

# **Performance Committee**

West Lothian Civic Centre Howden South Road LIVINGSTON EH54 6FF

16 January 2018

A meeting of the **Performance Committee** of West Lothian Council will be held within the **Council Chambers, West Lothian Civic Centre** on **Monday 22 January 2018** at **2:00pm**.

For Chief Executive

## **BUSINESS**

## Public Session

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Declarations of Interest Members should declare any financial and nonfinancial interests they have in the items of business for consideration at the meeting, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.
- 3. Order of Business, including notice of urgent business and declarations of interest in any urgent business
- 4. Confirm Draft Minute of Meeting of Performance Committee held on Monday 27 November 2017.
- 5. Construction Services Report by Head of Finance and Property Services (herewith).
- 6. Customer Service Centre Report by Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services (herewith)
- 7. Workplan (herewith).
- 8. Scrutiny Briefing by Graeme Struthers, Depute Chief Executive and Rebecca Kelly, Performance and Improvement Manager.

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NOTE For further information please contact Eileen Rollo on 01506 281621 or email eileen.rollo@westlothian.gov.uk <u>Present</u> – Councillors Stuart Borrowman (Chair), Andrew McGuire, Charles Kennedy, Dave King

## 1. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

There were no declarations of interest made.

## 2. <u>MINUTE</u>

The committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 9 October 2017 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

## 3. <u>BUILDING SERVICES</u>

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing an overview of Building Services along with details of service performance.

The report advised that Building Services was the council's in-house contractor, carrying out responsive repairs, maintenance and refurbishment of council properties. There were two teams within Building Services comprising of Contracts Team and the Repairs.

Building Services performance was regularly measured through a suite of performance indicators in line with the council's performance management framework, using the Pentana system.

Building Services performance indicators were representative of a range of activities delivered by the service and included statutory, public performance reporting and management indicators, including measures of customer satisfaction.

Performance was regularly reviewed within the service at management team, performance reviews with managers and the Head of Service, individual team meetings and monitored via 1-2-1 and frontline operative meetings where appropriate..

The report went on to advise that in 2017 the services employee survey results showed in comparison to the previous year, improvements in four of the seven categories, two categories remained unchanged and one category showed a slight decrease.

The service completed the service completed a WLAM assessment and the overall score for the serviced had improved from 402 in 2011-13 to 471 in 2014-17.

The service approach to performance management had continued to mature and was able to present a good spread of indicators across the major domains at the Review Panel in February 2017. The overall feedback was positive and recognised the progress made to date.

It was also advised that the service submitted performance indicators to the Scottish Housing Regulator on an annual basis and completed benchmarking activity with Scottish Housing Network and Association for Public Service Excellence.

The report recommended that the committee:-

- 1. Note the contents of the report and appendix;
- 2. Provide feedback on the service performance; and
- 3. Identify any recommendations for performance improvement

There then followed a number of questions in relation to various subject including comparisons with other local authorities, benchmarking, capacity for multi-skilling, customer service and complaints, mobile working, sickness absence.

The committee was interested to know what benchmarking was carried out with other local authorities in relation to complaint reporting and was advised that not all local authorities broke down the complaints categories in the same way as West Lothian and therefore it was difficult to make comparisons.

It was advised that mobile working allowed for customers to be telephoned to keep them updated when jobs would be carried out or if the tradesman was going to be late.

The committee was also advised that in relation to multi-skilling there were barriers, however other local authorities had overcome these barriers and fact finding visits were arranged to these other local authorities. Following these visits it was anticipated that a framework on multi-skilling would be drawn up. It was also anticipated that multi-skilling would reduce the number of visits to a property and time take to complete a job which would then hopefully lead to fewer customer complaints.

It was also advised that as a number of complaints were in relation to communication the service had developed a Customer Service Strategy to ensure that staff took responsibility for providing customers with an update and progress at key points.

Sickness absence was also an issue within the service that impacted on service delivery. A focus group was established to provide feedback on keeping healthy.

The committee requested that additional information be circulated on the measures taken to improve communication.

## Decision

To note the terms of the report.

## 4. HOUSING NEED SERVICE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer & Building Services providing an overview of the Housing Need Service along with details of service performance.

The report advised that the Housing Need Service was responsible for delivering the statutory function of homelessness, support and allocation of council properties. The service took a proactive, housing options approach to preventing homelessness occurring in the first place. The objective of the service was to ensure the provision of appropriate emergency or temporary accommodation and re-housing into settled accommodation as soon as possible. Housing support was provided where required to help people sustain their accommodation. The Allocations Team worked in partnership with Registered Social Landlords and private sector landlords to let settled accommodation that met the housing needs of all applicant groups.

The Housing Needs Service performance was regularly measured through a suite of performance indicators in line with the council's performance management framework, using the pentana system.

It was also reported that Housing Need indicators were representative of a range of activities that were delivered by the service and included statutory, public performance reporting, management indictors, and measures of customer and staff perception.

A range of indicators across the major activities were presented to the WLAM assessment panel in November 2016. The overall feedback was positive, however a number of actions were recommended. Since 2013/14 the approach to performance management had matured and it was recognised that following a significant restructure the overall service approach to performance management required further refinement.

The service was subsequently placed on Cycle 2 with the expectation that the services performance indicators would be presented to the Chief Executive the following year. The service continued to refine and improve its performance management approach and a number of key areas recommended by the panel were detailed in the report. Appendix 2 provided details of the Review Panel outcomes.

The report recommended that the committee:-

- 1. Note the contents of the report and appendix;
- 2. Provide feedback on service performance; and

3. Identify any recommendations for performance improvement.

There then followed a number of questions and in particular in relation to sustainability and turnover of properties, homelessness, temporary accommodation including bed and breakfast, working with the private sector, communication and managing expectations and employee survey results.

The officer explained to the committee that homelessness was a growing problem and that work continued with private sector housing and private landlords, however due to changes for private landlords it was expected that there would be less properties available. Work was being carried out to try and develop a scheme that would assist private landlords to accept people into their property. It was also noted that the council, following the acquisition of the Open Door hostel had direct access to the hostel.

In relation to the low staff survey results it was advised that there had been restrictions of posts and a number of changes to the service including a new management team. In order to improve communication with the teams management would engage with each team on a regular basis, focus groups were also being set up with all service staff being involved.

The committee requested that additional information be circulated in relation to property turnover and sustainability. It was also noted that communication in managing expectations in relation to the size, type and area that homeless people may be placed in could be better communicated.

The committee acknowledged that the service was under great pressure particularly in relation to their statutory duty regarding homelessness.

## Decision

To note the contents of the report.

## 5. COMPLAINT PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 2 2017/18

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive providing the council's quarterly analysis of closed complaints in Quarter 2: 2017/18.

The committee was advised that the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO) developed and published a model Complaint Handling Procedure (CHP) on 28 March 2012. The model CHP was to ensure a standardised approach in dealing with customer complaints across the local authority sector. All local authorities were required to adopt the model CHP by 31 March 2013.

Table one provided the council's Corporate Complaint Performance break down for Quarter 2: 2017/18 complaints by category over 5 years. The table showed that the current service level of complaint performance varied

across the council and was linked to the complexity and quantity of complaints received. Operational Services and Housing, Customer and Building Services (HCBS) were the main complaint generators.

Further information was provided on the main complaint categories which were as follows:

- Standard of Service
- Policy
- Waiting Time
- Poor Communication
- Employee Attitude

The Depute Chief Executive explained that appendix 1 contained the council wide performance against the SPSO defined measures covering the period Quarter 1: 2017/18

The Corporate Complaint Steering Board identified 4 high level indicators that provided a summary of complaint handling performance and detailed as follows:-

- Total complaints received
- Complaints closed within 5 working days
- Complaints closed within 20 working days
- Complaints partly upheld/upheld

Table 2 provided a summary of service performance against these 4 key indicators while table 3 provided 2016/17 and 2017/18 service upheld/part-upheld complaint performance.

Table 4 provided indicative ratios for the number of complaints against the specific customer groups for Education Services, Housing, Customer and Building Services and Operational Services.

In conclusion the report advised that there had been a reduction in the number of complaints received when compared to the equivalent quarter in 2016/17. The decrease was partly attributable to a reduction in complaints received by Operational Services in Q2: 2017/18

It was recommended that the Performance Committee :-

- 1. Note the corporate and service complaint performance against the standards outlined in the council's complaint handling procedure; and
- 2. Continue to monitor complaint performance and request additional information from services as required.

## Decision

To note the terms of the report.

## 6. WLAM PROGRAMME 2017-20

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive providing a programme of self-assessment activity in council services during the period 201718 to 2019/20.

The report advised that self-assessment was an important part of the council's approach to the council's Best Value Framework, ensuring that there was rigorous challenge of performance and that continuous improvement was embedded at all levels of the organisation. Regular programmed self-assessment was also an integral part of improvement planning and preparation for external inspection.

The report provided the planned schedule of self-assessment activity in all council services with the exception of schools.

The report went on to advise that the West Lothian Assessment Model (WLAM) was used to assess the quality and cost effectiveness of council services provided to the community. It was based on the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) Excellence Model and provided a consistent structure around which performance and improvement could be supported.

All services complete a WLAM and attend an officer-led scrutiny panel at least once during a three-year improvement cycle. The report went on to provide information on the WLAM process and stages.

The Depute Chief Executive explained that a new programme had been developed for self-assessment and internal scrutiny activity in council services during 2017/18 to 2019/20.

The programme which was included for information in Appendix 1 was determined on risk factors and/or when a service last had a self-assessment using the WLAM or was subject to internal scrutiny.

In conclusion it was an important part of the council's Improvement Strategy, encouraging innovation from within and positively engaging employees in service planning and improvement.

The report recommended that the committee note the planned programme of activity in council services.

### Decision

To note the terms of the report.

## 7. <u>FACTFILE 2017</u>

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Corporate Services providing the council's annual performance Factfile 2017.

The report advised that the Factfile offered a high level overview of 2016/17 corporate performance in the priority areas in the council's Corporate Plan and was a key part of the council's public performance reporting arrangements.

The report went on to advise that the Factfile was the annual report on council performance in the eight priorities and three enablers of the Corporate Plan. Published on the council website, it contained in-year performance and information about the cost of services, relative to the previous year.

The report provided an annual report on performance and achievement and this was used for public information and as evidence of council compliance with Best Value arrangements in public performance reporting.

The performance in the year 2016/17 was a largely consistent record of the performance and statistics reported in both Factfile 2016 and 2015. Where variances occur it was due to:-

- Changes to, or cessation of, services delivered by the council
- Changes to the calculation method used for performance
- Cessation of performance measures.

The report concluded that the Factfile was the council's annual performance report which provided topical information on the council's measurable achievement in the Corporate Plan priorities in a way that was engaging and user friendly for customers.

The report recommended that the committee note the council performance contained in Factfile 2017.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

## 8. PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE WORKPLAN 2017-18

To note the workplan

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## PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

#### **CONSTRUCTION SERVICES**

### **REPORT BY HEAD OF FINANCE AND PROPERTY SERVICES**

### A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Performance Committee with an overview of Construction Services along with details of service performance.

#### B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Performance Committee:

- 1. Notes the contents of this report and Appendices;
- 2. Provides feedback on service performance; and
- 3. Identifies any recommendations for performance improvement.

#### C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

- I Council Values
- Focusing on our customers' needs
- Being honest, open and accountable
- Providing equality of opportunities
- Developing employees
- Making best use of our resources
- Working in partnership
- II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)
- III Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers
- IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators
- V Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement

Reporting to Performance Committee is consistent with the corporate plan undertaking to "continue to develop a performance management system that helps us to improve."

None

Appendix 1 details a selection of performance and results currently reported for the service.

Outcome 8 – We make the most efficient and effective use of resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment.

VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	Construction Services has a revenue budget of £2,718,127 in 2017/18 and FTE
	<b>·</b> · · <i>n</i>	of 47.6. It has an income target of £2,718,127.

- VII Consideration at PDSP No
- VIII Other consultations None

### D. TERMS OF REPORT

#### D.1 Service Overview

The principal purpose of Construction Services is to provide multi-disciplinary professional and technical construction related services to ensure ongoing operational availability and suitability of the property estate. The service reflects a strong corporate approach to the lifecycle management of the council's assets.

Construction Services consists of the following teams:

- Projects Team
- Planned Improvements and M&E Services Team
- Maintenance Team
- Asbestos Team
- Clerk of Works Team

The service has a total complement of staff of 47.6 FTE and an annual income of  $\pounds 2,718,127$ .

In addition to engaging with the council's internal service areas, Construction Services actively engages with a number of other partners, key amongst who are: Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Police Scotland, Architecture & Design Scotland, Hub South East and Scottish Futures Trust.

Further information on the service is included in Appendix 1.

#### D.2 Service Activities

The main activities of the service in 2016/17 were:

- Delivery of construction projects for the council's investment programmes (£47million overall capital spend in 2016/17)
- Maintenance of the council's non-housing property assets (8,350 property helpdesk enquiries processed and a total of 12,945 works orders issued in 2016/17)
- Compliance with property related legislation
- The provision of construction feasibility, option appraisal, business case and asset management information that supports future investment decisions
- Work on a number of efficiencies projects

Some of the key achievements in the service in 2016/17 are set out below:

• The Schools Summer Works Programme achieved its most successful year ever, with 73 separate construction projects delivered across West Lothian with a total investment of £5.1 million

- Continued improvements in compliance with statutory property legislation across the property estate
- Completion and opening of the new Southdale Primary School, a new single stream school with nursery facilities located in South Armadale
- Completion and opening of a large extension at St Anthony's RC Primary School in Armadale comprising new hall, entrance and classrooms
- Procurement, letting and successful completion of three new halls at Toronto and Carmondean Primary Schools in Livingston and Blackridge Primary School.
- Completion of a major refurbishment following asbestos removal works at Kirknewton Primary School
- Completion of 18 new houses in West Main Street, Broxburn, regenerating a previously derelict site in the centre of the town
- Completion of refurbishment work and provision of 12 one bedroom houses at Main Street, Fauldhouse
- Completion and opening of West Calder and Strathbrock hub facilities
- Completion of the Almondvale park regeneration project in Livingston

The main activities of the service in the current financial year will be broadly similar to those in 2016/17, however in addition the service will:

- Complete East Calder and Linlithgow Partnership Centres and open the buildings to the public.
- Complete works on site at Whitehill Service Centre which will deliver a new waste transfer facility, salt store, operational facilities, a fleet maintenance garage and other space for Operational Services
- Build and complete additional school accommodation and new nursery facilities at Torphichen Primary School.
- Complete and open additional school accommodation at St Mary's RC Primary School in Bathgate and new nursery accommodation at Boghall Primary School.
- Undertake feasibility work in support of the development of the new ten year capital programme.

### D.3 Performance Measurement

Construction Services performance is regularly measured through a suite of performance indicators in line with the council's performance management framework, using the Pentana system (formerly Covalent).

The performance indicators are representative of a range of activities delivered by the service and include statutory, public performance reporting and management indications, including measures of customer and staff perception.

Performance is regularly reviewed within the service at management team, performance reviews with managers and the Head of Service, individual team meetings and monitored via 1-2-1 meetings with employees where appropriate.

All employees within the service are actively engaged in reviewing relevance of performance indicators and their targets.

Appendix 2 offers a representative sample of performance indicators covering the key themes of:

- Customer Results
- People Results
- Service Results
- Efficiency Measures
- Effectiveness Measures

## D.4 Employee Engagement Survey

In 2017 the service employee survey results showed improvements in six of the seven categories in comparison to the previous year, with one category showing a slight decrease (1%).

All employees within the service are encouraged to return a survey and actively engage in reviewing the results. The service had 90% response rate to the survey in 2017.

Following the survey responses a focus group including staff from all teams was convened and an improvement plan is now in place to take forward suggested actions. This plan will be reviewed regularly to ensure progress is made across the areas identified.

#### D.5 West Lothian Assessment Model (WLAM) and Review Panel

In November 2016 the service completed a WLAM assessment. The overall score for the service improved from 392 in the 2011-13 cycle to 483 in 2014-17.

The service approach to performance management has continued to mature and the service was able to present a good spread of indicators across the major domains at Review Panel in January 2017. The overall feedback was positive and recognised the progress made to date.

The service was placed on Cycle 1 returning to the panel in three years to represent performance.

The service will continue to refine its performance management approach and key areas recommended by the Review Panel for improvement include:

- The service should continue to monitor the suite of PI's in line with service activities / priorities ensuring relevant measures captured.
- The service should continue to promote performance across all tiers, increasing engagement and understanding of performance at all levels.
- The service should continue to review targets, target setting rationale and thresholds to ensure compliance is sustained.
- The services should continue to seek further benchmarking opportunities and ensure outcomes are referenced within the trend chart commentary of performance indicators.

#### D.6 External Performance Frameworks

The service also provides performance information to the Scottish Government Core Facts in relation to the condition of the school estate on an annual basis.

Further benchmarking indicators in relation to Compliance of the school estate have recently been agreed for inclusion in the Scottish Government Core Facts and the service will be submitting performance information in support of these for 2017/18.

### E. CONCLUSION

The report and attached appendix summarise the work and the performance of Construction Services.

The Performance Committee is asked to consider the report, consider any performance measures they would like to explore further and provide any recommendations on performance improvement.

### F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None.

Appendices/Attachments:

Appendix 1 Management Plan 2017/18 Service Information Appendix 2 Construction Services Performance Report

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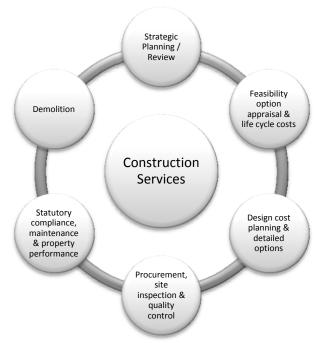
Donald Forrest Head of Finance and Property Services 22 January 2018

## 3.4 Construction Services

Manager:	Marjory Mackie
Number of Staff (FTE):	47.60
Location:	Civic Centre

## 3.4.1 Purpose

Construction Services provides multi-disciplinary professional and technical construction related services. The service reflects a strong corporate approach to the lifecycle management of the council's assets. The diagram below shows the key lifecycle stages and the value added by Construction Services.



The Projects Team provides project management, design solutions, quantity surveying and contract procurement plus expert professional advice for all property and development needs of the council. Effective project control and design management enable quality designs to be delivered to agreed timescales and budgets. The Maintenance and Services Teams aim to ensure the operational availability of all non-housing properties owned by the council plus statutory and legislative compliance relating to The Fire Scotland Act 2005, Legionella, Gas Safety and Electrical Installations. Management of asbestos compliance for the council is provided by the Asbestos Team.

The Planned Improvements Team delivers the council's planned improvement investment programmes and minor project works. The team also manages the programme of condition surveys, bogus caller investigations, and can provide building defect diagnosis and reports. The Clerk of Works Team provides on-site inspection and monitoring of live projects on behalf of the council. All of the teams within Construction Services liaise and work together to provide an integrated approach to service delivery.

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## **3.4.2 Activities**

The main activities of the service in 2017/18 will be:

- Delivery of construction projects for the council's investment programmes
- Maintenance of the council's non-housing property assets
- Compliance with property related legislation
- The provision of construction feasibility, option appraisal, business case and asset management information that supports future investment decisions
- Work on a number of efficiencies projects

## 3.4.3 Key Partners

The service actively works with our partners to plan, design and deliver improved services for our customers. Our key partners are:

- External contractors and consultants
- Framework Consultant Partners
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- Police Scotland
- Hub South East
- Scottish Futures Trust

## **3.4.4 Customer Participation**

The service will actively engage customers and potential customers in the delivery and re-design of services to ensure that they are accessible and focused on their needs and preferences.

Customer Consultation	Customer Consultation Schedule							
Customer Group	Survey Method	Frequency	Responsible Officer	Feedback Method				
Customers – major projects (internal and external) post project review	E-survey creator	2 Months post- practical completion (results collated quarterly)	Project Officer	Results are sent to respondents and posted on the intranet				
Customers who have requested repairs through the Property Helpdesk	E-survey creator	Quarterly	Team Principal	Results are posted on the intranet				
Customers about to have major work undertaken	Design review and consultation meetings	Monthly	Project Officers	Minutes and revised proposals circulated to all relevant parties				

## **3.4.5 Employee Engagement**

Motivation and commitment are key drivers of employee performance and the service aims to effectively engage and develop employees through improved communication and increased participation.

Employee Engagement Schedule							
Employee Group	Engagement Method	Frequency	Responsible Officer				
All employees	One-to-ones	Monthly	Construction Services Manager/ Team Principals/ Team Leaders				
All employees	Appraisal Development Review (ADR)	Annually	Construction Services Manager/ Team Principals/ Team Leaders				
All employees	Full CS Team Meeting	Quarterly	Construction Services Manager				
All employees	Team Meetings	Monthly	Team Principals				
Employee sample	Employee survey	Annually	Construction Services Manager				
All employees	Management Plan Launch	Annually	Construction Services Manager / Head of Finance and Property Services				
Service Managers	Senior Management Team Meeting	Monthly	Head of Finance and Property Services				
Service Managers/ Team Managers	Extended Management Team Meeting	Bi-annually	Head of Finance and Property Services				

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3.4.6 Construction Services	Activity	Budget	-2017/18
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Activity Name and Description		Link to Corporate Plan	Performance Indicator and Target 2017/18	PI Category	Staff Resource (FTE)	Revenue Expenditure Budget 2017/18	Revenue Income Budget 2017/18	Net Revenue Budget 2017/18
_	1					£	£	£
Property Capital	To deliver General	Enabler Service -	CSg613_9a.1d Capital Spend (GS property): Target 100%	WLAM	21.0	1,305,516	(1,305,516)	0
Investment Programme - Property Capital Projects	Services (Property) major construction and Planned Improvement projects using in-house resources and external consultants.	Financial Planning	CSg651_9b.2 Percentage of projects delivered on time (GS property): Target 92%	WLAM				
Open Space Capital	To deliver General	Enabler Service -	CSg614_9a.1d Capital Spend (GS Open Space): Target 100%	WLAM	1.5	142,430	(142,430)	0
Investment Programme - Open Space Capital Projects	Services (Open Space) major construction projects using in-house resources and external consultants.	Financial Planning	CSg652_9b.2 Percentage of projects delivered on time (GS Open Space): Target 92%	WLAM				

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Activity Name and Description		Link to Corporate Plan	Performance Indicator and Target 2017/18	PI Category	Staff Resource (FTE)	Revenue Expenditure Budget 2017/18	Revenue Income Budget 2017/18	Net Revenue Budget 2017/18
Housing Capital Investment Programme - Housing Capital Projects	To deliver Housing funded major construction projects using in- house resources and external consultants.	Enabler Service - Financial Planning	CSg615_9a.1d Capital Spend (Housing): Target 100% CSg653_9b.2 Percentage of projects delivered on time (Housing): Target 95%	WLAM	7.5	341,669	(341,669)	0
Maintenance and compliance of the council's operational and non- operational	To manage and coordinate all repairs, cyclical maintenance and property inspections of the councils	Enabler Service - Financial Planning	P:CSg803_9a.1a Cost of Maintenance Services per £'000 of net Revenue Expenditure (Corporate Property): Target 10% CSg409_9b Percentage of Non Housing Properties with an Asbestos Register: Target 100%	Pubic	17.6	928,512	(928,512)	0
property stock	operational and non operational properties. To manage and coordinate all tests, inspections, risk assessments and related information required to meet with property and health & safety legislation.		CSg430_9b.1a Percentage of Properties with a Fire Safety Risk Assessment (FSRA) updated within the last 5 years: Target 100%	HIGH LEVEL				
Construction Services	Total :-				47.6	2,718,127	(2,718,127)	0

Action	Description	Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status
Delivery of 2016/17 capital programme of HRA capital nvestment		Improved homes for council tenants	Projects Team Principal	April 2016	March 2017	Complete
Delivery of 2016/17 capital programme of property nvestment			Construction & Design Manager	April 2016	March 2017	Complete
	•	To reduce unwanted fire alarms	Maintenance Team Principal	April 2016	March 2017	Active
	works and start on site for the	Improved school building suitable for 21st century learning	Construction & Design Manager	April 2016	March 2017	Complete

## **3.4.7 Construction Services Actions 2016/17**

## **Construction Services Actions – 2017/18**

Actions 2017/18						
Current Actions	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status
Delivery of 2017/18 capital programme of HRA capital nvestment	Development & delivery of housing projects in Armadale & Blackburn	Improved homes for council tenants	Projects Team Principal	April 2017	March 2018	Planned
Delivery of 2017/18 capital programme of property nvestment.	& delivery of projects in support of the programme	Improved council property assets and necessary school accommodation to support pupil numbers	Construction & Design Manager	April 2017	March 2018	Planned
Delivery of 2017/18 capital programme of open space nvestment.		Improved council open space assets in support of the Open Space Strategy	Construction & Design Manager	April 2017	March 2018	Planned
Depot Modernisation Project		To improve council depot facilities, maintaining and enhancing building standards to meet health and safety requirements	Projects Team Principal	April 2017	September 2017	Active
T System Development	Management IT software	Enable asset management of non- housing council buildings	Planned Improvements Team Principal	April 2017	June 2017	Active
Armadale Partnership Centre	a Partnership Centre in	Improved access to Council facilities for the community of Armadale	Design Team Principal	April 2017	May 2018	Active
Torphichen Primary School Extension and alterations	school accommodation	Sufficient school accommodation for the catchment area	Design Team Leader	April 2017	August 2017	Active

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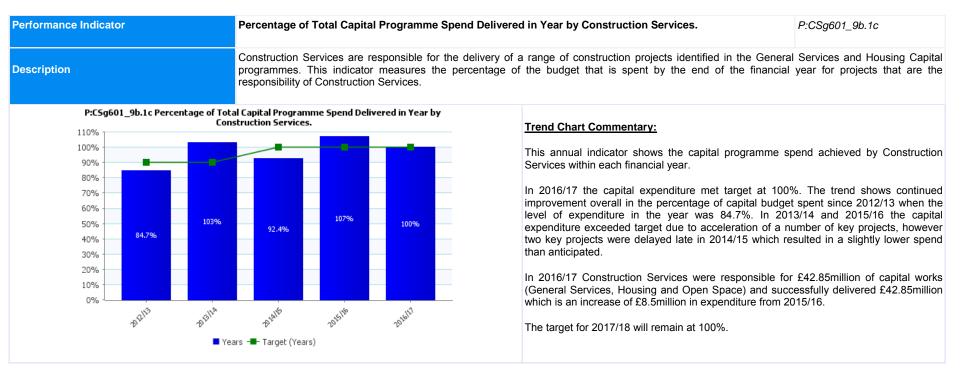
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Actions 2017/18							
Current Actions	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status	
Unwanted Fire Alarm Activation	Development of an action plan with relevant partners and staff to reduce unwanted fire alarms in relevant properties	To reduce unwanted fire alarms	Maintenance Team Principal	April 2017	June 2017	Active	
St Mary's RC Primary School Bathgate extension		Sufficient school accommodation for the catchment area	Design Team Leader	April 2017	August 2017	Active	
Boghall Primary School extension		Sufficient school accommodation for the catchment area	Design Team Leader	April 2017	October 2017	Active	

## **3.4.8 Construction Services Performance**

Performance Indicator	Construction Services - Percentage of custor excellent.	ners who rated the overall quality of the service as good or CSg100_6a.7
Description	good or excellent. Customers are asked to rate th as either 'Excellent' or 'Good' are recorded as po	age of customers who rated the overall quality of the service provided by Construction Services as the overall quality of service as; excellent, good, adequate, poor or very poor. All responses ranked ositive responses. Annually, the cumulative number of positive responses are divided by the tota . The results of customer feedback are analysed by all Construction Services staff on an annual
	es - Percentage of customers who rated the overall e service as good or excellent.	Trend Chart Commentary:
100% 90% 80% 70% 60% 50% 40% 79.5% 66.7% 20% 10%	78.9%	<ul> <li>The overall trend shows a dip in performance 2013/14. The results from 2013/14 were analysed by Construction Services Management Team and an action plan was developed in response to these. This included a review of our customer surveys to reflect the differing services we offer (high volume transactional / lower volume significant projects).</li> <li>As a result of this review two surveys have been introduced:</li> <li>1 - A quarterly customer survey of the Maintenance and Repairs service delivered by Construction Services.</li> <li>2 - A post project customer survey of all completed projects delivered by Construction Services which is also reported on a guarterly basis.</li> </ul>
o%	Br <sup>ath</sup> B <sup>rath</sup> B <sup>rath</sup>	The results of these surveys have been combined to provide the overall annuacustomer rating of the service and this shows improvement in performance for 2014/19 2015/16 and 2016/17. The target for 2017/18 will be set at 92%.

## **Construction Services Performance**



## **Construction Services Performance**

Performance Indicator	Percentage of projects delivered on time (All Projects)	CSg650_9b.2
Description	This performance indicator measures the percentage of projects planned to have either star the annual Roll Forward Meeting held usually in May prior to approval by Council Exe categories - General Services Property, General Services Open Space and Housing. At identify improvements to service delivery and will assist in resource planning.	cutive. This PI includes projects within 3 specific asse
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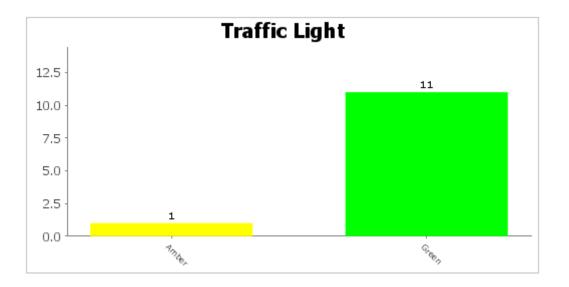
## **Construction Services Performance**

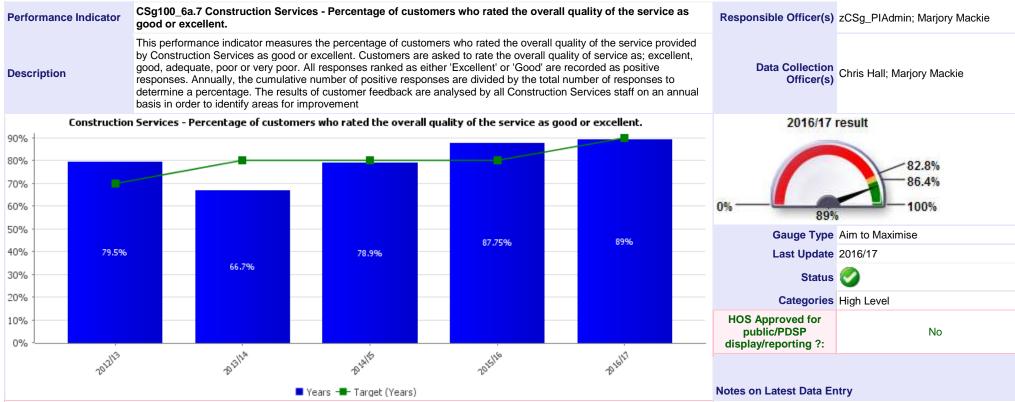
Performance Indicator	Cost of Maintenance Services per £`000 of net Re	evenue Maintenance Budget (Corporate Property).	P:CSg803_9a.1d
Description		of Maintenance Services per £`000 of net Revenue Maintenance Budget each year is compared with the staff fee re-	
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£11,000.00		This annual performance indicator shows costs increasing slightly in 2013/14, 2015/ and again in 2016/17 due to greater emphasis on statutory compliance and conditi	
£10,000.00		across the property estate. The processes for undertaking Fire Safety Risk Assessments are now	
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## **Construction Services (All PI's for Performance Committee)**

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#### Trend Chart Commentary:

The overall trend shows a dip in performance in 2013/14. The results from 2013/14 were analysed by Construction Services Management Team and an action plan was developed in response to these. This included a review of our customer surveys to reflect the differing services we offer (high volume transactional / lower volume significant projects).

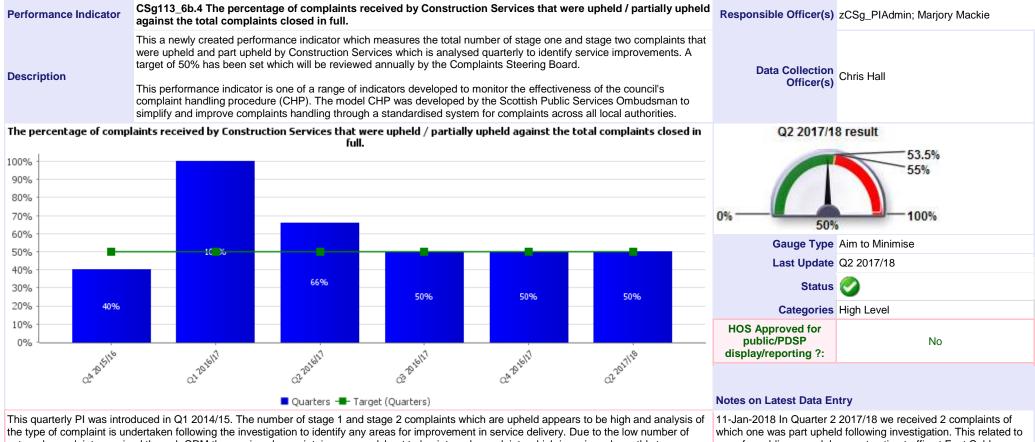
#### As a result of this review two surveys have been introduced:

1 - A guarterly customer survey of the Maintenance and Repairs service delivered by Construction Services.

2 - A post project customer survey of all completed projects delivered by Construction Services which is also reported on a quarterly basis. The results of these surveys have been combined to provide the overall annual customer rating of the service and this shows improvement in

performance for 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, Following review the target for 2017/18 will remain at 90%

11-Jan-2018 Property Helpdesk and Post Project Review customer responses have been collated to provide overall customer satisfaction performance for 2016/17. All negative comments have been analysed and actions progressed to improve areas of concern.



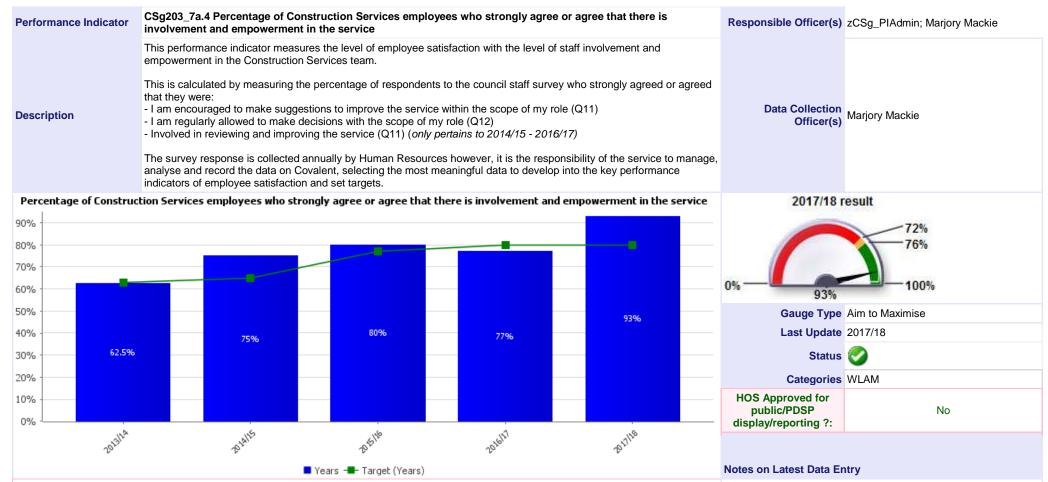
external complaints received through CRM the service also maintains a spreadsheet to log internal complaints which is reviewed monthly to ensure any improvement actions are progressed.

We aim to provide the best service possible and where this falls below customers expectations we have a corporate policy for dealing with any complaints in as efficient and effective manner as possible.

Following review the target for 2017/18 will remain at 50%.

which one was part upheld following investigation. This related to use of a public car park by construction traffic at East Calder Health Centre. The Contractor was requested to ensure no vehicles were parked in the area and to make available alternative car parking on site.

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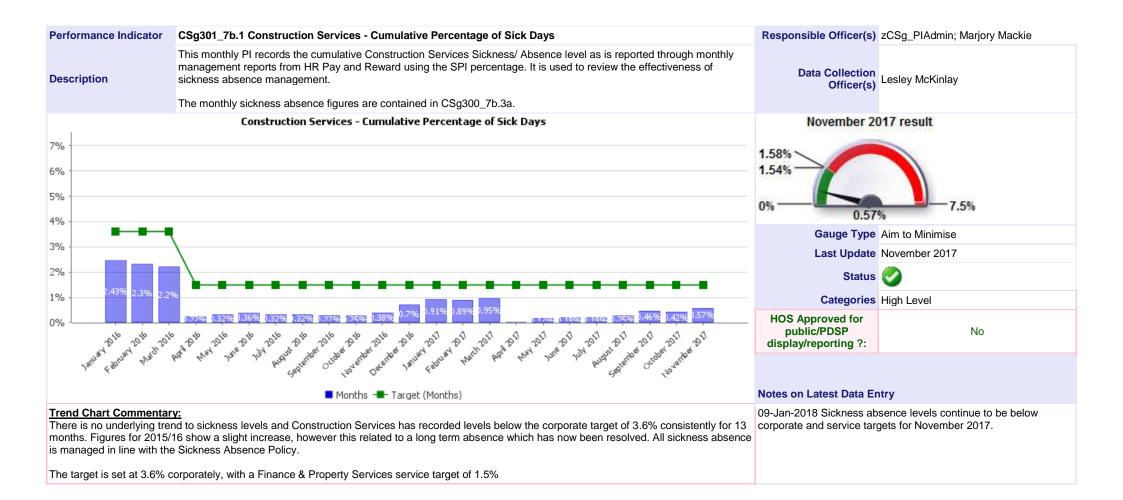
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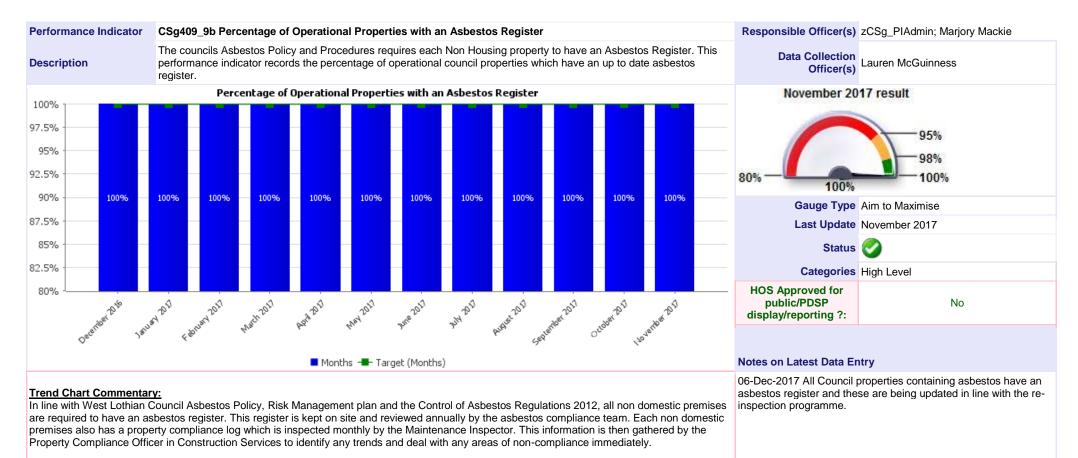
This annual indicator shows improved performance in 2017/18, with 93% of staff agreeing or strongly agreeing they are actively involved and empowered to make suggestions to improve service delivery within Construction Services. This is an improvement from the 2016/17 results of 77% and is above the Council average of 72.7%.

Regular team meetings are held with staff to discuss team issues, including changes to workload and training and improvement suggestions is a fixed agenda item. We will continue to ensure extended team meetings are also arranged to share service wide initiatives and developments. As a result of Employee focus group feedback, a monthly bulletin will be initiated which will include CSMT minutes, performance and any corporate or

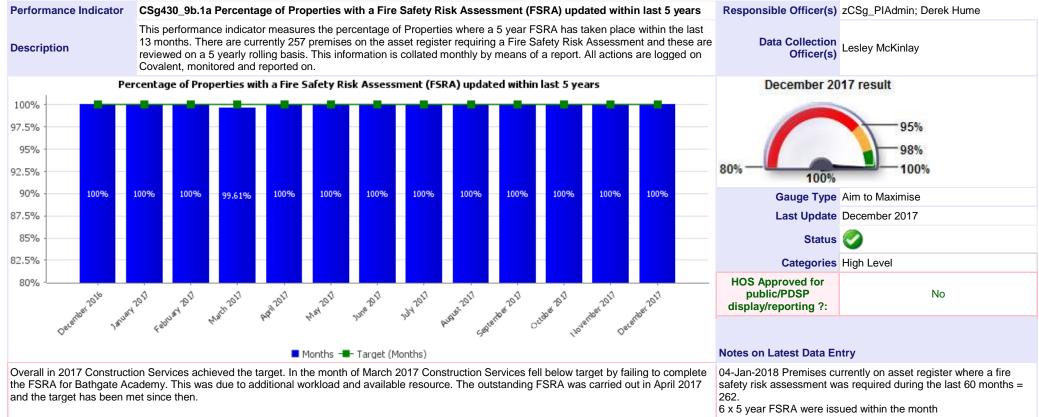
11-Jan-2018 93% of Construction Services staff agree or strongly agree they are actively involved and empowered to make suggestions to improve service delivery within Construction Services. 2017 Council wide response in this category was 72.7%.

service circulars. Service wide tasks will be delegated across the unit to provide staff with input to service and corporate improvements and initiatives.	
The target for 2018/19 will be set at 94% after reviewing the previous years performance.	

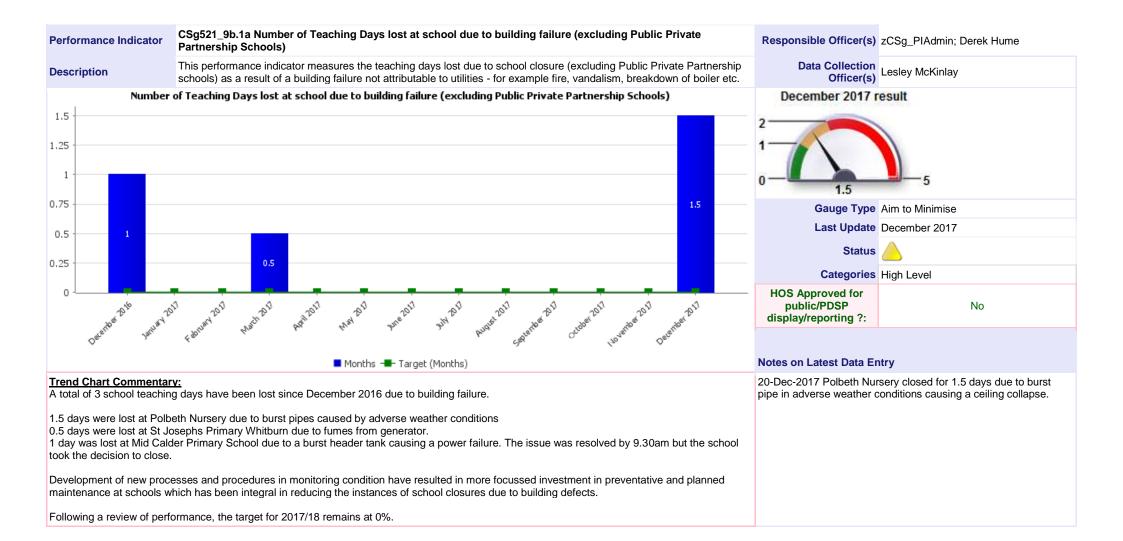


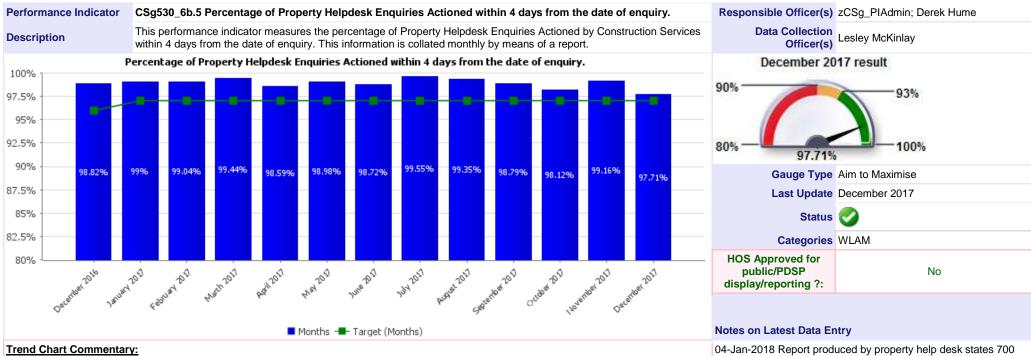


Following review the target for 2017/18 will remain at 100%.



Following review of performance, the target for 2017/18 remains at 100%.



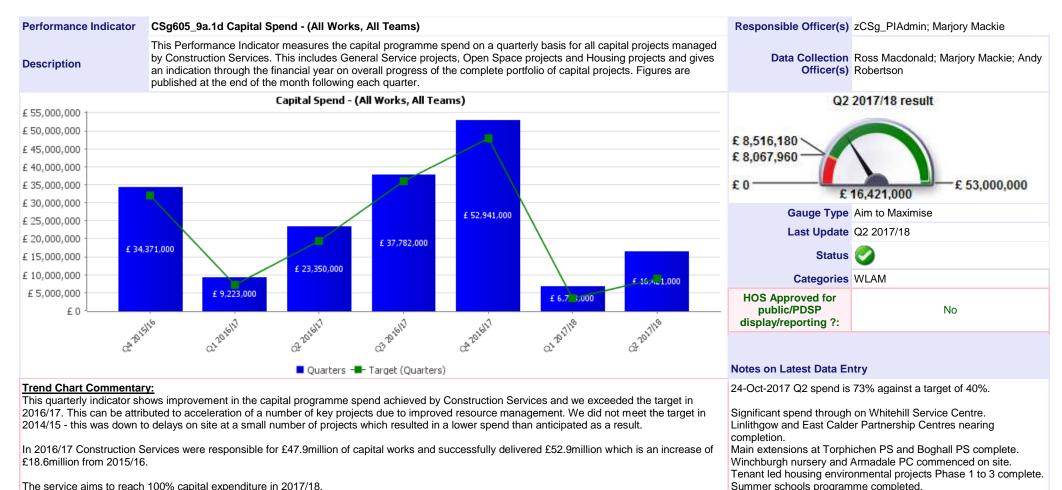


From the 1st January 2017 to the 31st of December 2017 a total of 8671 enquiries were submitted to Maintenance. 8577 were completed within agreed action date (98.92%). During this period the target was met.

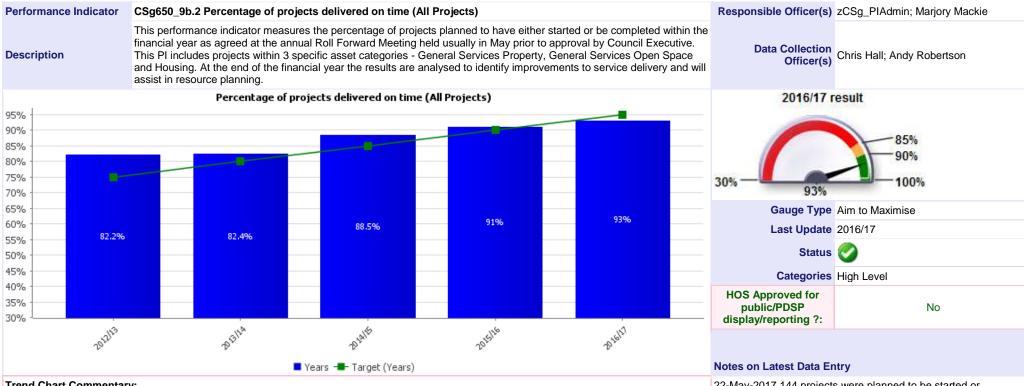
Following review of performance in 2016/17 the target for 2017/18 has been increased to 97%.

04-Jan-2018 Report produced by property help desk states 700 enquiries were submitted to maintenance within the month of December, 684 of the enquiries were actioned within the agreed action date (97.71%).

Performance Indicator	P:CSg601_9b.1c Percentage of T	otal Capital Programme	Spend Delivered in Year by	Construction Services.	Responsible Officer(s)	zCSg_PIAdmin; Marjory Mackie		
escription	Construction Services are responsi Services and Housing Capital progreed of the financial year for projects	ammes. This indicator mea	asures the percentage of the		Data Collection Officer(s) Marjory Mackie			
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2016/17 the capital exp ent since 2012/13 wher	TV: ws the capital programme spend achi penditure exceeded target at 110%. T in the level of expenditure in year was of key projects, however two key proj	he trend shows continued 84.7%. In 2013/14 and 20	improvement overall in the p 15/16 the capital expenditur	ercentage of capital budget e exceeded target due to	16-May-2017 2016/17 Bu responsibility) = £47,916, Actual 2016/17 spend = £			
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The service aims to reach 100% capital expenditure in 2017/18.



#### Trend Chart Commentary:

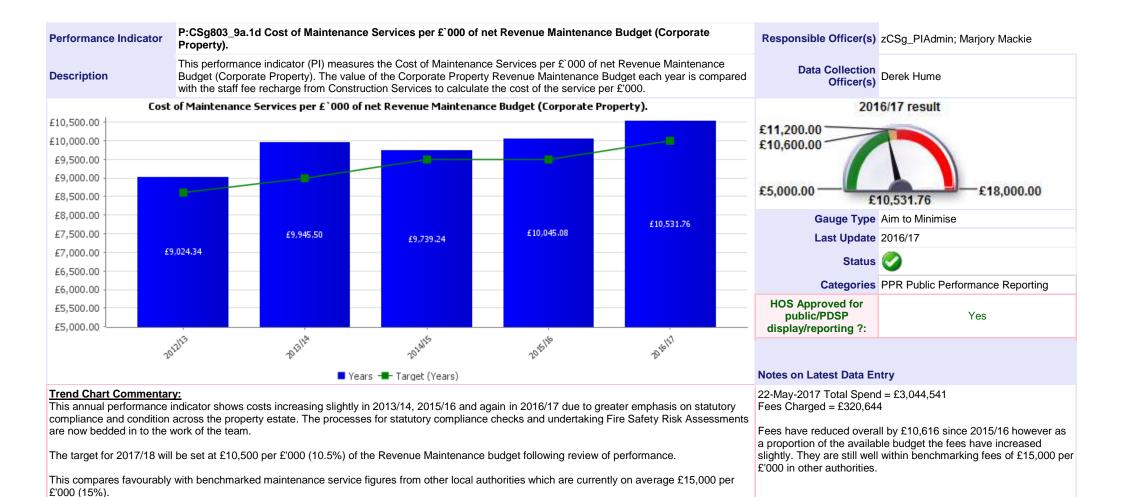
This indicator shows improved performance again in 2016/17 and can be attributed to improved project planning and project management arrangements. All Construction Services projects with the exception of block allocations and statutory compliance programmes are now included in this indicator.

In 2016/17 144 projects were planned to be started or completed within the financial year of which 134 actually met the target. This included 108 General Services property projects, 14 Open Space projects and 12 Housing projects.

The target remain at 95% for financial year 2017/18 following review of previous performance.

22-May-2017 144 projects were planned to be started or completed within the financial year 2016/17 of which 134 actually met the target. This included 108 General Services Property projects, 14 Open Space projects and 12 Housing projects.

The school holiday works programmes continue to be refined and monitored and detailed resource planning through the financial year ensures delivery of projects as planned.





## PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

## **CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE**

## **REPORT BY HEAD OF HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES**

## A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides the Performance Committee with an overview of the activities and performance of the Customer Service Centre

## B. **RECOMMENDATION**

The Performance Committee is asked to:

- 1. Note of the performance report for Customer Service Centre;
- 2. Provide feedback on the performance information; and
- 3. Identify any issues and make recommendations for performance improvement.

## C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I	Council Values	Focussing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; providing equality of opportunities; developing employees; making best use of our resources; working in partnership
II	Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	None.
111	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None.
IV	Impact on performance and performance indicators	A summary of performance indicators is included in Section D2 and appendix 1 of the report.
V	Relevancy to Single Outcome Agreement	This is an enabler Service.
VI	Resources – (Financial, Staffing and Property)	The service has an operating budget of £1.2m and 65.52 FTE staff.
VII VIII	Consideration at PDSP Other consultations	None. None.

## D. TERMS OF REPORT

## D.1 Introduction

The Customer Service Centre (CSC) is the central contact point for all council customers in West Lothian. The service deals with all enquiries on behalf of three main services; Operational Services, Housing, Customer and Building Services and Revenues, as well as

answering the majority of enquiries across all services via telephone and email.

The CSC is structured into four teams that answer specific types of calls; housing repairs, revenues, Careline and general enquiry calls which include waste, planning, pest control and pupil placement.

Across the full service CSC averages 44,072 calls per month; makes 5,741 outbound calls to make appointments for repairs, returns voicemails, call backs for Scottish welfare fund. CSC responds to an average of 1,628 email enquiries on a monthly basis.

## D.2 Performance Measurement and West Lothian Assessment Model (WLAM)

The CSC has a robust performance framework in place that allows data capture across the 4 teams within the service. A full review of all performance indicators was undertaken and a new performance framework was created to enable reporting of performance across the individual teams as well as the overall performance of the CSC service.

The CSC has been through a full WLAM Assessment in February 2017. Previously the service had attained a WLAM score of 475 in 2011-13 and were on cycle 3 of the review programme.

At the most recent assessment the service improved its WLAM score to 491 for 2014-17 and are on cycle 2. The Review Panel will assess the service on 31<sup>st</sup> February 2018.

The table below shows the number of performance indicators the service routinely collects

	2014/2015	2016/17
(6) Customer Results	40	68
(7) People Results	10	9
(9) Key Performance Results	21	48
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Of the 125 indicators, 102 are green, 9 are amber and 14 are red. The most recent performance information for the public and high level performance indicators is included as appendix 1 to this report.

Of the 13 public and high level indictors 12 are green and 1 is amber. The detail of this indicator is shown below:

# CSC100\_9b.1a - Percentage of Customer Service Centre enquiries resolved at first point of contact.

This quarterly indicator measures the percentage of customer enquiries that are resolved by the Customer Service Centre so that the customer does not need to make any further contact with the Council. Recognised good practice for contact centre is to achieve a minimum of 75% enquiry resolution.

Over the last year performance for this indicator has decreased due to an increasing number of customers being able to self-serve via automated payments and online web forms. This means a larger number of calls being dealt with are more complex and need support from other services.

This decrease in performance is mirrored in the CIS offices where first point resolution has also declined due to the increasing complexity of enquiries.

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Due to the change in nature of this indicator the target will be reviewed.

## D.3 WLAM IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS

Following WLAM review, CSC staff fed back information which created an improvement plan for CSC to action.

Key activities:

• Staff Feedback/consultation – Improvement to be made with communication within the service, 121 meetings to be more consistent and regular and more opportunities for staff to be involved in developing the service.

Service Champions are involved in changes to process mapping and attend meetings with services. This is then fed back to teams at 121 meetings. Monthly Newsletter is shared across the service.

• **Performance Report** – Review relevance and scope of performance indicators and reporting performance to service areas.

Attendance at Service Senior Management Team meetings by CSC Coordinator quarterly allows for performance to be discussed openly. Pentana performance indicators reviewed to reflect the full services performance.

• Internal/External Benchmarking – To pursue with other local authorities areas for benchmarking.

Stirling District Council have agreed to benchmark with CSC from January 2017. Areas for benchmarking will be resources; calls answered; types of enquiries; grade of service; first point resolution. This will be over both CSC and Careline.

• **IT/Web forms** – Improvement in communication regarding changes being made by services through channel shift, web forms for customer, recognise that CSC should be more involved in changes and have a consistent approach to manage the change.

CSC are invited to attend project meetings in respect of IT changes within services, this includes system upgrades, new technologies and web forms.

## E. CONCLUSION

The CSC is integral to the delivery of many council services and, over the years, it has increased the range and types of enquiries that it deals with. Developing a consistency and quality of customer service ensures that the council is perceived as a high quality and high performing Council.

The service has a mature approach to performance management and monitors its performance continually. The service ensures that measures are put in place to address any areas where performance falls below target.

The recent WLAM Assessment has seen the service perform well with a significantly increased score. Improvement actions are being taken forward by staff teams. A key focus for this activity is around improving benchmarking information to allow comparisons to be made with other authorities

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## F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None.

Appendices/Attachments:- Appendix 1 Pentana Performance Indictors Report

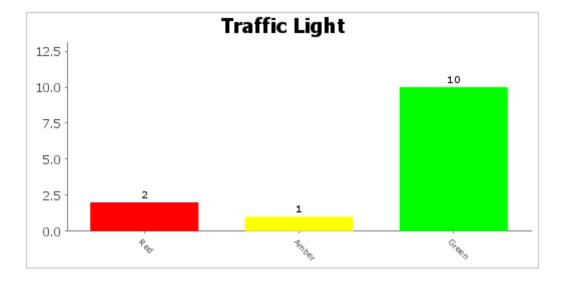
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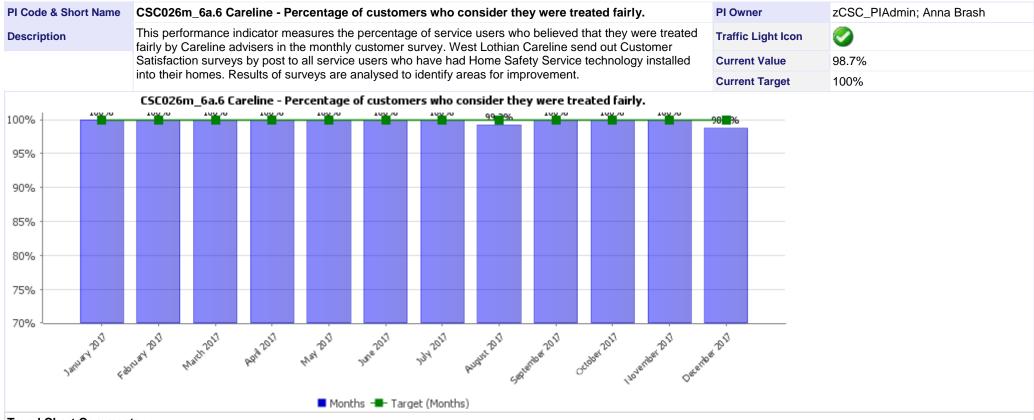
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## **CSC - Performance Committee**

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## Trend Chart Commentary:

Postal surveys are sent to customers for their feedback on the Careline service. The results show that the level of customer satisfaction for equality has been consistently high. In August and December 2017 this performance indicator decreased from 100%, customers have not given any reason for this decrease.

#### 2017/18

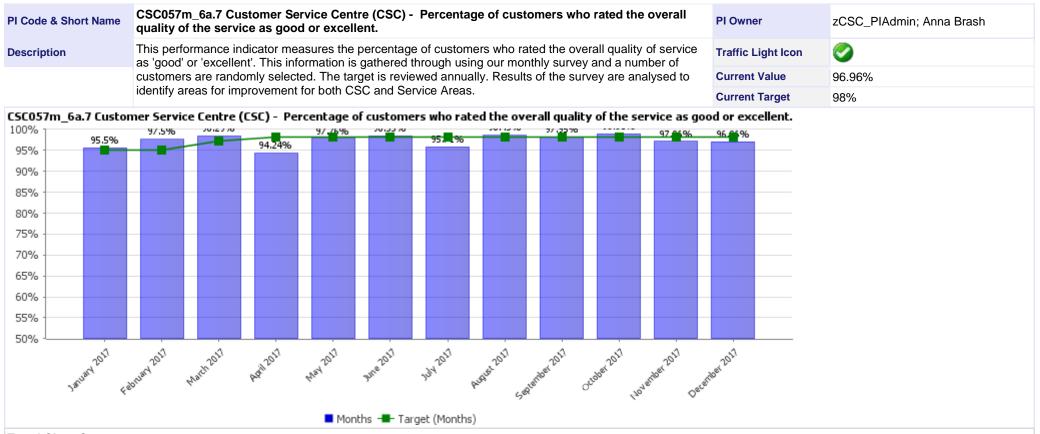
December 2017, 150 customers were contacted and 76 customers answered this question.
 November 2017, 144 customers were contacted and 26 customers answered this question.
 October 2017, 249 customers were contacted and 84 customers answered this question.
 September 2017, 230 customers were contacted and 89 customers answered this question.
 August 2017, 218 customers were contacted and 136 customers answered this question.

July 2017, 276 customers were contacted and 129 customers answered this question. June 2017, 281 customers were contacted and 64 customers answered this question. May 2017, 280 customers were contacted and 75 customers answered this question. April 2017, 251 customer were contacted and 111 customers answered this question.

#### 2016/17

March 2017, 252 customers were contacted and 79 customers answered this question. February 2017, 285 customers were contacted and 98 customers answered this question. January 2017, 250 customers were contacted and 40 customers answered this question.

In 2017/18 the target is set at 100% as that is deemed to be an achievable figure given the trend chart results.



## **Trend Chart Commentary**

From April 2017 all survey requests are e-mailed to customers at the end of each call to try to increase the number of completed responses and maintain consistency. From January 2017 performance fluctuated between 94.24% to 98.81%. In April 2017, after review, the target was increased by 2% to 98% which was deemed to be achievable. Performance decreased in April 2017 to below new target to reach 94.24% which is in line with increased abandonment rate and longer wait times. Customers are now emailing survey responses and may be less inhibited with their grading. Performance has fluctuated between 95.71% to 98.8% between May to October 2017. In November 2017 this performance decreased to reach 97.06% and in December 2017 to 96.96%, from customers comments there is no clear reason for this decrease.

## 2017/18

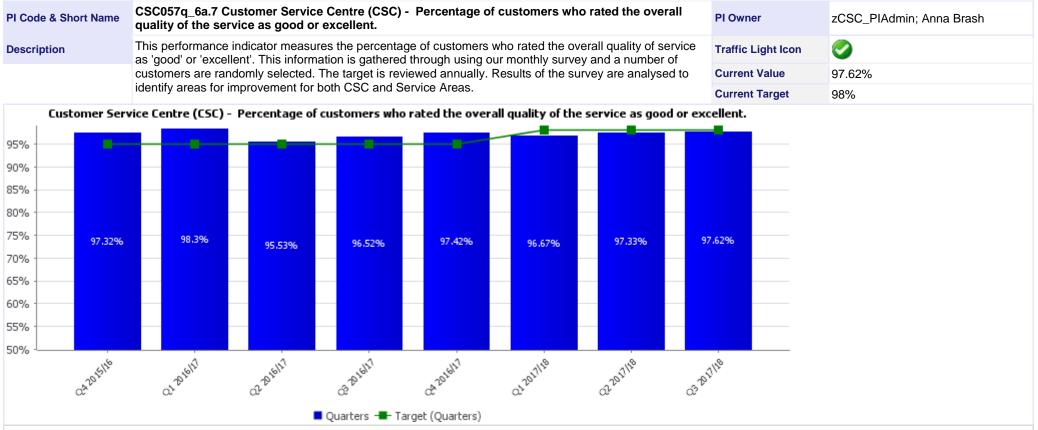
**December 2017,** 362 survey requests returned and 351 customers answered this question. **November 2017,** 477 survey requests returned and 463 customers answered this question. October 2017, 417 survey requests returned and 407 customers answered this question. September 2017, 342 survey results returned, 335 customers answered this question. August 2017, 517 survey results returned, 509 customers answered this question. July 2017, 490 surveys results returned, 469 customers answered this question. June 2017, 424 survey requests returned, 417 customers answered this question. May 2017, 980 survey requests returned, 958 customers answered this question. April 2017, 827 survey requests returned , 729 customers answered this question.

#### 2016/17

March 2017, 410 survey requests returned, 403 customers answered this question. February 2017, 280 survey requests returned, 273 customers answered this question. January 2017, 200 survey requests returned, 191 customers answered this question.

In 2017/18 the target is set at 98% after review, which is deemed to be an achievable figure given the trend chart results from previous year.

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## **Trend Chart Commentary:**

From Quarter 1 2017/18 all survey requests are e-mailed to customers at the end of each call, to try to increase the number of completed responses and maintain consistency. From quarter 4 15/16 performance fluctuated between 95.53% to 98.32%. From Quarter 1 17/18 performance is slightly lower than the new target set at 98% at 96.67%, 97.33% and 97.62% respectively. CSC strive to ensure that a high quality of customer service is delivered.

#### 2017/18

**Quarter 3**, 1258 survey requests returned, 1228 customers answered this question. **Quarter 2**, 1349 survey requests returned, 1313 customers answered this question. **Quarter 1**, 2133 survey requests returned, 2062 customers answered this question.

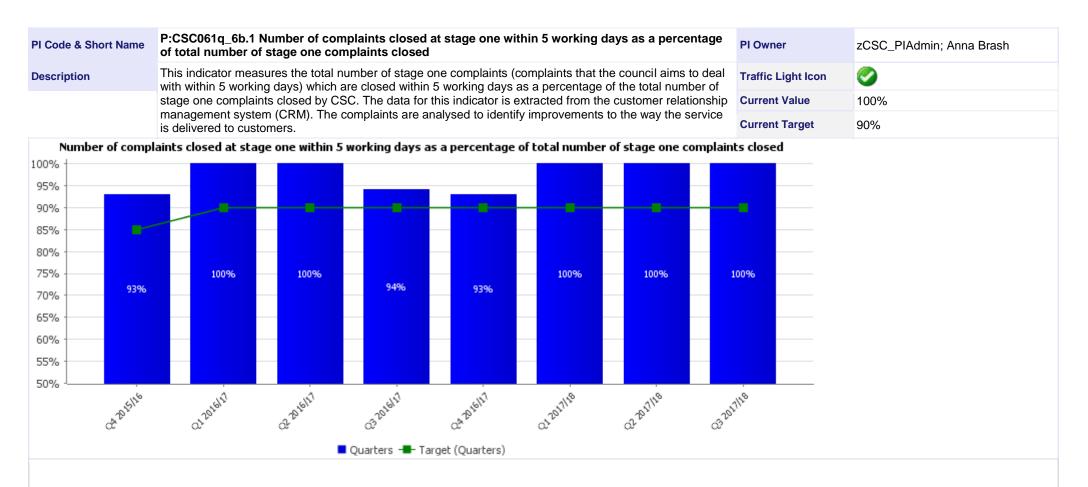
## 2016/17

Quarter 4, 890 survey requests returned, 867 customers answered this question. Quarter 3, 517 survey requests returned, 499 customers answered this question. Quarter 2, 514 survey requests returned, 491 customers answered this question. Quarter 1, 411 survey requests returned, 404 customers answered this question.

## 2015/16

Quarter 4, 559 survey requests returned, 544 customers answered this question.

In 2017/18 the target is set at 98% after review, which is deemed to be an achievable figure given the trend chart results from previous year.



## **Trend Chart Commentary**

The Customer Service Centre (CSC) consistently exceeds this target. In 2016/17 CSC reviewed and increased this performance indicator from 85% to 90%. Quarter 4 2015/16, although this is still within target the decrease was due to a task within the process not being completed correctly. In Quarter 3 and 4 2016/17 show slight decrease which is due to an increase in unplanned absences within the Resolver team. From quarter 1 2017/18 this performance indicator improved to reach 100%.

### 2017/18

Quarter 3 - 100% complaints received being closed within 5 working days.

Quarter 2 - 100% complaints received being closed within 5 working days.
Quarter 1 - 100% complaints received being closed within 5 working days.

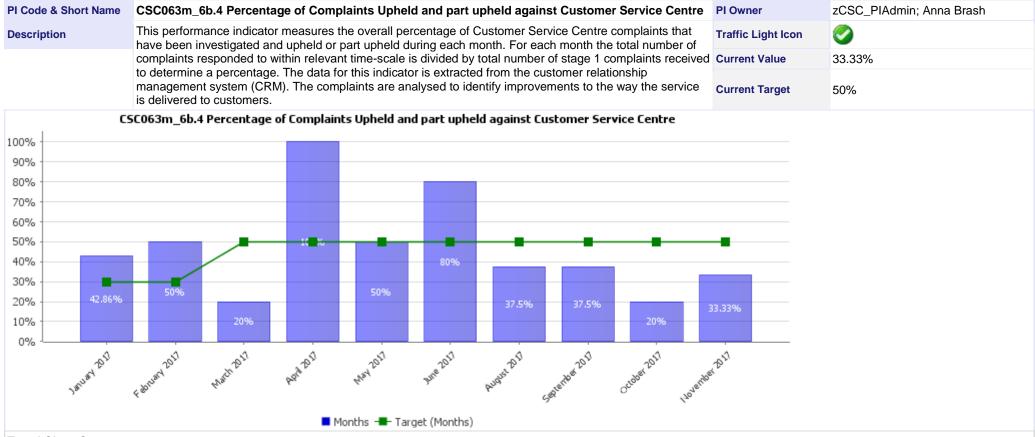
## 2016/17

Quarter 4 - 93% complaints received being closed within 5 working days. Quarter 3 - 94% complaints received being closed within 5 working days. Quarter 2 - 100% complaints received being closed within 5 working days. Quarter 1 - 100% complaints received being closed within 5 working days.

## 2015/16

Quarter 4 - 93% complaints received being closed within 5 working days.

The 2017/18 target remains 90% in line with Corporate Complaints Policy.



## Trend Chart Commentary:

From January to November 2017 the performance for Upheld/part upheld complaints has fluctuated over the last year from 20% to 100%. In March 2017 this performance indicator decreased to 20% which is below target. From April 2017 to June 2017 performance failed to meet target, however there were 8 complaints against the service with 6 being upheld. The total call volumes offered to the service for the same period is 123,855. In July 2017 there were 0 complaints received and in August and September 2017 8 complaints received with 3 being upheld/ part upheld. Performance improved in October and November 2017 with 5 and 3 complaints respectively received and only 1 upheld.

## <u>2017/18</u>

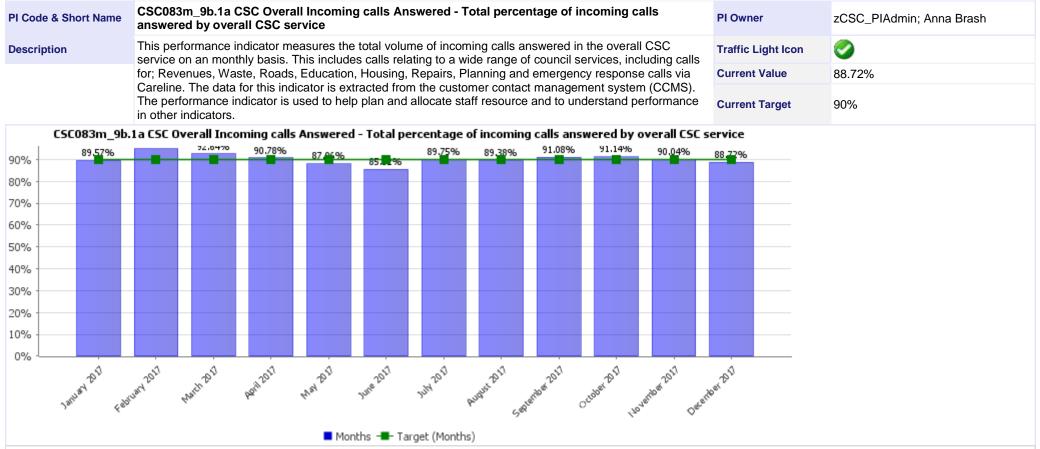
November 2017, 3 complaints received, 1 part upheld. October 2017, 5 complaints received, 1 upheld September 2017, 8 complaints received, 3 upheld. August 2017,8 complaints received, 3 upheld or part upheld. July 2017, 0 complaints received. June 2017, 5 complaints received, 4 upheld May 2017, 2 complaints received, 1 upheld April 2017, 1 complaint received, 1 upheld.

### 2016/17

March 2017, 5 complaint received, 1 upheld. February 2017, 2 complaint received, 1 upheld. January 2017, 7 complaint received, 3 upheld.

The target for 2017/18 has increased to 50% to reflect the recent trend in this performance indicator.

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#### **Trend Chart Commentary**

This performance indicator measures the number of calls successfully answered by CSC Advisers as a percentage of the total incoming calls offered to the overall service. Throughout the year this performance has fluctuated between 85.52% to 94.94%. In January 2017 the performance decreased to below target and improved from March to April 2017. From May to August 2017 the performance decreased to below target which has been due to a rise in unplanned absences, higher percentage of waste management calls due to a new process, service in-service days where frontline resource was closed, along with a turn over of staff resulting in vacancies within this team . CSC managers are currently working on developing an action plan to improve the teams performance and 3 new members of staff were appointed in August 2017 and received relevant training. In September and October 2017 performance increased slightly to reach 91.14% and 91.14% respectively. Performance decreased in November and again in December 2017 which is due to the 3 new staff who started in August only 2 are still in post and a further reduction in staffing due to long term absences, maternity leave and temporary staff moving to permanent posts within WLC. CSC are currently recruiting to fill the vacant posts.

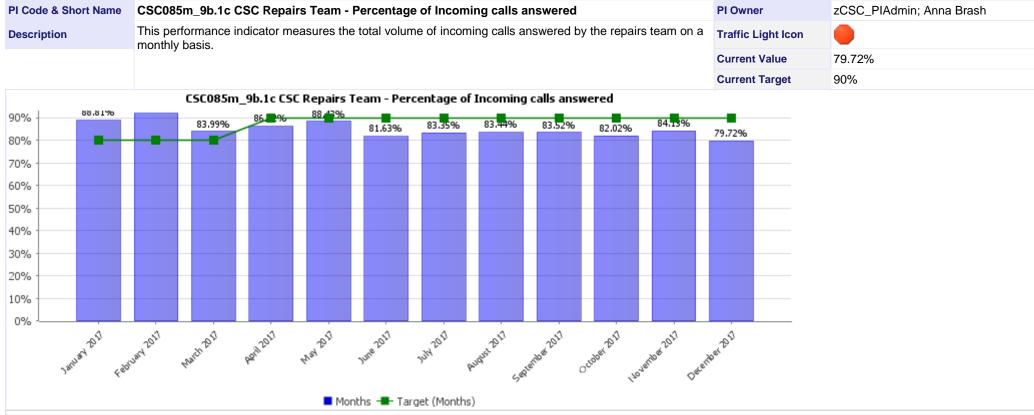
#### 2017/18

December 2017, 88.72% of calls answered. November 2017, 90.04% of calls answered. October 2017, 91.14% of calls answered. September 2017, 91.08% of calls answered August 2017, 89.38% of calls answered. July 2017, 89.75% of calls answered. June 2017, 85.52% of calls answered. May 2017, 87.96% of calls answered. April 2017, 90.78% calls answered.

#### 2016/17

March 2017, 92.64% calls answered. February 2017, 94.94% calls answered. January 2017, 89.57% calls answered.

2017/18 this performance indicator has been reviewed and will remain at 90%.



#### **Trend Chart Commentary**

This performance indicator measures the number of calls successfully answered by a CSC Adviser as a percentage of the total incoming calls to the CSC repairs service. Throughout the year this performance has fluctuated between 79.72% to 91.88% in February 2017 when we achieved above target. This low performance has been due to a rise in unplanned absences, introduction of new systems, training of new staff and vacancies within the team as well as an increase in the number of internal calls to planners for chase up enquiries and missed appointments.

#### 2017/18

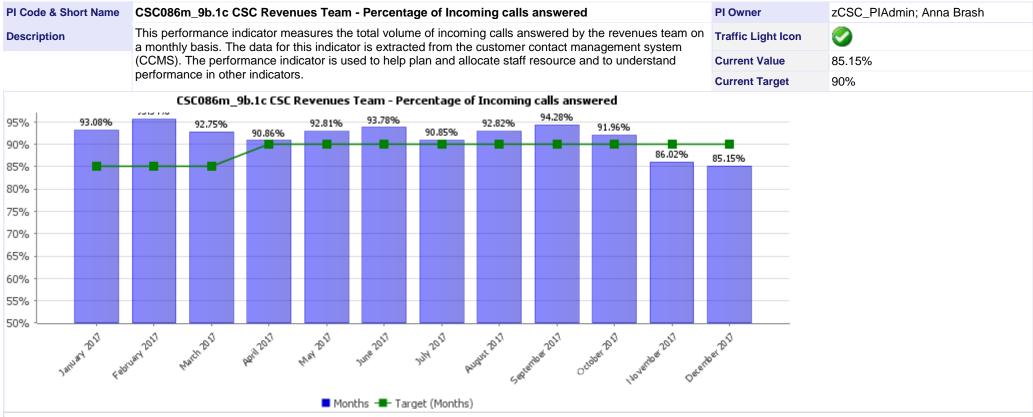
December 2017, 79.72% of calls answered. November 2017,84.13% of calls answered, October 2017, 82.02% of calls answered. September 2017, 83.52% of calls answered. August 2017, 83.44% of calls answered. July 2017, 83.35% of calls answered. June 2017, 81.63% of calls answered. May 2017, 88.43% of calls answered. April 2017, 86.12% calls answered.

2016/17 March 2017, 83.99% calls answered February 2017, 91.88% calls answered. January 2017, 88.81% calls answered.

2017/18 this performance indicator has been reviewed and increased to 90% to allow for consistency across all teams.

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#### **Trend Chart Commentary**

This performance indicator measures the number of calls successfully answered by a CSC Adviser as a percentage of the total incoming calls to the CSC revenues service. Throughout the year this performance has fluctuated between 85.15% to 95.54%. In November and December 2017 performance decreased to reach 86.02% and 85.15% respectively, this is due to an increase in unplanned absence as well as a vacant post within this team. Recruitment has been completed to fill this vacancy and the new member of staff will be in post in January 2018.

#### 2017/18

December 2017, 85.15% of calls answered. November 2017, 86.02% of calls answered. October 2017, 91.96 % of calls answered. September 2017, 94.28% of calls answered. August 2017, 94.82% of calls answered. July 2017, 90.85% of calls answered. June 2017, 93.78% of calls answered. May 2017, 92.81% of calls answered. April 2017, 90.86% calls answered.

2016/17 March 2017, 92.75% calls answered February 2017, 95.54% calls answered. January 2017, 93.08% calls answered.

2017/18 this performance indicator has been reviewed and increased to 90% to allow for consistency across all teams.

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## Trend Chart Commentary:

Changes to the system that captures all the enquiries has altered the numbers of transactions that are used for the calculation of the indicator.

#### 2016/17

Achieved a 80% figure, this is a 1% increase from the previous year. This drop is due to part of the service being automated which allows customers to self service in line with the channel shift agenda

## 2015/16

Achieved a figure of 73%, this is a 7% decrease from the previous year. This drop is due to part of the service being automated which allows customers to self service in line with the channel shift agenda.

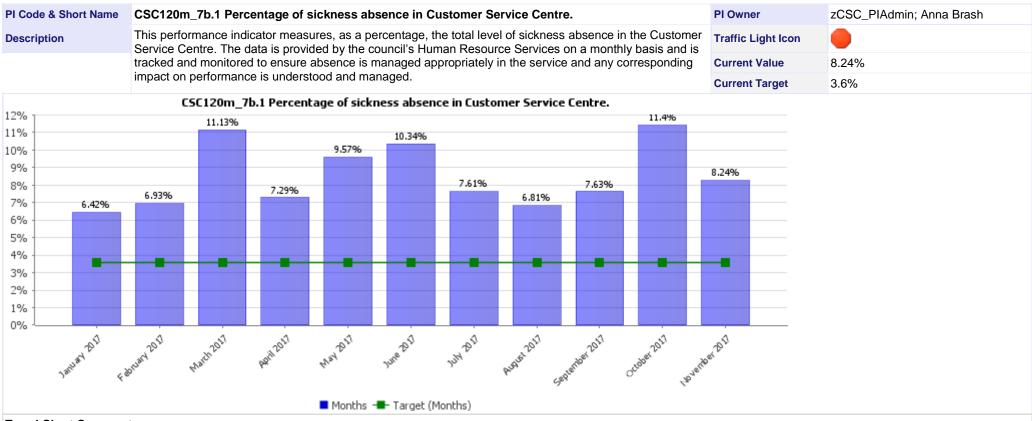
**2014/15** - Achieved a 80% figure, meeting current target.

**2013/14** - The performance achieved a figure of 79%, which is above the national target of 75% but slightly below the council's target of 80%.

**2012/13** - Achieved an 83% figure during this period which is above the council target of 80%.

The Target for 2017/18 will remain in line with the national Target of 75% to reflect the changing times.

CSC are currently working with Stirling District Council and Link Housing Association to benchmark results for 1st point resolution. Internally Customer & Community Services performance for this indicator is 78%, 5% above current CSC target.



#### **Trend Chart Commentary**

This indicator shows that sickness absence within the Customer Service Centre fluctuates on a monthly basis.

#### 2017/18

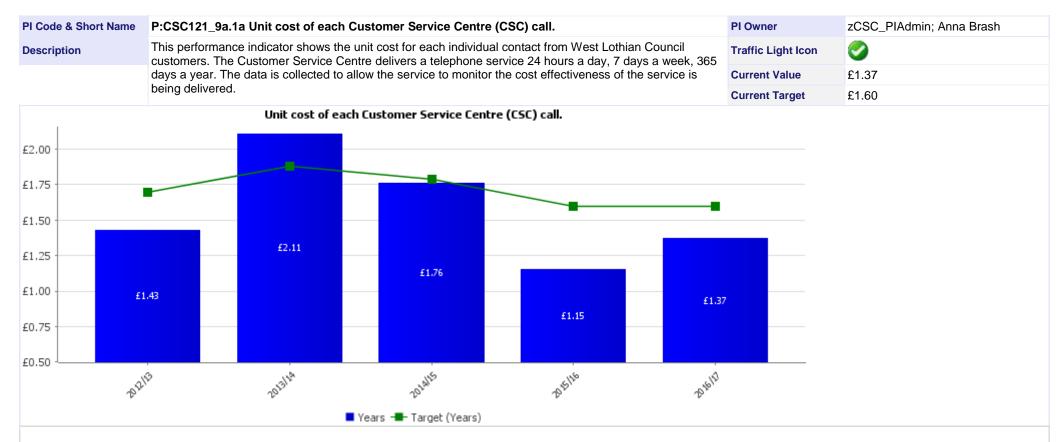
**November 2017.** This performance indicator reduced by 3.16% to reach 8.24%, there have been staff returning on a phased return, however the impact remains to the service due to the high level of long term absences.

October 2017. This performance indicator increased by 3.77% to reach 11.40%, there are currently 6 staff absent due to long term sickness for anxiety, muscular ailments, heart investigation. September 2017. This performance decreased by 0.82% to reach 7.63% there are currently 3 staff absent due to long term sickness for depressions, recovery from surgery and bereavement. August 2017. This performance improved by 0.80% to reach 6.81% this improvement is due to 1 members of staff returning from long term sickness absence. July 2017, This performance improved by 2.73% to reach 7.61% this improvement is due to 2 members of staff returning from long term sickness absence. June 2017, this performance increased by 0.77% to reach 10.34%, this is due to long term absences across the full services, anxiety, stress, respiratory complaint, post natal depression. May 2017, this performance increased by 2.3% to reach 9.57%, this is due to seasonal sickness bugs, hayfever affecting respiratory complaints, along with long term absences. April 2017, this performance decreased by 3.84% to reach 7.29%, this is due to a member of Careline team returning from long term absence and the pregnancy related absence starting maternity leave.

#### 2016/17

March 2017, this performance increased by 4.2% to reach 11.13%, this is due to an increase in long term absences including pregnancy related absence. February 2017, this performance increased by 0.51% to reach 6.93%, this is due to more long term absences within the Careline team due to surgical procedures. January 2017, this performance decreased by 2.69% to reach 6.42%, the level of absence is due to seasonal sickness bugs, colds. Long term absences are steadily returning.

Following review of performance in 2016/17 the target for 2017/18 remains at 3.6%.



#### **Trend Chart Commentary:**

The trend in this indicator shows that for 2014/15, the Customer Service Centre has been beneath the target figure for the unit cost of Customer Service Centre calls. In 2013/14 the Customer Service Centre was above target. The volume of calls received by the Customer Service Centre have increased in this time, but improvements to staff training, streamlining of processes have contributed to the positive trend.

2016/17 - The target for 2016/17 was £1.60. The final unit cost of each customer service centre calls was £1.37, this is an increase from 2015/16 figure of £0.22 but stands under the target figure.

## 2015/16

The target for 2015/16 was £1.88. The final unit cost of each customer service centre calls was £1.15. this is a decrease £0.61 from the 2014/15 figure but stands under target figure. The decrease in cost is due to reduction in staff levels due to a high number of temporary contracts being given and these staff moving into permanent contract within and out with the Council

meaning the service had a number of vacancies through the year. The target was set 7p higher than the previous year to take account of increased staffing costs due to wage rises etc, and a presumption that the number of calls would reduce as more customers began to self serve via the website.

2014/15 - The final unit cost of each Customer Service Centre call was £1.76, this is a decrease of £0.35 from the 2013/14 figure but stays under the target figure of £1.79 for this period.

2013/14 - The final unit cost of each Customer Service Centre call was £2.11, this is an increase of £0.68 from the 2012/13 figure. Performance during 2013/14 failed to achieve target of £1.88. In 2013/14 Customer Service Centre moved to Civic Centre, call volumes increased but there was a reduction in staffing due to long term absences within the service, including maternity leave. Staffing resource have also been taken to cover within the Careline emergency team.

2012/13 - The final unit cost of each Customer Service Centre call was £1.43. Performance during 2012/13 achieved below target of £1.70.

The target for 2017/18 will be £1.60 to reflect the change in call volumes. Following audit review thresholds have been amended.

PI Code & Short Name	CSC152a_7a.2 Percentage there is reward and recogn		Centre employees w	ho strongly agree or	agree that	PI Owner	zCSC_PIAdmin; Anna Brash
Description	This performance indicator n the Customer Service Centre	ndicator measures the level of employee satisfaction with the reward and recognition in ce Centre team.				Traffic Light Icon	<u> </u>
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The results are taken from the Council's Corporate Survey issued by HR and staff satisfaction with reward and recognition has remained high. Due to the make-up of the service it is challenging to find external benchmarking partners. This service benchmarks it's customer satisfaction with the Customer & Community Facilities. CSC have been below target with the exception of

2015/16. CSC moved to the Civic Centre in 2012/13, this had a negative affect on staff morale. In 2014/15 CSC underwent a service restructure which made the teams feel very unsettled. In 2016/17 CSC have had long term absences and vacancies both with staff and management team which has impacted on the service.

2017/18 - achieved 64% 2016/17 - achieved 58% 2015/16 - achieved 76.9% 2014/15 - achieved 59.6% 2013/14 - achieved 72.5% 2012/13 - achieved 64%

The 2017/48 target has been revised and remains at 75% to reflect previous years' survey results and the council average.

CSC are committed to staff training, development and well being through monthly team meetings, attendance at annual staff focus groups, one to one's and the annual appraisal which all provide opportunities to discuss performance, workplace issues and development needs. Rewards and recognition is achieved through monthly prize drawn within the teams from Line Managers.

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The results are taken from the Council's Corporate Survey issued by HR and staff satisfaction with teamwork has remained high. Arranging staff training within current shift patters is challenging and a review of staff training. Due to the make-up of the service it is challenging to find external benchmarking partners. This service benchmarks it's customer satisfaction with the Customer & Community Facilities. The performance indicator has been below target from 2012/13 but improvements has been made from 2015/16, with a significant improvement in 2017/18. In 2015/16 improvements are been made to team sizes which are more manageable and shows improvement from the previous year.

2017/18 - achieved 82% 2016/17 - achieved 60% 2015/16 - achieved 61.5% 2014/15 - achieved 45% 2013/14 - achieved 50% 2012/13 - achieved 41%

The 2017/18 target has been revised and remains at 75% to reflect previous years' survey results and the council average.

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## PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

## **WORKPLAN 2017-18**

Performance Committee	Focus Area	Report	WLAM Unit	Responsible Officer	CMT
21-Aug-17	LGBF Comparative AnalysisCorporate performance2015-16report		Performance and Improvement Service	Rebecca Kelly	Graeme Struthers
	Legal Services (update)	Update report (on 2016-17 Committee report)	Legal Services	Carol Johnston	Julie Whitelaw
	WLAM – End of Programme Report	Corporate performance report	Performance and Improvement Service	Rebecca Kelly	Graeme Struthers
	Workplan				
09-Oct-17	Corporate Complaints Q1 2017-18	Corporate performance report	Performance and Improvement Service	Joe Murray	Graeme Struthers
	Planning Services	Service performance report	Planning Services	Craig McCorriston	Craig McCorriston
	Self-Assessment 2017-20	Corporate performance report	Performance and Improvement Service	Rebecca Kelly	Graeme Struthers
27-Nov-17	Housing Need	Service performance report	Housing Need	Ann Marie Carr	Alistair Shaw
	Building Services	Service performance report	Building Services	Grant Taylor	Alistair Shaw
	Corporate Complaints Q2 2017-18	Corporate performance report	Performance and Improvement Service	Joe Murray	Graeme Struthers
	Factfile 2017	Corporate performance report	Performance and Improvement Service	Rebecca Kelly	Graeme Struthers
	Self-Assessment 2017-20	Corporate performance report	Performance and Improvement Service	Rebecca Kelly	Graeme Struthers
22-Jan-18	Construction Services	Service performance report	Construction Services	Marjorie Mackie	Donald Forrest
	CSC	Service performance report	CSC	Anna Brash and Karen Cawte	Alistair Shaw

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Performance Committee	Focus Area	Report	WLAM Unit	Responsible Officer	СМТ
	Scrutiny	Briefing for the Committee	Performance and Improvement Service	Rebecca Kelly	Graeme Struthers
12-Mar-18	Corporate Complaints Q3 2017-18	Corporate performance report	Performance and Improvement Service	Joe Murray	Graeme Struthers
	Fleet Services	Service performance report	Fleet Services	Joe Drew	Jim Jack
	Housing Operations	Service performance report	Housing Operations	Alison Smith, Colin Miller and Sarah Kelly	Alistair Shaw
28-May-18	Roads and Transportation	Service performance report	Roads and Transportation	Graeme Malcolm	Jim Jack
	Financial Management	Service performance report	Financial Management	David Maule	Donald Forrest
	Property Management & Development	Service performance report	Property Management & Development	Paul Kettrick	Donald Forrest
	Corporate Complaints Q4 2017-18	Corporate performance report	Performance and Improvement Service	Joe Murray	Graeme Struthers