts cannot provide fully a carried forward to the next Service Plan	buses inc of work to accessib	ludes com	s a section on acce	accessibility essibility for		

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		BRAG		BRAG		Start Date	Target Date
D&I Service Plan Actions - 11b - New Business and Growth in Current Marine Activities.	Review staff and resource capacity and develop business case for increasing these where necessary to deliver strategic objective.	Sustainable and growing Marine Services activities.	GREEN		01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2022				
Lead	Comment									
Gareth Waterson	BRAG status as at 31 March 2022 w									
	A review of the service has been undertaken, currently looking at a revised service structure and any future staffing requirements will be subject to reports to the relevant Committees. With the revised Management Structure it is expected that this action will, subject to recruitment, be largely complete by the target date.									

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		BRAG		Start Date	Target Date
D&I Service Plan Actions - 13 - Port Master Plan.	Finalise Port Masterplan, identify funding sources and deliver.	Establish the Port Masterplan for future infrastructure requirements.	GREEN		01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2022		
Lead	Comment							
Gareth Waterson	by Council on 16 April 2020. Currently place and gaining considerable investi	esented to the Harbour Authority Sub-co y undertaking final design and Outline E ment interest. There are increasing appolored through contract negotiations over	Business C oroaches t	Case to pro	work, financia oviding funding	I planning is in g from internal		

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		Start Date	Target Date		
	Complete Member Seminar engagement.	Reduced slippage on capital programme activity in the context of a busy contractor market. Complete review of capital programme with new five year programme established.	RED		01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2021		
Lead	Comment							
Hayley Green	2022. There has been a delay in progr Team and the Capital Programme Del features in the main Concerto Informa Programme Management process. The for which has been extended to Octob	pital Programme for 2024-29 is due to lessing this work due to a range of othe ivery Team. Work has commenced on a tion System to support decision making he long list of priorities is currently with ear 2022. The list will then go to the Coreted Members. It is expected that this a	r priorities f delivering n in planning Corporate I porate Lea	for the new g an Directed aders	he Corporate programme m d resourcing ctors to review ship Team for	Leadership nanagement the Capital v, the deadline them to		

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D&I Service Plan Actions - 14b - Capital Programme Management.	Revised Capital Programme.	Reduced slippage on capital programme activity in the context of a busy contractor market. Complete review of capital programme with new 5-year programme established.	RED	•	01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2021						
Lead	Comment											
Hayley Green	and has severely affected availability of has caused slippage as the planned sprecommendations including additional reduced at present due to some staff to the external planning review report ordination between the Planning and Cagreed in Phase 2 of the management current gaps due to turnover are recruively work is underway to align projects and of delays rather than a consequence of the key disciplines to be developportunity for exceptional process profil line and to the made to the service of t	pply chain issues have impacted construct of materials and therefore several capital pend will not be achieved. This was the resources for the Capital Programme to urnover and vacancies. undertaken by Jim Birrell, provision of a Capital Programme teams and service of trestructure. The main priority is to ensited to as quickly as possible within the diffunding to meet achievable timescales of overambitious schedules and planning oped is to ensure a plan is agreed and a ojects being added which have a consept the recruitment shortages and some kanning party quantity surveyors and designed.	al project standard project of eam, hower a "planning clients had sure that collabour mains so that slig. adhered to; quence of eay appoints	age beel bre s rket. ippa dela men	have been de internal audit staff levels are nt" or similar to advised, and staffing is adected by on the oversits made follow	elayed which which made e unavoidably o improve cod has been quate and that rate reflection the all programme.						

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		Start Date	Target Date		
Actions - 15 - Airfields Plan and	Retain and where necessary secure additional funding for continuous infrastructure programme including water rescue capability.	Complete a programme of airfields plan and infrastructure improvements in order to maintain as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP)/safe operations.	GREEN		01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2022		
Lead	Comment							
Gareth Waterson		ras Green. Irrently underway and on schedule. Was during 2022. Terminal upgrades are p						

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		Start Date	Target Date		
D&I Service Plan Actions - 17b - Sustainable Quarry Services.	•	Continue to sustain quarry service throughputs and availability of products.	GREEN		01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2022		
Lead	Comment							
Hayley Green	replacement weighbridge is now in pla provision for a salt storage facility is be	ras Green. It repair and renewal fund that is topped ace, two loading shovels are due for deleting progressed through the Capital Progressed through the C	ivery in the oject Appra	e nex aisal	t two months. (CPA) proces	The		

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		Start Date	Target Date
D&I Service Plan Actions - 19a - Ensure viable land supply for development, including addressing constraints to housing in Kirkwall.	Complete surface water management plan.	Viable land supply. Surface water infrastructure constraints addressed.	RED	•	01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2021
Lead	Comment					
	was held in June 2022. Positive discu	as Red. ottish Water and other stakeholders relassions with Scottish Water have released attention and not a Council decision.	ed some la			_

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viable land supply for development,	Engage with Scottish Water, Scottish Government and development industry to ensure fair distribution of resource to deliver the strategic objectives.	Viable land supply. Surface water infrastructure constraints addressed.	RED		01-Oct-2019	31-Dec-2021
Lead	Comment					
Hayley Green	was held in June 2022. Positive discu	ras Red. ottish Water and other stakeholders relassions with Scottish Water have released attention and not a Council decision.	ed some la			

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAC	}	Start Date	Target Date
		100% broadband coverage. 100% mobile coverage. World leading connectivity.	RED	•	01-Oct-2019	31-Mar-2025
Lead	Comment				•	
Gareth Waterson	BRAG status as at 31 March 2022 was Red. Officers continue to engage with UK and Scottish Governments. The Orkney Digital Connectivity Strategy and Delivery Plan was presented to Policy and Resources Committee on 20 September 2022.					

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG	BRAG Start Date		Target Date		
D&I Service Plan Actions - 21a - Orkney Outdoor Access Strategy Action Plan and Active Travel Programme.	Implementation of the actions contained in the Strategy Action Plan.	,			01-Oct-2019	31-Mar-2023		
Lead	Comment							
Hayley Green	Core Path Plan recommended for app subsequently approved by Council. To Development and Infrastructure Commapproved as the basis for a three-year December 2021, the Policy and Resouprojects, including an allocation of £50 currently being developed.	BRAG status as at 31 March 2022 was Green. Core Path Plan recommended for approval by Development and Infrastructure Committee on 11 September 2018 and subsequently approved by Council. The Sustainable Transport Project Development Plan was presented to the Development and Infrastructure Committee in June 2018 with an update provided in April 2019. List of projects approved as the basis for a three-year programme for potential applications to the Community Links Programme. On 2 December 2021, the Policy and Resources Committee recommended the allocation of funding to a series of recovery projects, including an allocation of £500,000 for footpath, core path and cycle way improvements. A list of projects is						

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D&I Service Plan Actions - 21b - Orkney Outdoor Access Strategy Action Plan and Active Travel Programme.	Programme of works/projects to retain and enhance existing network.	To retain and, where affordable, enhance existing core paths. Where affordable, to establish new paths and cycle links. To establish Orkney as a recognised high-quality destination for walking and cycling and support healthier living/active travel objectives.			01-Oct-2019	31-Mar-2023						
Lead	Comment											
Hayley Green	Core Path Plan recommended for app subsequently approved by Council. The Development and Infrastructure Commapproved as the basis for a three-year December 2021, the Policy and Resouprojects, including an allocation of £50 currently being developed.	BRAG status as at 31 March 2022 was Green. Core Path Plan recommended for approval by Development and Infrastructure Committee on 11 September 2018 and ubsequently approved by Council. The Sustainable Transport Project Development Plan was presented to the Development and Infrastructure Committee in June 2018 with an update provided in April 2019. List of projects approved as the basis for a three-year programme for potential applications to the Community Links Programme. On 2 December 2021, the Policy and Resources Committee recommended the allocation of funding to a series of recovery projects, including an allocation of £500,000 for footpath, core path and cycle way improvements. A list of projects is										

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D&I Service Plan Actions - 22a - Develop and implement a World Heritage Site (WHS) Strategic Masterplan.	Approved Masterplan and progression of WHS-related projects.	To provide effective visitor management and address infrastructure constraints.	BLUE	•	01-Oct-2019	31-Mar-2023
Lead	Comment					
Gareth Waterson	BRAG status as at 31 March 2022 was Green. World Heritage Site Masterplan approved by Council in May 2019. This covers five key elements – orientation centre, vehicle access and parking, footpath and active travel network, interpretation and other facilities, eg toilets, charging points and camper vans. Acquisition of land to enable development of Stones of Stenness car/bus park was completed in May 2019. A Memorandum of Understanding between the Council, Historic Environment Scotland and Highlands and Islands Enterprise was signed in June 2019 committing all three bodies to work together to conserve the World Heritage Site and enhance the visitor experience by looking at ways to manage the increasing number of visitors to the site. A Stage 2 Capital Project Appraisal for the Stones of Stenness Car Park was approved by Council in June 2020 and construction works were completed early 2021. The Gateway project is also included as a project proposal within the Islands Deal. Public consultation on the Gateway project was undertaken in September 2021 which helped to inform the Outline Business Case for the Islands Deal project. The Outline Business Case has now been submitted to UK and Scottish Governments. It is recommended that this action be marked as closed as the Masterplan has been					

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		Start Date	Target Date
D&I Service Plan Actions - 22b - Develop and implement a World Heritage Site Strategic Masterplan.	Dispersal of tourism activity to all of Orkney.	To provide effective visitor management and address infrastructure constraints.	BLUE	•	01-Oct-2019	31-Mar-2023
Lead	Comment					
Gareth Waterson	of the Islands Deal. The Outline Busir	ras Green. Isideration by the Council and Historic Eness Case has now been submitted to Used as closed as it is covered within the	JK and Sc	ottish		

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG		Start Date	Target Date
D&I Service Plan Actions - 22c - Develop and implement a World Heritage Site Strategic Masterplan.	Gateway facility established - improved infrastructure.	To provide effective visitor management and address infrastructure constraints.	BLUE	•	01-Oct-2019	31-Mar-2023
Lead	Comment					
Gareth Waterson	construction works were completed ea	r the Stones of Stenness Car Park was arly 2021. The Gateway project is inclu- way project was undertaken in Septeml	ded as a p	rojed	ct proposal wit	hin the Islands

Outline Business Case for	r the Islands Deal project. The Outline Business Case has now been submitted to UK and	k
Scottish Governments.	is recommended that this action be marked as closed as it is covered within the Islands D	eal.

Title	Description	Intended Outcome	BRAG	3	Start Date	Target Date
,	Delivery of the projects outlined in the North Isles Landscape Conservation Plan.	Enhance the distinctive offer and wellbeing of the North Isles through supporting island life and traditions and improvements to the natural and built environments.	GREEN		01-Oct-2019	31-Mar-2024
Lead	Comment					
	BRAG status as at 31 March 2022 was Green. Delegation to permit Council officers to deliver the Scheme on behalf of the Partnership and to determine project grant applications from community groups was agreed by Council in July 2019. Project grant applications are being received and processed and projects are being developed. The restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic experienced since March 2020 have had an impact on delivery of the programme. In order to mitigate those pandemic related impacts on delivery, a 12-month extension to the programme has been negotiated with the main programme funders. The programme end date of March 2024 should allow time for delivery of the delayed projects and the original programme objectives.					eing received nic ose pandemic rogramme

Personnel key

Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure – Hayley Green Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration – Gareth Waterson Head of Planning and Community Protection – Roddy MacKay Interim Head of Neighbourhood Services – Lorna Richardson Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities – Kenny MacPherson Head of Marine Services, Transportation and Harbour Master – Jim Buck

RAG key

Red - the performance indicator is experiencing significant underperformance, with a medium to high risk of failure to meet its target.

Amber - the performance indicator is experiencing minor underperformance, with a low risk of failure to meet its target.

Green - the performance indicator is likely to meet or exceed its target.

Blue – the agreed action has been progressed to completion.

Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure Performance Indicator Report

Service Performance Indicators at 30 September 2022



Performance Indicator

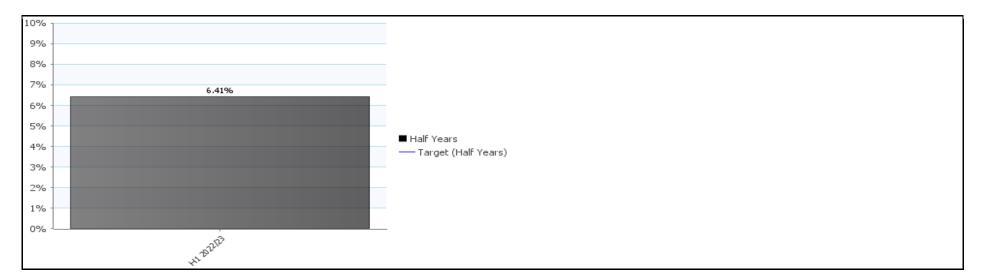
CCG 01 – Sickness absence – The average number of working days per employee lost through sickness absence, expressed as a percentage of the number of working days available.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAC	3
4%	6.41%	6.1%	RED	

Comment

The Service continues to work closely with the Human Resources Team to ensure that short term and long-term sickness absence is addressed as a matter of priority. However, these matters are individually unique and it is difficult to forecast or prevent occasional fluctuations in the performance percentage over reporting periods. The Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure Senior Management Team are aware of the areas within the service where sickness levels are higher and will work with relevant managers to address these.

Annex 2 |

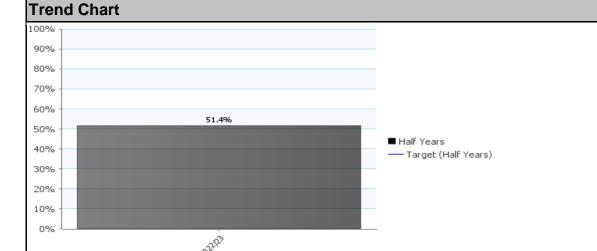


CCG 02 – Sickness absence – Of the staff who had frequent and/or long-term sickness absence (they activated the sickness absence triggers), the proportion of these where there was management intervention.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAC	j
90%	51.4%	79%	RED	

Comment

Intervention by managers is discussed at the Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure performance and risk management meetings. The Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure Senior Management Team continues to work with Human Resources and managers within their own teams to ensure that more active intervention takes place in the future. The Senior Management Team is aware of the areas within the service where intervention has not taken place and will look to discuss this with the relevant managers and will provide any support required. There is confidence that managers in most areas are holding conversations with staff on their return to work but that the conversations etc are not being recorded. To help ensure the recording takes place in the future, a special meeting of the Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure Directorate Management Team took place on 21 September 2022 and Human Resources were invited along to discuss the sickness reporting and recording system and the link to this performance indicator. Guidelines on the process were issued and the session was also recorded for any staff members who were not available to attend on the day. Human Resources advised that they would be happy to help with any queries from managers. There is an expectation for there to be an increase in performance over future reporting periods.

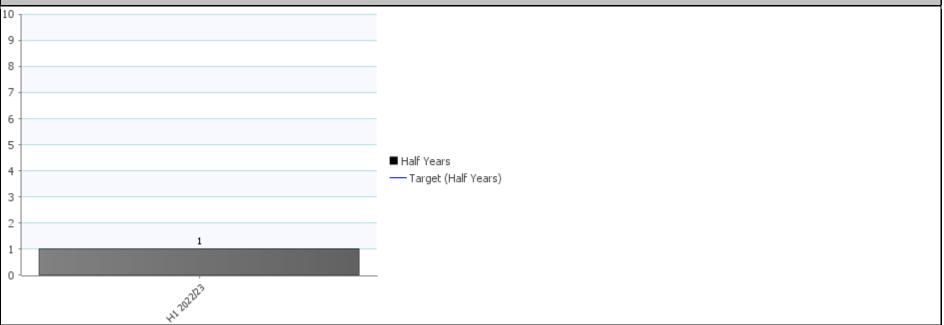


CCG 03 – Staff accidents – The number of staff accidents within the service, per 30 staff per year.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAG	
1	1	2.1	GREEN	

Comment

The number of accidents reported during this reporting period is extremely low for a service of this size which has many health and safety risks. The service reported 14 accidents, four of which were RIDDOR reportable (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations). There is no clear pattern to the types of accidents reported. Roads Operations introduced an enhanced Near Miss reporting process in 2021 as part of their Quality Management System. This is currently being piloted with the future aim to be for this system to provide valuable lessons and knowledge around the potential for incidents and the measures necessary to avoid them. Work is currently taking place with the relevant teams to trial a system of support for lone working, there are plans to roll this out wider after the trial.



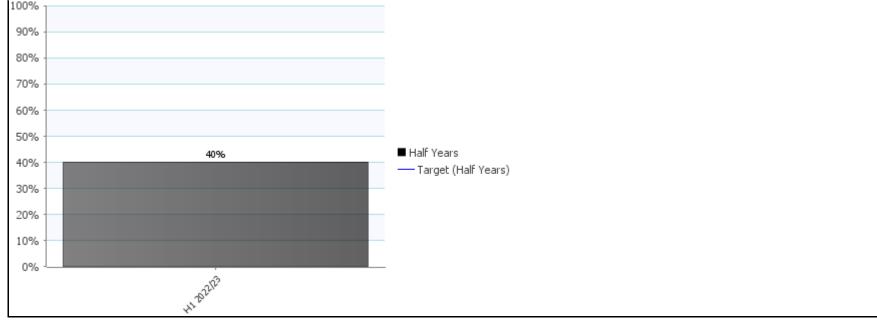
CCG 04 – Budget control – The number of significant variances (priority actions) generated at subjective group level, as a proportion of cost centres held.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAC	è
15%	40%	31%	RED	

Comment

The Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure (NSI) Senior Management Teams continue to contribute to the Revenue Expenditure Monitoring Report (REMR) process and flag up areas of concerns and difficulties, noting that this has been a very difficult period to try and profile. New meetings between NSI and Finance are being set up to ensure detailed discussions take place prior to reports going forward to committee. There have been a lot of changes and transition in posts as a result of the new Council structure; in particular at service manager and budget holder levels, so there has been a degree of post holders having to pick up, be trained on and understand, new areas which can be complex. Now that a new structure is in place and as experience develops, this indicator should improve going forward.





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%	2.48%	4.1%	AMBER	<u></u>

Comment

Three posts remained vacant during this period, Garage Mechanic, Quantity Surveyor/Quantity Surveyor/Chartered Quantity Surveyor and an Administrative Assistant, Operational Support. It should be noted that there are continuing challenges within the service in recruiting to some posts. This matter continues to be discussed both within Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure and within the Corporate Leadership Team and is a growing challenge across the Council.

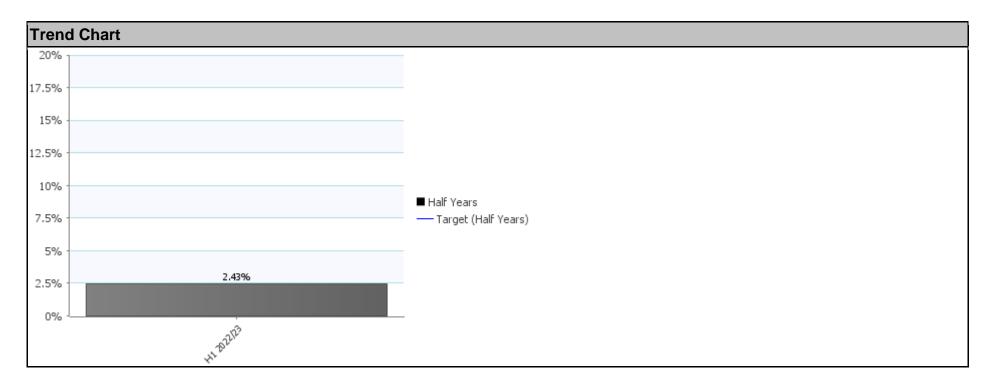


CCG 06 – Recruitment and retention – The number of permanent service staff who leave the employment of Orkney Islands Council – but not through retirement or redundancy – as a proportion of all permanent service staff.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAG	
5%	2.43%	10.1%	GREEN	

Comment

There were 329 permanent staff employed at this reporting period, nine permanent members of staff left the Council, all these staff resigned from their positions. Whilst the indicator remains green, there are some instances of staff leaving across the service for a range of individual reasons which leads to the need for new recruitment, induction and training which can be a very lengthy process. The Council continues to experience competition from the private sector who have the flexibility to offer and negotiate better terms and conditions, several members of staff have been approached direct from external companies offering opportunities and as a consequence these staff have left the Council.



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%	64.5%	79%	RED	

Comment

Please note that this data includes Employee Review and Development (ERD) meetings held up to and including 14 October 2022, this will be adjusted in the next report.

The Senior Management Team has reviewed the figures for office based and non-office based staff.

There is currently a new process in place whereby administration support teams proactively send reminders to managers and assist with arranging ERD meeting dates for staff, along with the necessary paperwork; this process was reviewed in September 2022 and additional administrative resources were dedicated to ensuring meetings were being arranged.

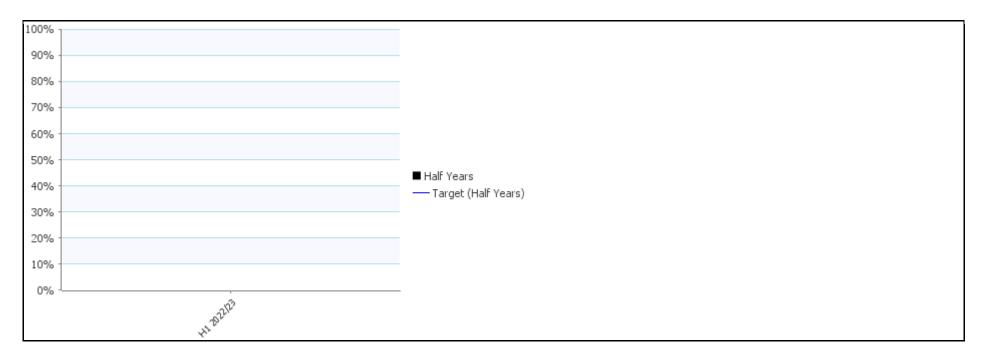
The Senior Management Team met on 10 November 2021 to scope out an action plan and a way of measuring how the service is working to improve performance, following this and to date the team have met on a monthly basis to continue to review performance and to identify areas requiring support, but note that it is important to spread ERDs through a 12 month period, otherwise problems are created for future years when all ERDs would have to be done in a very short period of time.

In July 2022 a MS Teams group was introduced where the master recording sheet of the status of ERDs is held; this is now accessible to the Corporate Director and all Heads of Service so they can check at any point in time on progress with ERD meetings. The administrative procedure for chasing of ERDs and arranging meetings was reviewed on 21 July 2021 and an action from that meeting was to ensure that the recording sheet is updated as soon as an ERD is held so that the information available is near to real time as possible.

The Senior Management Team will continue to proactively review the figures and will be seeking to significantly improve the performance in the next reporting period, although noting, it will take longer than the next reporting period for this indicator to move to green but progress is being made.

Managers continue to provide regular support to operational staff as required. The Operations Manager, Roads and Environmental Services, has a plan in place to complete all outstanding ERDs by the end of 2022.

Various staff from across Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure have been fully engaged with the Human Resources focus group to review the ERD process.

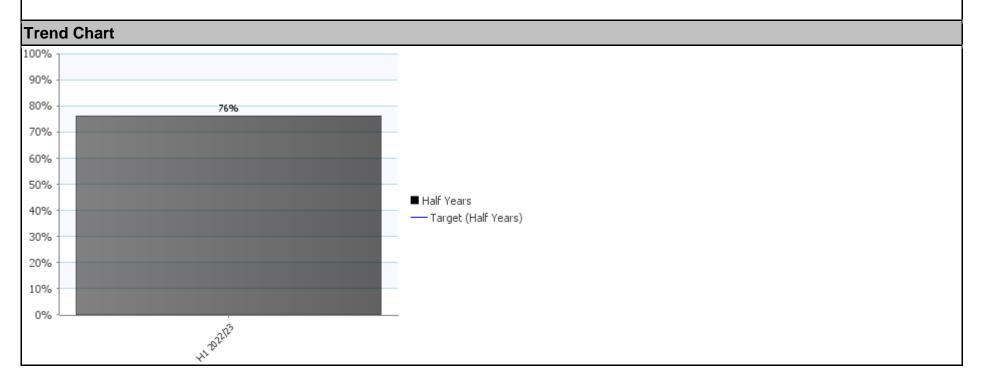


CCG 08 – Invoice payment – The number of invoices that were submitted accurately, and paid within 30 days of invoice date, as a proportion of the total number of invoices paid.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAC	è
90%	76%	79%	RED	

Comment

There are some challenges with suppliers who send out invoices long after the date on the invoice, therefore the performance indicator is very difficult to meet. It also seems that some invoices are received before the goods are actually received, meaning they cannot be paid until the goods are received and checked. The service has been advised that this performance indicator is one of the Local Government Benchmark Framework set of indicators and therefore this indicator cannot be altered.



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%	33.57%	79%	RED	

Comment

The Senior Management Team continues to work closely with Human Resources to overcome challenges in ensuring that all staff complete mandatory iLearn training. Work with Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure managers has also taken place to ensure that the right staff appear on the mandatory training reports. Some staff, primarily operational staff, complete certain training as a matter of course and as part of their job specific training, and it was agreed with Human Resources and with the Safety and Contingencies Team that these staff do not need to complete the iLearn training as well as this would be duplication; for accuracy of reporting these staff were removed from the report.

Human Resources have provided paper-based training for those staff who do not have IT access, managers arrange group team sessions to cover the training but noting that COVID-19 restrictions have made this more challenging, particularly with staff based on the outer isles. Discussions have also taken place with Human Resources to ensure that staff working in more than one Council service such as Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure and Education, Leisure and Housing are not double counted on reporting for this indicator and to ensure that staff do not have to complete the same iLearn training twice.

iLearn is a web-based system so staff who do not have a Council IT account can still access the training through their own personal devices, staff would need to undertake this training outwith their standard Council working hours so a system of either taking the time back or being paid for the training needs to be explored. There may also be opportunities for these staff to book times at Council locations where they can access a computer to complete the training, this may be at local schools or at other offices, again, this is an opportunity that needs to be explored formally.

Line managers receive automated emails from the iLearn system to inform them that staff training is overdue but staff members do not receive these emails direct. A discussion has taken place with Learning and Development recently and consideration is being given to switching this facility back on which would prove very helpful. The automated emails go out to remind people that training is overdue, and there has been a request made to see if the reminder could be sent a month or so in advance of the training deadline date so that arrangements can be made for the training to be completed prior to the deadline.



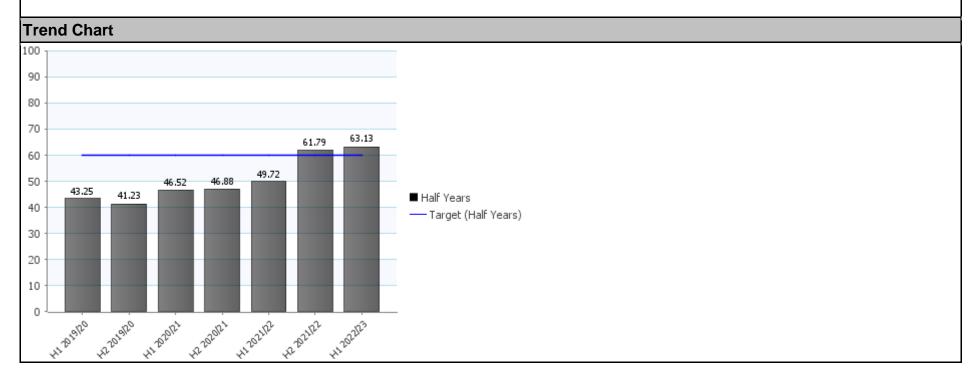
SS 01 – Building Warrants – Average time to grant a building warrant or amendment to warrant.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAG	
	63.13	65	AMBER	

Comment

The average time to grant a building warrant or amendment to warrant is above the 60-day target, there are two causes for this at present:

- Delays in receiving information due to COVID-19.
- Reduced staffing from 1 January 2022 to date as a result of the retirement of the Principal Building Standards Officer, this post has now been filled but the team is still under capacity as recruitment for the Building Standards Officer post has only just been completed, with the new member of staff starting in November 2022.

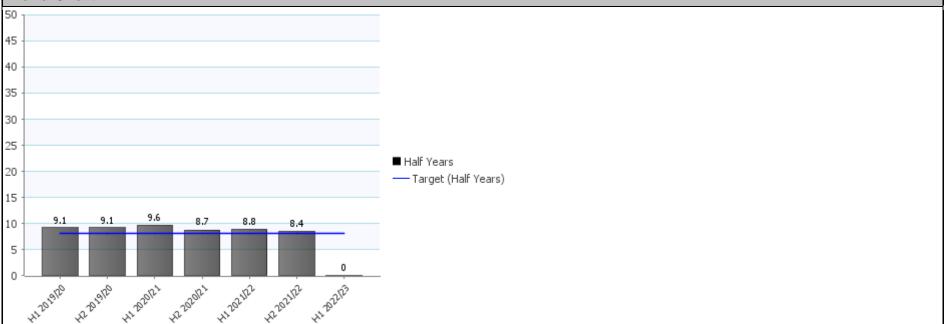


SS 07 – Planning Applications – Average timescale (weeks) to determine planning application for local developments.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAG	
8	0	16	GREEN	

Comment

The Scottish Government has moved from quarterly to six monthly reporting periods. The last published statistics were for 2021/22 with the 6 monthly figure for Orkney being 8.4 weeks which is an improvement on the previous 6 months figure and is better than the Scottish average of 11.4 weeks.

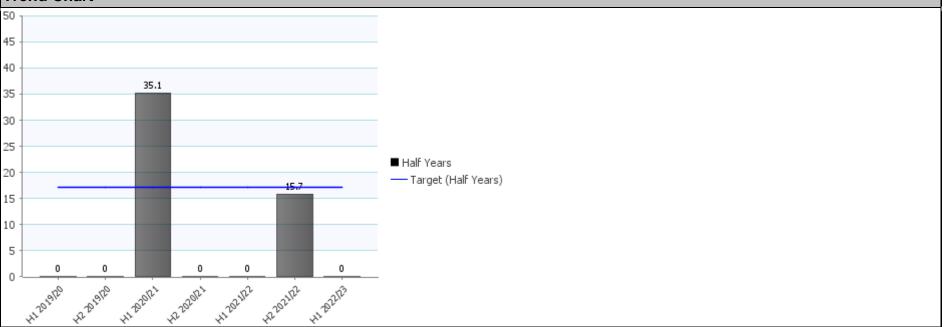


SS 08 – Planning Applications – Average timescale (weeks) to determine planning application for major developments.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAG	
17	0	31	GREEN	

Comment

The Scottish Government has moved from quarterly to six monthly reporting periods. The last published statistics were for 2021/22 and there were 3 planning applications for major development determined during the year. The 6 monthly average figure for Orkney being 15.7 weeks which is within the 4 month target for the determination of major applications and considerably better than the Scottish average of 44.6 weeks.

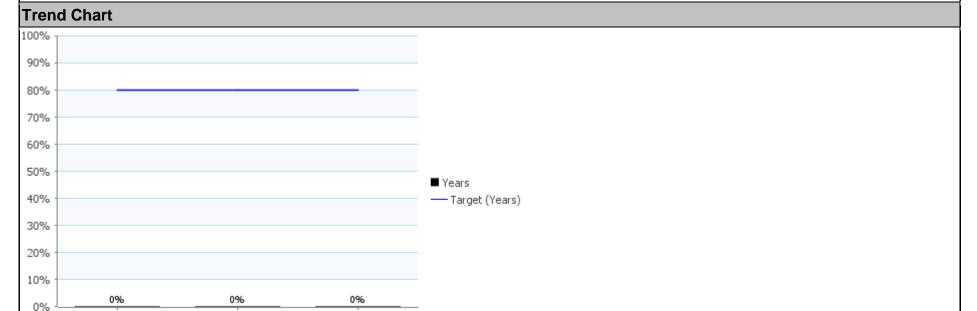


SS 10 – Street Lighting – Percentage of Street light faults repaired within 7 days.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAG	
80%	0%	69%	N/A	N/A

Comment

It is not possible to provide the information currently as the Customer Service Platform/Dash system requires further improvement development work on the reporting tool. This is being addressed through one of the Improvement Support project workstreams. The status for this Performance Indicator has been marked as not applicable (N/A) as it cannot be determined without the data.



Personnel key

Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure – Hayley Green Head of Planning and Community Protection – Roddy MacKay Interim Head of Neighbourhood Services – Lorna Richardson Head of Property, Asset Management and Facilities – Kenny MacPherson

RAG key

Red - the performance indicator is experiencing significant underperformance, with a medium to high risk of failure to meet its target.

Amber - the performance indicator is experiencing minor underperformance, with a low risk of failure to meet its target.

Green - the performance indicator is likely to meet or exceed its target

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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	RAG	
4%	3.6%	6.1%	GREEN	

Comment

Sickness absence is within the target, and the service will continue to monitor.

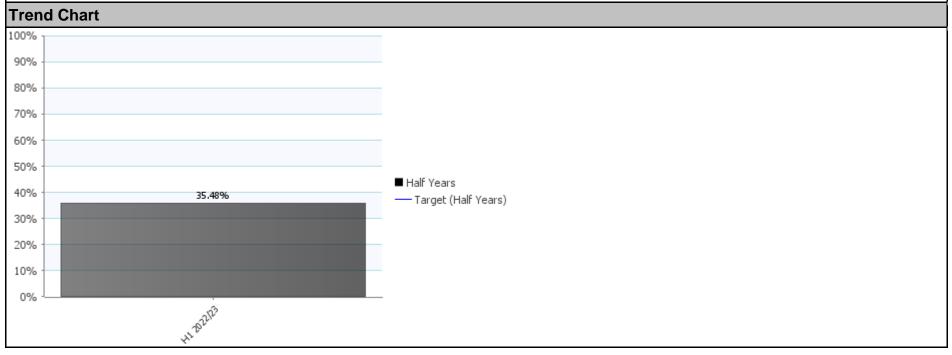


CCG 02 – Sickness absence – Of the staff who had frequent and/or long-term sickness absence (they activated the sickness absence triggers), the proportion of these where there was management intervention.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAG	
90%	35.48%	79%	RED	

Comment

Significant change in personnel within line managers. Training required to ensure all new managers are familiar with the sickness process and documenting the sickness absence interventions are correctly recorded.

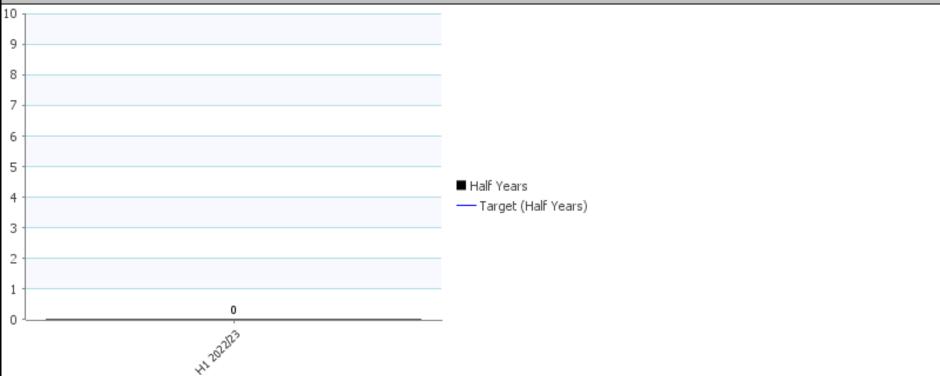


CCG 03 – Staff accidents – The number of staff accidents within the service, per 30 staff per year.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAG	
1	0	2.1	GREEN	

Comment

No accidents within this Service were recorded in the previous 12 months.

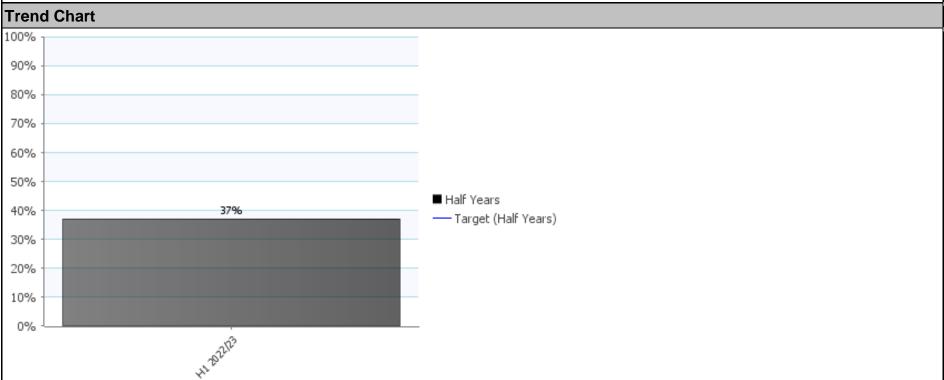


CCG 04 – Budget control – The number of significant variances (priority actions) generated at subjective group level, as a proportion of cost centres held.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAG	
15%	37%	31%	RED	

Comment

Significant operational pressures around staffing vacancies and general cost of living increases are impacting budgets which we are actively trying to manage within cost centre headings.



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	RAG	
2%	5.56%	4.1%	RED	

Comment

Difficult employment environment, particularly in Orkney. We are actively seeking to fill all vacant roles. Some roles have required additional market supplements to attract quality candidates to posts.

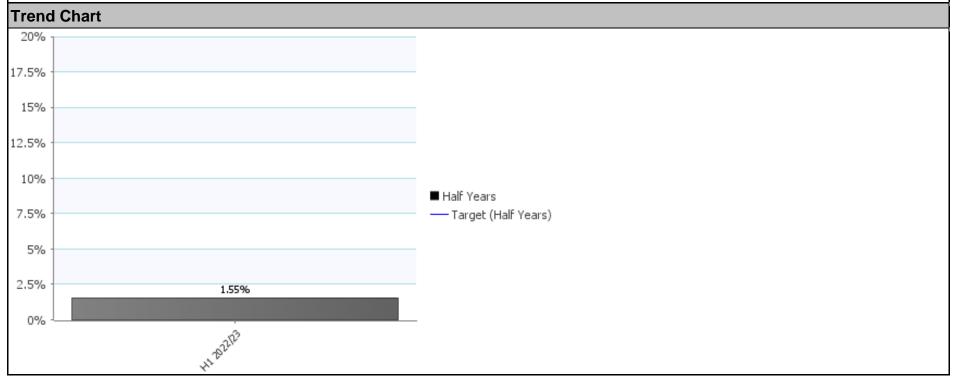


CCG 06 – Recruitment and retention – The number of permanent service staff who leave the employment of Orkney Islands Council – but not through retirement or redundancy – as a proportion of all permanent service staff.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAG	
5%	1.55%	10.1%	GREEN	

Comment

This indicator does not fully reflect the staffing pressures within the directorate.

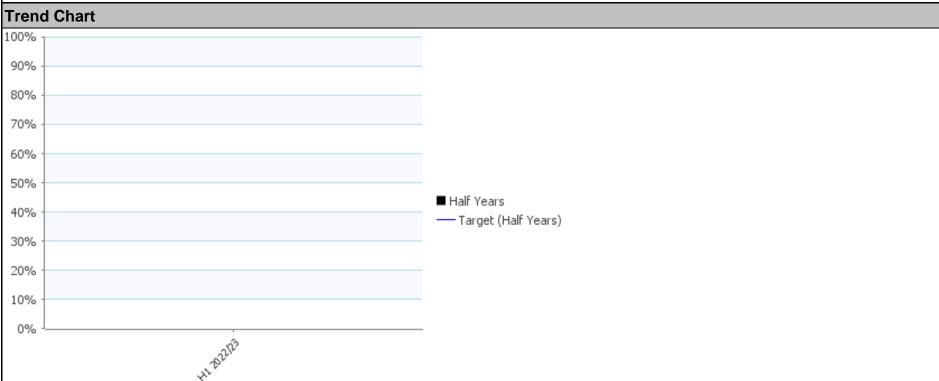


CCG 07 – ERD – The number of staff who receive (at least) an annual face-to-face performance review and development meeting, as a proportion of the total number of staff within the service.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAC	3
		79%	RED	0

Comment

ERDs are routinely carried out. However, at this time we do not have accurate data to complete the indicator, but given the staffing issues faced by the directorate it is unlikely we have achieved the target required.

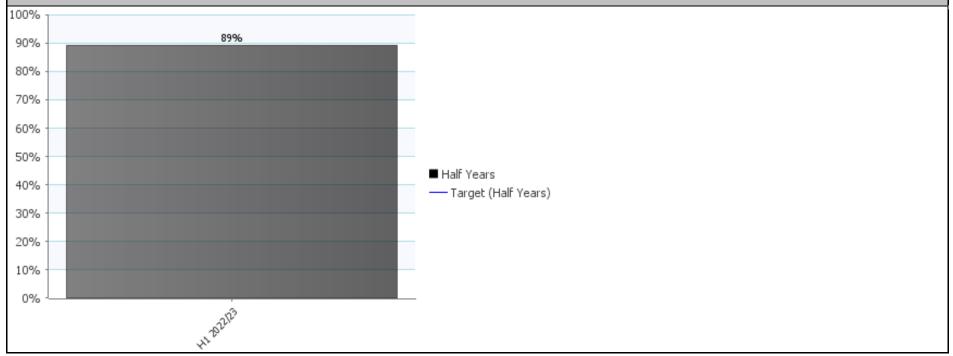


CCG 08 – Invoice payment – The number of invoices that were submitted accurately, and paid within 30 days of invoice date, as a proportion of the total number of invoices paid.

Target	Actual	Intervention	RAG	
90%	89%	79%	AMBER	<u> </u>

Comment

Work continuing within Payments and across the directorate to reduce the number of invoice days taken.



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%	28.26%	79%	RED	

Comment

We will seek to improve on this performance indicator. It should be noted, however, that there is a large proportion of staff within the directorate who do not routinely have access to a computer to undertake the training within the required timescales.

