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Performance Committee

West Lothian Civic Centre Howden South Road LIVINGSTON EH54 6FF

23 April 2014

A meeting of the **Performance Committee** of West Lothian Council will be held within the **Council Chambers**, **West Lothian Civic Centre** on **Monday 28 April 2014** at **2:00pm**.

For Chief Executive

BUSINESS

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Order of Business, including notice of urgent business
- 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.
- 4. Confirm Draft Minute of Meeting held on Monday 10 March 2014 (herewith).
- 5. Fleet & Community Transport Performance Report by Head of Operational Services (herewith).
- 6. Housing Operations Performance Report by Head of Housing, Construction and Building Services (herewith).

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MINUTE of MEETING of the PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE of WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, on 10 MARCH 2014.

<u>Present</u> – Councillors Stuart Borrowman (Chair), Diane Calder, John McGinty and George Paul substituting for Tony Boyle

Apologies - Councillor Tony Boyle

Absent - Councillor Jim Dickson

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. MINUTE

The committee confirmed the minute of its meeting held on 27 January 2014 as a correct record. The minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

CONSTRUCTION SERVICES PERFORMANCE

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

The report advised that Construction Services sat within the portfolio of Housing Construction and Building Services and provided a multi-disciplinary professional and technical construction related service across the council's property portfolio.

Construction Services measured a suite of 18 performance indicators in line with the council's performance management framework using the Covalent system.

Appendix 1 to the report detailed each performance indicator including current and past performance.

The Head of Housing, Construction and Building Services advised that a score of 392 had been achieved in the WLAM review. Work was in progress particularly on improving People results, maintenance and compliance. Work was also being carried out to evaluate existing PIs and to develop new ones, following the self-assessment process.

The report advised that among the new indicators were some that would allow benchmarking with similar services in other authorities and the private sector.

A number of questions were then asked in relation stakeholder consultations, clear lines of accountability and condition of pavements and roads following work carried out by utility companies.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

4. CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE PERFORMANCE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Area Services providing an overview of the Customer Service Centre (CSC) and details of service performance.

The report advised that the Customer Service Centre was the central contact point for all customers in West Lothian. The service dealt with the majority of enquiries across all services as well as all enquiries on behalf of the following three main services:-

- Operational Services
- Housing, Construction and Building Services
- Revenues

The Customer Service Centre was structured into four teams that answered specific types of calls such as housing repairs, revenues, Careline and general calls which included waste and pupil placement.

In August 2013 the Customer Service Centre moved to the Civic Centre with a new telephony platform which was created for greater flexibility in the way calls were managed and handled. The service averaged 1400 calls per day and 150 emails.

Appendix 1 to the report included the details of a recent review of the service and an improvement plan designed to address some of the areas of poor performance.

Overall the service monitored 64 performance indicators across the different aspects of the service. Details relating to the performance against key indicators were included in Appendix 2.

In conclusion the report advised that the Customer Service Centre was integral to the delivery of many council services and had increased the range and types of enquiries it dealt with. Developing a consistency and quality of customer service ensured that the council was perceived as a high quality and high performing council.

There then followed a number of questions in relation to staff training, unit cost per call, volume of calls, voicemail and average time taken to respond to calls.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report.

2. To provide the committee with information in relation to average time take to respond to calls.

5. <u>COMPLAINTS PERFORMANCE QUARTER 1-3: 2013/14</u>

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive providing the quarterly analysis of closed complaints in quarters 1-3: 2013/14.

The report advised that the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO) developed and published a model Complaints Handling Procedure (CHP) in 28 March 2012. The model Complaints Handling Procedure 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 Complaints Handling Procedure by 31 March 2013. The Scottish Public Ombudsman expected that local authorities would make the best use of complaint information to inform service improvement activity.

The Scottish Public Services Ombudsman outlined four elements of the Complaints Handling Procedure model that were not to be amended to ensure a standardised approach across all local authorities and were as follows:

- The definition of a complaint
- The number of stages
- Timescales at each stage
- The requirement to record, report and publicise complaints information.

Table 1 of the report contained a break-down of quarters 1- 3 2013/14, complaints by category over a 4 year period.

The Depute Chief Executive went on to advise that the current service level complaint performance varied across the council and was linked to the complexity and quantity of complaints received. Operational Services and Housing, Construction and Building Service were the main complaint generators.

Appendix 1 to the report provided the council wide performance against the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman defined measures covering the period Quarter 1-3 (April 2013 to December 2013).

Table 2 of the report provided a summary of service performance against the following 4 key indicators:-

Total complaints received

60

- · Complaints closed within 5 working days
- Complaints closed within 20 working days
- Complaints part upheld/upheld

In conclusion the report advised that the level of complaints received in Quarter 1-3 2013/14 represented a significant reduction in the level of complaints received in the equivalent quarters in previous years. This reduction in complaints was a positive result and the Corporate Complaints Steering Board would continue to monitor complaints and the associated performance and improvement activity across all council services.

A question on what would happen after a complaint was upheld was asked and it was advised that following a service review the Corporate Complaints Steering Board would also monitor the complaints to ascertain if there was a particular trend being set.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.



PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

FLEET & COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PERFORMANCE REPORT

REPORT BY HEAD OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES

PURPOSE OF REPORT Α.

This report highlights the performance of the council's Fleet & Community Transport Service. The report is based on the West Lothian Assessment Model (WLAM) outcomes and assessment from February 2014 and the WLAM Review Panel feedback from 26th March 2014.

RECOMMENDATION B.

It is recommended that the Committee considers the report for Fleet & Community Transport Services, identifies any performance measures that they wish to explore further and provide any recommendations on performance improvement.

C. **SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

Council Values ı 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

Ш Policy and Legal (including **Environmental** Strategic Assessment, **Equality** Issues. Health or Risk

Assessment)

None

Ш Implications for Scheme of None **Delegations to Officers**

IV Impact on performance and performance Indicators

Appendix 1 details the range of performance indicators and results currently used to measure performance within Fleet & Community

Transport.

V Relevance to Single We make the most efficient and effective use of **Outcome Agreement**

resources by minimising our impact on the built

and natural environment.

VI Resources - (Financial,

Staffing and Property)

Resources associated with each aspect of performance are identified in the activity based budget, included within the performance report.

VII **Consideration at PDSP** None

WLAM Review Panel 26th March 2014 VIII Other consultations

D. **TERMS OF REPORT**

D1 **Service Overview and Activities**

Fleet and Community Transport are responsible for the provision, management and maintenance of the council's fleet of approximately 1000 vehicles which includes commercial vehicles, buses, pool cars and items of plant equipment. With its own team of mechanics, the service undertakes all safety inspections as well as servicing, repairs and MOTs for the council's fleet of vehicles and also members of the public.

In addition, the service provides community transport to service users with varying needs to a number of locations throughout West Lothian on a daily basis. Also the service provides a school meals delivery service and internal mail service.

Fleet & Community Transport's main activities are:

- Providing an effective and efficient vehicle maintenance service for the council's vehicles and plant and equipment 24 hours a day
- Maintaining a fully operational MOT test station authorised to test class IV, V, VII vehicles
- Managing the council's vehicle and plant portfolio
- Ensuring that all council vehicles have adequate fuel, road fund licences and insurances
- Transporting Community Transport services users to various locations throughout West Lothian
- Delivering school meals from 25 production centres to schools
- Collecting and deliver internal mail to all council buildings
- Providing assistance for service users with a variety of needs during transportation
- Large involvement in delivering the Green Transport Strategy

D2 Performance Measurement and WLAM Assessment

The service measure a suite of 46 performance indicators, in line with the council's performance management framework, using the Covalent system. These indicators

are representative of the range of services delivered by the service and include

measure of both customer and staff perception.

The appended report shows a selection of these indicators in full detail, including

current and past performance.

In February 2014 the Service undertook a WLAM Assessment and presented the outcome of this to the Chief Executive's performance review panel on 26th March

2014. The key action points identified by the panel were:

1. The panel acknowledged the positive progress in developing a more

comprehensive performance structure in the service.

2. The service is to continue to revise the scope of 9a and 9b PIs to reflect the full

range of activity/business delivered and the corporate focus on Green Transport.

3. The service is to expand the performance indicators in relation of employees (7a

and 7b) to provide more detailed information relating to employee management and their morale/satisfaction levels.

4. The service is to undertake targeted action to try and improve the level of

satisfaction in employees.

5. The service is to look for further benchmarking opportunities to enhance the

current data.

The Fleet & Community Transport WLAM Assessment score was 427.

E. CONCLUSION

The report and attached appendix summarise the work and the performance of the

Fleet & Community Transport Service.

The Performance Committee are asked to consider the report, identify and

performance measures they wish to explore further and provide any recommendations

on performance improvement.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None

Appendices/Attachments:

Appendix 1: Fleet & Community Transport Performance Report.

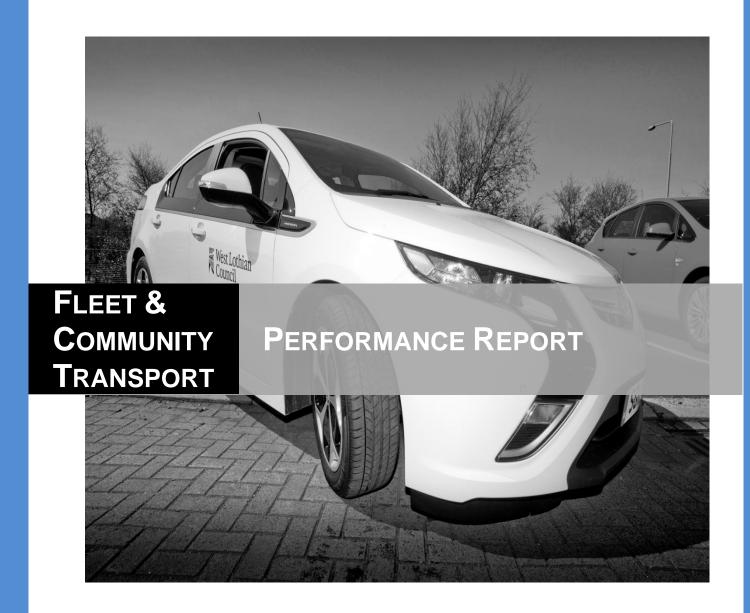
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Jim Jack Head of Operational Services

Date: 28th April 2014



Joe Drew | April 2014

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1. Fleet & Community Transport

Manager:	Joe Drew
Number of Staff (FTE):	85.5
Location:	Deans Depot, Livingston

1.1 Purpose

Fleet and Community Transport are responsible for the provision, management and maintenance of the council's fleet of approximately 1000 vehicles which includes commercial vehicles, buses, pool cars and items of plant equipment. With its own team of mechanics, the service undertakes all safety inspections as well as servicing, repairs and MOTs for the council's fleet of vehicles and also members of the public.

In addition, the service provides community transport to service users with varying needs to a number of locations throughout West Lothian on a daily basis. Also the service provides a school meals delivery service and internal mail service.

1.2 Activities

The service's main activities are:

- Providing an effective and efficient vehicle maintenance service for the council's vehicles and plant and equipment 24 hours a day
- Maintaining a fully operational MOT test station authorised to test class IV, V, VII vehicles
- Managing the council's vehicle and plant portfolio
- Ensuring that all council vehicles have adequate fuel, road fund licences and insurances
- Transporting Community Transport services users to various locations throughout West Lothian
- Delivering school meals from 25 production centres to schools
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Customers

The service's main customers include:

- Roads and Transportation Services
- Waste Management Services
- NETs, Land and Countryside Services
- Community Transport Service
 Users and Carers

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- Inprint
- MOT Customers (internal and external)
- Housing, Construction and Building Services

- Social Policy
- Education Services
- Other council services

Partners

The Service's main partners Include:

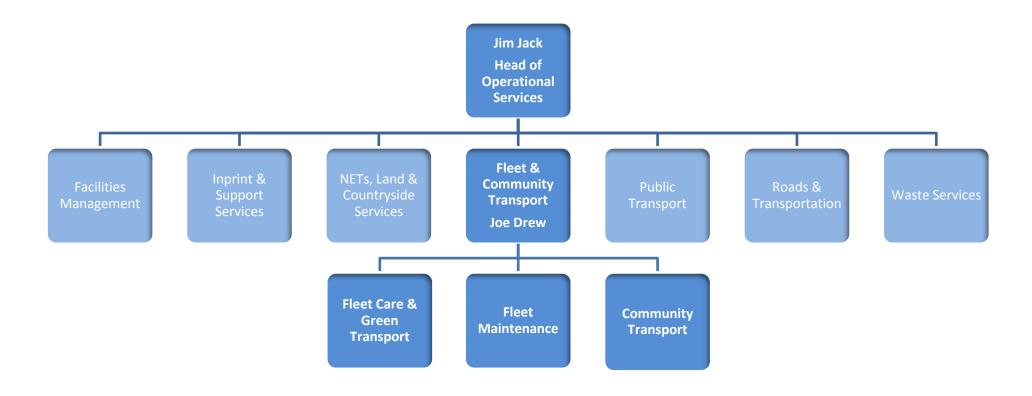
- Other Council Services
- Police Scotland
- NHS Lothian

- VOSA
- Scottish Ambulance Service

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2. Service Structure

Facilities Management is one of 7 WLAM Units within Operational Services, under the Head of Service Jim Jack.



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3. Customer Consultation

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

Customer Consultation Sc	Customer Consultation Schedule 2014/15							
Customer Group	Survey Method	Frequency	Responsible Officer	Feedback Method				
Social Policy	Consultation exercise carried out to agree the Community Transport service provision for each individual client and centre for the year. Ongoing consultation to review any changes to circumstances	Ongoing	Joe Drew	One to one meetings to feedback and discuss changes				
Fleet Customers	Consultation exercise via the Motor Vehicle Working Group, containing a representative from each of the main users of fleet, to agree service provision, discuss issues, develop solutions to fleet related problems and agree future needs of each service	Quarterly	Joe Drew	Agreed specification of service, maintenance schedules and future procurement of fleet				
Fleet Users	Online and paper survey distributed to all council fleet users and customers to evaluate the quality of the service provided	Annually (January 2015)	Joe Drew	Feedback published on the council website via the council performance page and indicator FTS035_6a.7				
Community Transport Customer	Open Day to be held for all Community Transport service users, parents, carers and staff from around the council involved with the service.	Annually (September 2014)	Joe Drew	Feedback published on the council website via the council performance page and indicator FTS041_6a.7				

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4. Activity Budget

Activity Na	me and Description	Link to Corporate Plan	Performance Indicator and Target 2014/15	PI Category	Staff Resource (FTE)	Revenue Expenditure Budget 2014/15	Revenue Income Budget 2014/15	Net Revenue Budget 2014/15
						£	£	£
Fleet Maintenance	Maintaining the council's fleet in accordance with legislative requirements.	Enabler Service - Financial Planning	rice - Vehicles Maintained ncial Monthly as per schedule	26.5	2,203,212	(2,174,769)	28,443	
			FTS008_9b.1a Percentage of Heavy Goods vehicles passing their MOT (DOE) test first time. (Target 100%)	HIGH LEVEL				
Fleet Management	Management of the council's fleet	Enabler Service - Financial Planning	FTS007_9a.2a: Number of WLAM 3.2 Vehicles Maintained Monthly as per schedule (Target 100%)	3.2	7,421,583	7,421,583	(7,256,583)	165,000
			FTS009_9b.1a: The number of hire vehicles within the services (Target 30)	WLAM				
Green Travel Fleet	Management and maintenance of the council's green travel fleet	Enabler Service - Financial Planning	FTS011_9a.1a Average annual maintenance cost of pool vehicles (Target £899)	WLAM	AM 2.0	1,219,500	(232,766)	986,734
			FTS008_9b.1b Total annual business mileage (Target. 2,146,341)	WLAM				

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Activity Nam	e and Description	Link to Corporate Plan	Performance Indicator and Target 2014/15	PI Category	Staff Resource (FTE)	Revenue Expenditure Budget 2014/15 £	Revenue Income Budget 2014/15 £	Net Revenue Budget 2014/15													
Transportation of service users	Transporting clients to locations in West Lothian and providing assistance where necessary	Protecting the built and natural environment	FTS001_9b.1a: Percentage of Community Transport bus runs which are completed as scheduled (Target 100%)	PUBLIC	40.5	40.5	40.5	40.5	40.5	40.5	40.5	40.5	40.5 1,599,928	40.5	5 1,599,928	(1,586,929)	12,999				
			FTS014_9a.1a Average annual maintenance cost per vehicle - Medium Coaches 3.5 tonnes up to 6.5 tonnes (Target £1,821)	WLAM		252 929															
Transportation meals	To deliver meals from 25 production centres to local units such as schools	Delivering positive outcomes on health	FTS005_9a.1c Total cost of providing the School Meal Delivery service (Target £229,487)	WLAM	6.4	252,828	252,828	252,828 (250,774)	2,054												
			FTS004_9b.1a Percentage of School meals which are delivered as scheduled	HIGH LEVEL																	
Internal Mail Service	To collect and deliver mail to all council buildings	Enabler Service - Corporate Governance	FTS027_9a Total cost of providing the Internal Mail Service per annum (Target £197,192)	WLAM	3.3 130,365	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3 130,365	3.3	3.3	3.3	130,365	130,365	130,365	130,365	130,365	130,365	3.3 130,365	(129,305)	1,060
		and Risk	FTS020_6b.1: No. of upheld complaints received against service delivery (Target 0)	WLAM																	
Service Support	Provision of management and administrative support and property costs for depots.	Enabler Service - Corporate Governance and Risk	Support activities contribute towards the overall performance of the service. Performance is monitored through the indicators for front line activities.		3.6	228,588	(52,029)	176,559													
	Total :-				85.5	13,056,004	(11,683,155)	1,372,849													

5. Actions 2014/2015

Listed below are a number of the key improvement actions that the Service unit have been undertaking throughout 2014/2015.

Actions 2014/15	Actions 2014/15							
Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status (Planned, Active, Complete)		
Trial of electric vehicles using funding from Transport Scotland	Five fully electric vehicles introduced and one Extended Range electric vehicle are now in service and being evaluated over a four year period.	Analysis of the cost, merits, efficiency, reliability and practicality of introducing electric vehicles more widely into the fleet	Joe Drew	July 2011	March 2015	Active		
Trial of telematics within the fleet vehicles	32 vehicles across various services have had telematics introduced and the results will be analysed after the eight month trial period	Information analysed and used with mileage analysis and to identify other efficiencies	Joe Drew	January 2013	March 2015	Active		
Fleet and Community Transport vehicle reduction	Identify opportunities to make reductions and efficiency savings in line with Delivering Better Outcomes	A reduction in 14 vehicles	Joe Drew	April 2014	March 2015	Planned		
Creation of a Corporate Fleet- use policy	Policy to guide in the reduction of risks and more defined responsibilities for drivers	Improved understanding for employees and managers	Joe Drew	April 2014	March 2015	Planned		
Winter Maintenance preparation – improved utilisation with the use of permanent vehicles	Replace the temporary hire of vehicles with four permanent vehicles	Reduce annual costs	Joe Drew	April 2014	March 2015	Planned		

6. Performance Indicators

Fleet & Community Transport has identified the key indicators that will be used to support and measure the progress of the service in achieving its aims and objectives. These results, aligned to the WLAM structure, are used to manage the service and identify areas for improvement. Each indicator included in this pack is managed and reported through the corporate performance management tool, Covalent.

6.1 Customer Results

6a. Customer Perception Indicators	Current Performance	Target
FST029: % of customers who rated the timeliness to provide the Fleet service as good or excellent	76.2%	76%
FTS030: % of customers who rated the quality of service provided by the Fleet service as good or excellent	85.7%	82%
FTS031: % of customers who rated the Fleet service's performance as keeping them informed as good or excellent	71.4%	68%
FTS032: % of customers who rated the Fleet service's staff attitude as good or excellent	85%	86%
FTS033: % of customers who rated the Fleet service's staff professionalism as good or excellent	80%	84%
FTS034: % of customers who consider that they were treated fairly by Fleet Services	100%	98%
FTS035: % of Fleet customers satisfied with the overall quality of the service	85.7%	84%
FTS036: % of customers who rated timeliness of the Community Transport service as good or excellent	81.8%	100%
FTS037: % of customers who rated Community Transport service's performance as keeping them informed as good or excellent	81.8%	100%
FTS038: % of customers who rated the Community Transport service's staff attitude as good or excellent	81.8%	100%
FTS039: % of customers who rated Community Transport service's staff professional as good or excellent	81.8%	100%
FTS040: % of customers who consider that they were treated fairly by Community Transport	100%	100%
FTS041: % of Community Transport customers who rated the overall quality of the service as good or excellent	81.8%	93%

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6b. Internal Performance Indicators	Current Performance	Target
FTS020: No. of upheld complaints received against service delivery.	1	0

6.2 People Results

7a. People Perception Indicators	Current performance	Target
FTS042: Staff Satisfaction with Workforce Planning	75.56%	85%
FTS043: Staff Satisfaction with Reward and Recognition	62.22%	65%
FTS044: Staff Satisfaction with Leadership and Management	54.17%	65%
FTS045: Staff Satisfaction with Involvement and Empowerment	54.6%	60%
FTS046: Staff Satisfaction with Team Work	40%	60%
FTS047: Staff Satisfaction with Learning and Development and Performance Review	56.67%	60%
FTS048: Staff Satisfaction with Equality	73.33%	70%

7b. Internal People Indicators	Current Performance	Target
FTS017: Staff Sickness Absence Levels (Fleet Staff)	0%	3.6%
FTS018: Staff Sickness Absence Levels (Community Transport Staff)	3.28%	3.6%
FTS019: Staff Sickness Absence Levels (Vehicle Maintenance Staff)	5.79%	3.6%

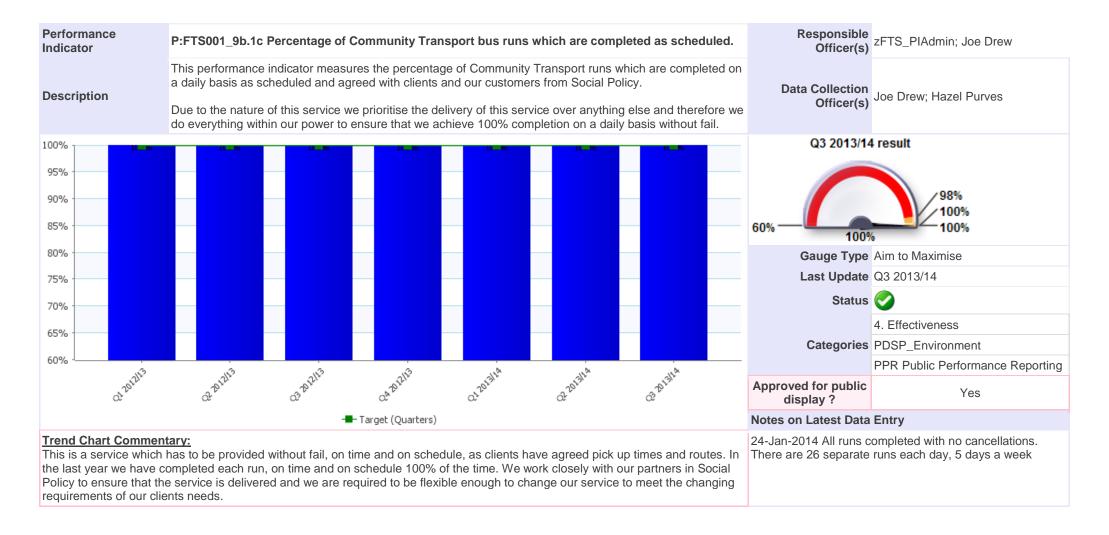
6.3 Key Performance Results

9a Efficiency Indicators	Current Performance	Target
FTS002: Total cost of vehicle insurance claims per annum	£175,652	£164,274
FTS005: Total cost of providing the School Meal Delivery service per annum	£229,487	£229,487
FTS006: Percentage of Vehicles Maintained Monthly as per schedule	95%	100%
FTS009: Average annual maintenance cost per vehicle - Vehicles less than 3.5 tonnes	£1,048	£972
FTS010: Average annual maintenance cost per vehicle - Buses and Coaches (16 or more seats)	£1,410	£1,366
FTS011: Average annual maintenance cost per vehicle - All Cars (Pool)	£274	£899
FTS012: Average annual maintenance cost per vehicle - 26 tonne Refuse Collection Vehicles	£12,722	£10,713
FTS013: Average annual maintenance cost per vehicle – Medium Coaches 3.5 tonnes up to 6.5 tonnes	£2,980	£2,814
FTS026: Total cost of extension leases per annum	£163,399	£163,079
FTS027: Total cost of providing the Internal Mail Service per annum	£197,192	£197,192

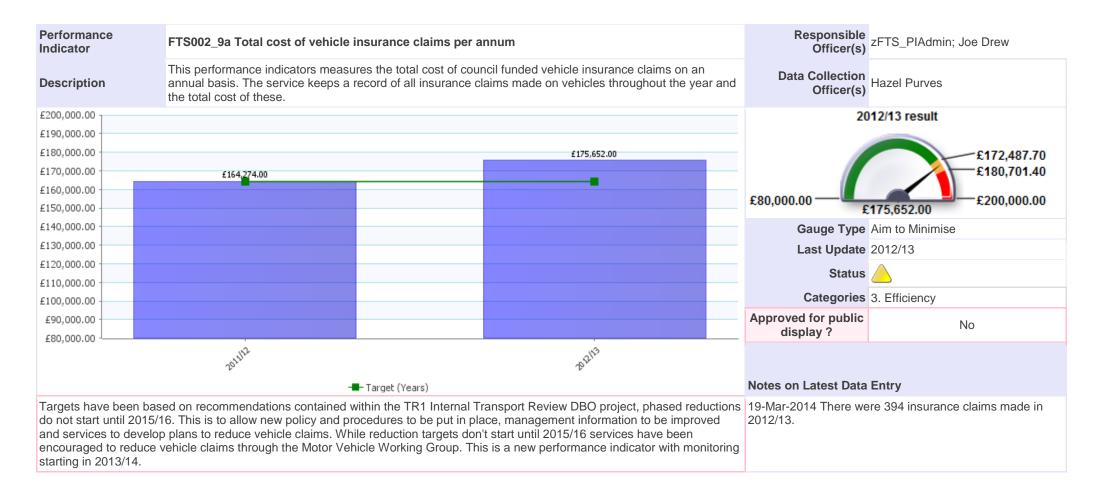
9b Effectiveness Indicators	Current Performance	Target
FTS001: Percentage of Community Transport bus runs which are completed as scheduled	100%	100%
FTS003: Total number of vehicle insurance claims per annum	394	374
FTS004: Percentage of School meals which are delivered to schools on a daily basis as scheduled	100%	100%
FTS007: Percentage of Heavy Goods vehicles passing their MOT (DOE) test first time	100%	100%
FTS008: Total annual business mileage	2,889,871	2,536,584
FTS014: Average time taken (minutes) to complete Class IV vehicle MOT Tests.	49.8	60

9b Effectiveness Indicators	Current Performance	Target
FTS015: Average time taken (minutes) to complete Class V vehicle MOT Tests.	52.25	60
FTS016: Average time taken (minutes) to complete Class Vii vehicle MOT Tests.	52	60
FTS022: Number of no shows at pick up points - Community Transport	4	0
FTS023: Number of parents or guardians not there to collect clients when taken home - Community Transport	1	0
FTS024: The number of hire vehicles within the services	39	30
FTS025: Total number of Extension Leases per annum	80	149

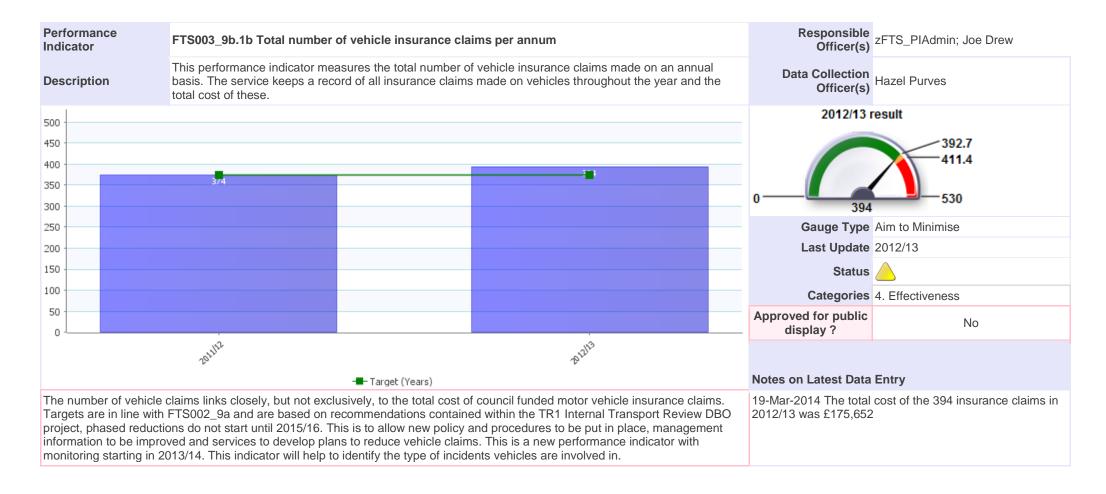
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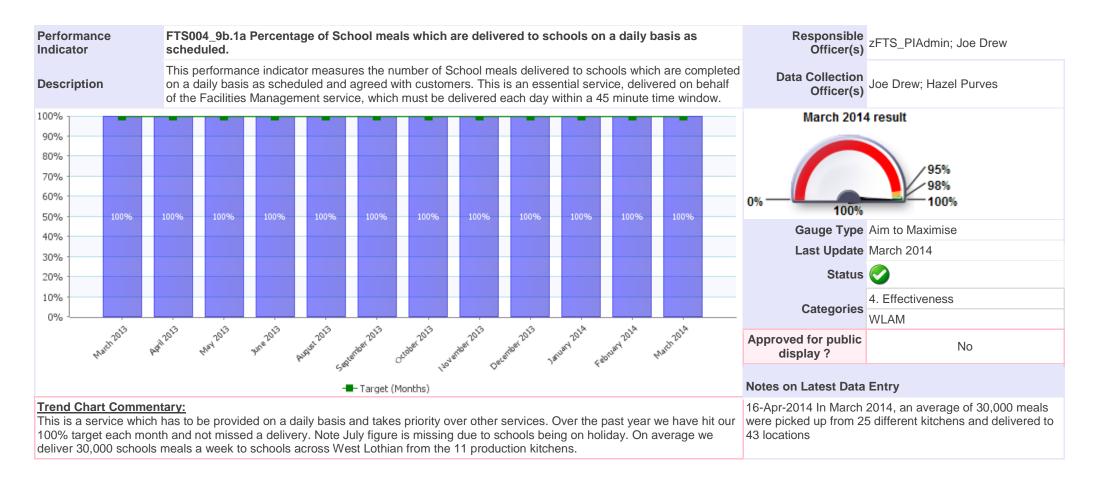


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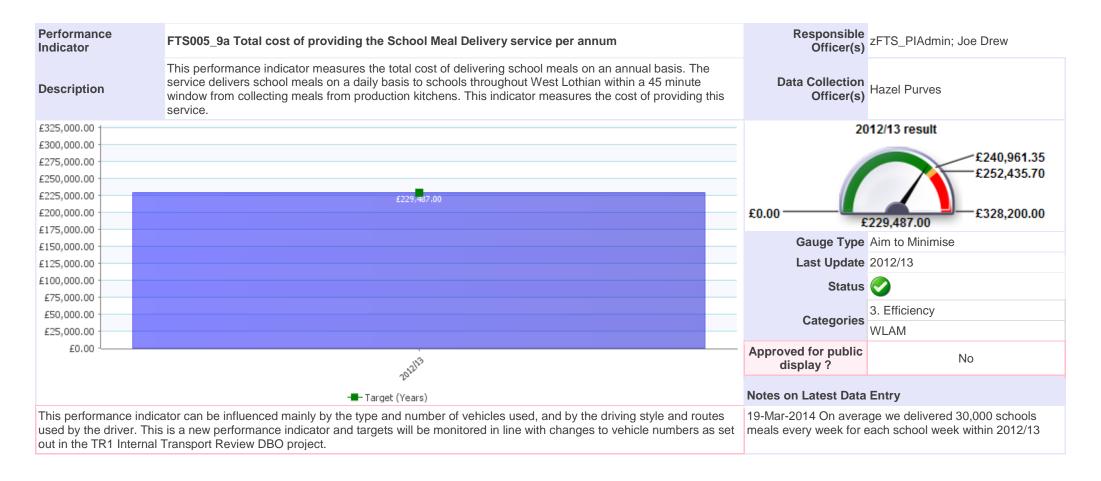
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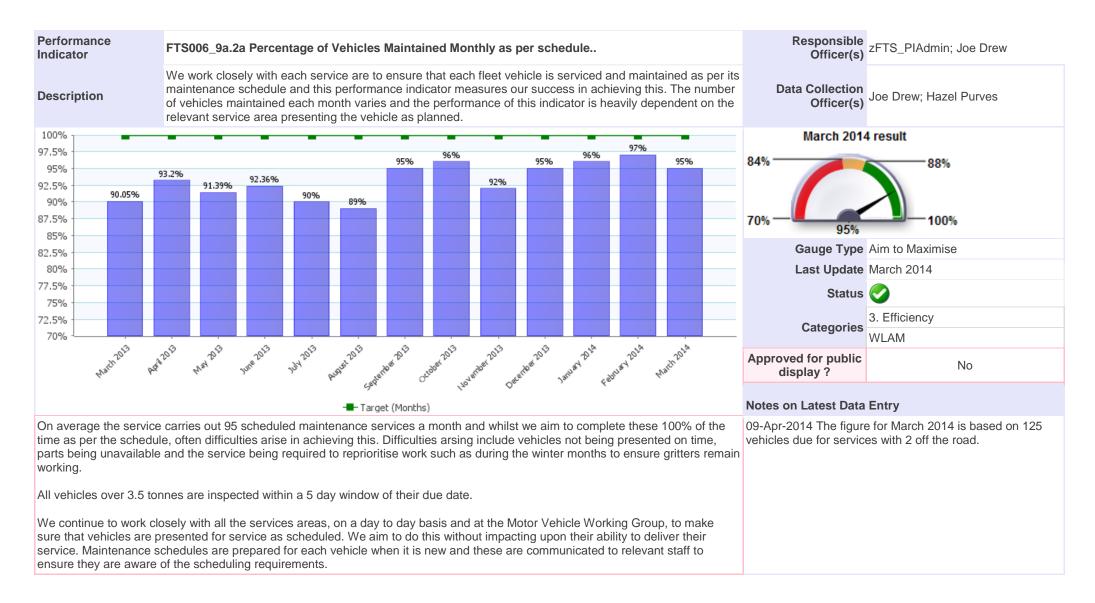




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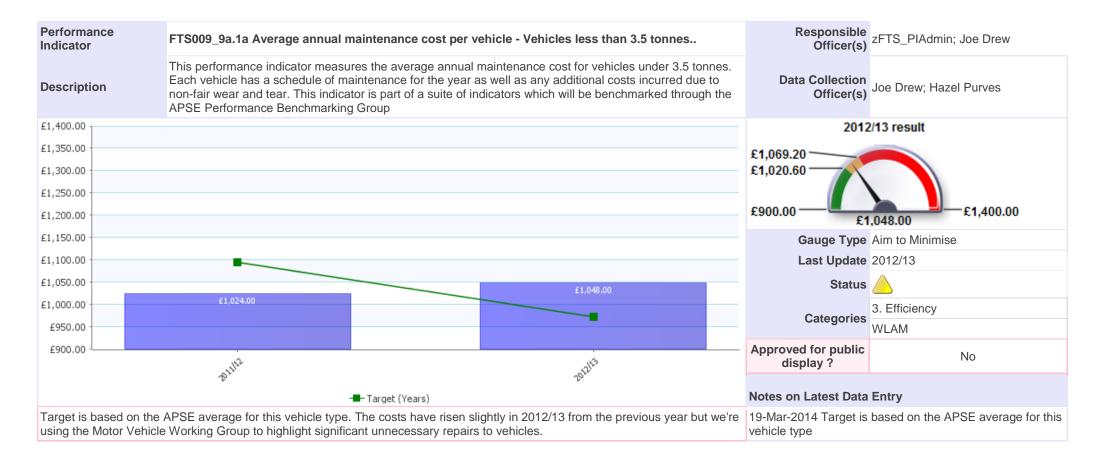


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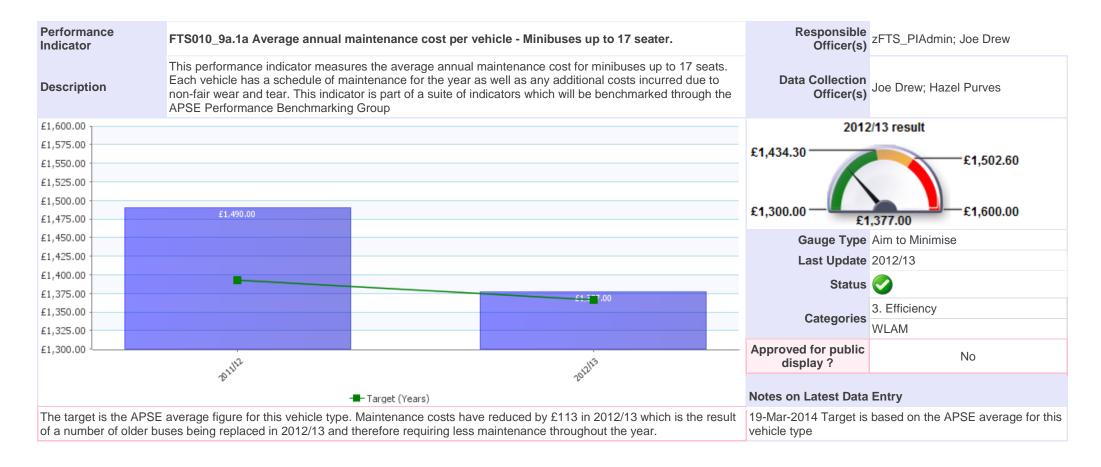


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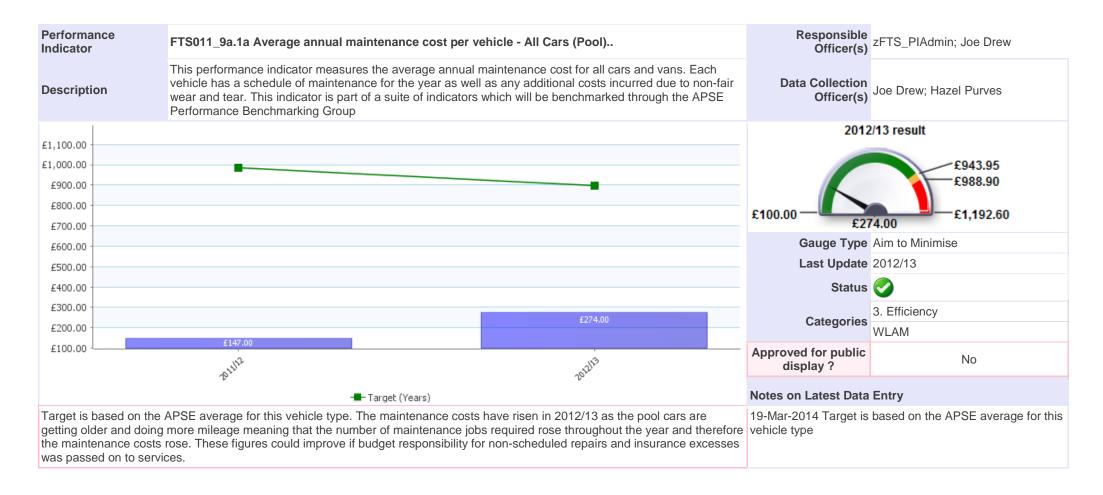


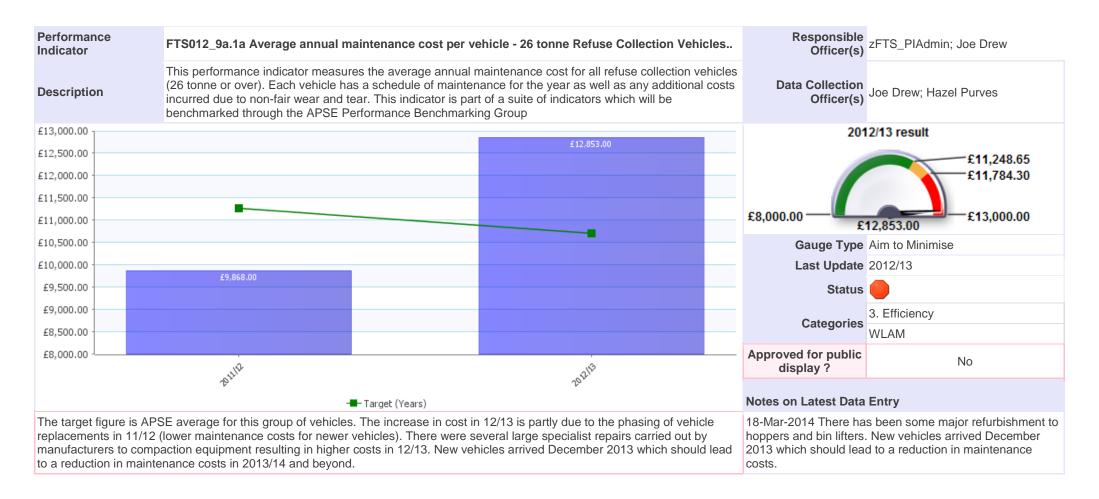
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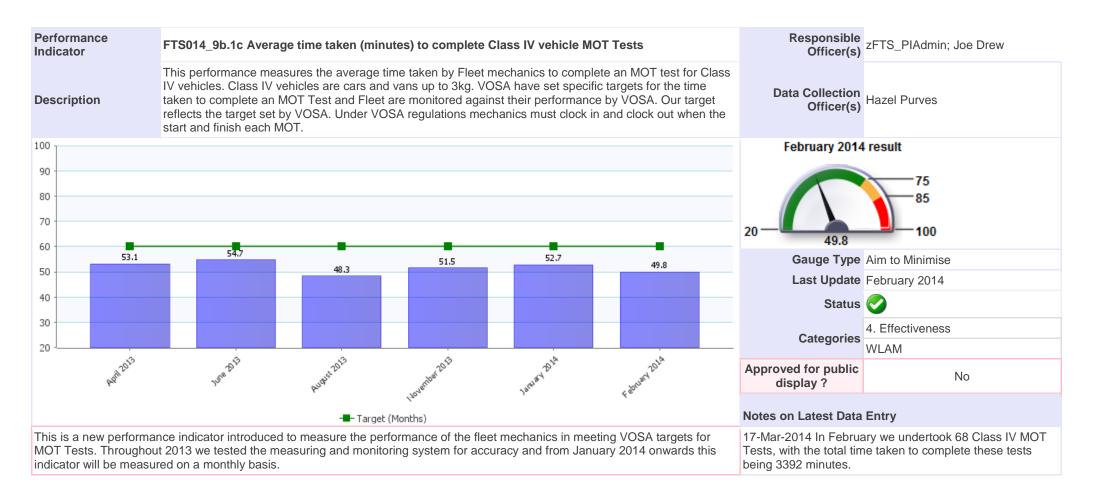




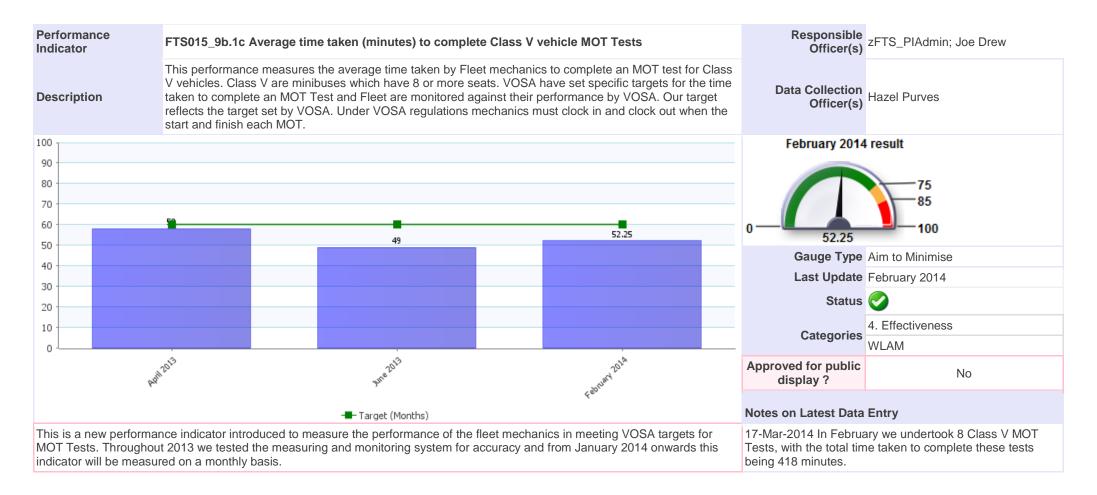
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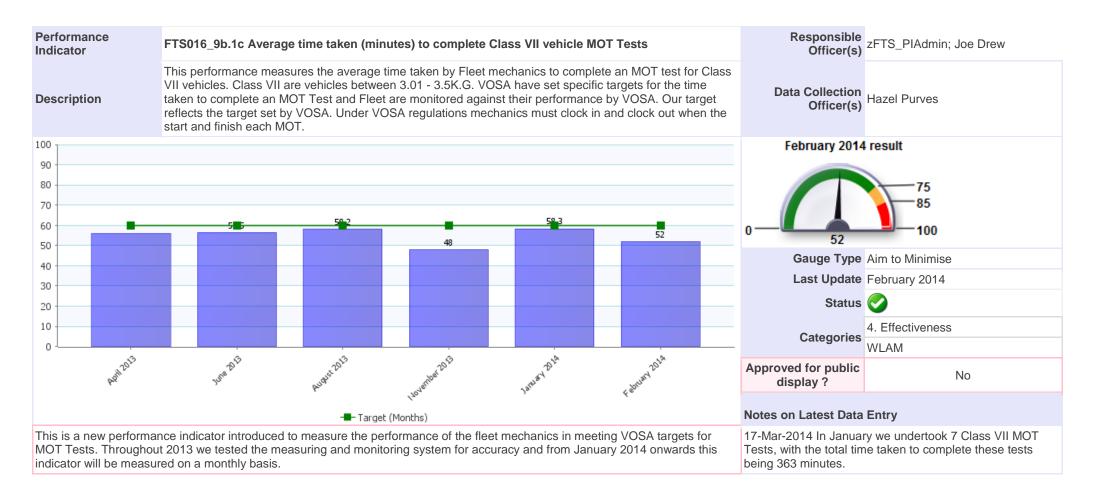
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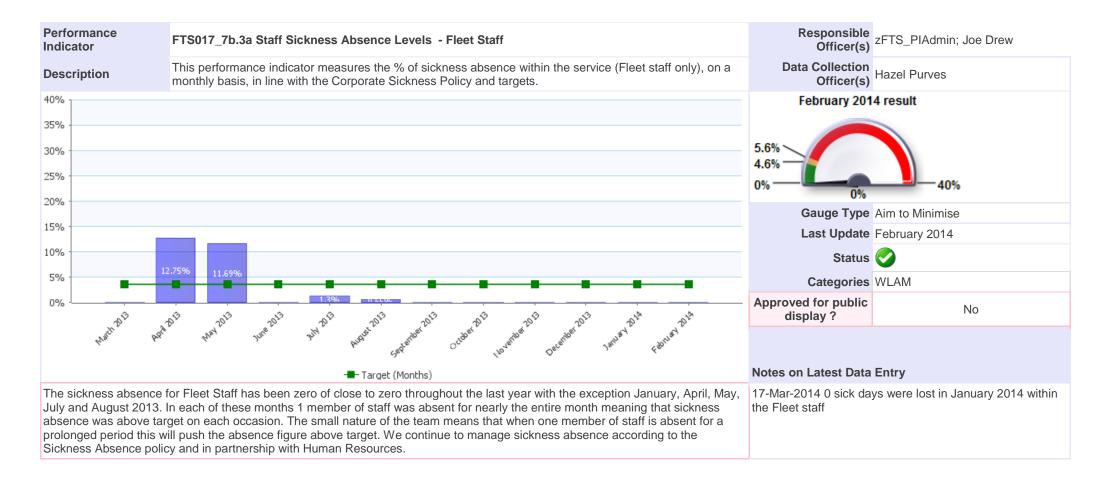
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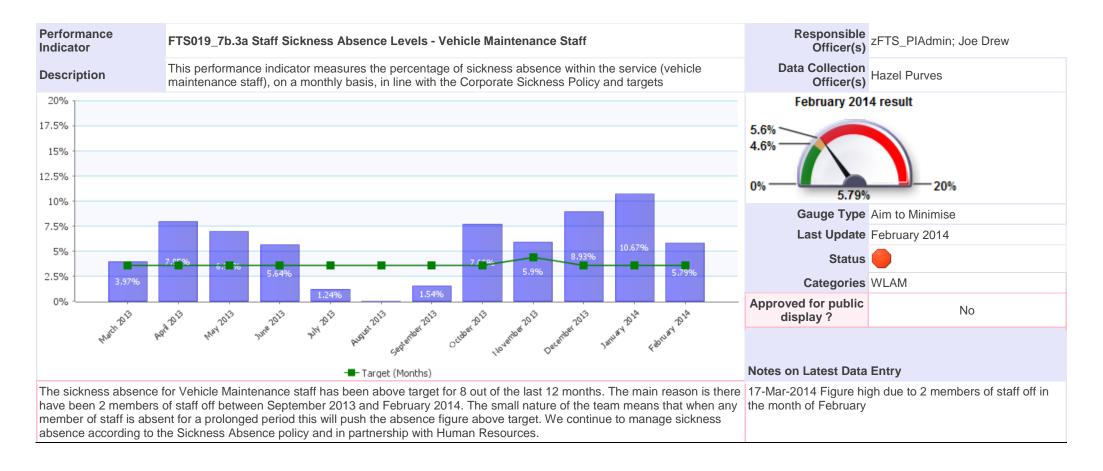
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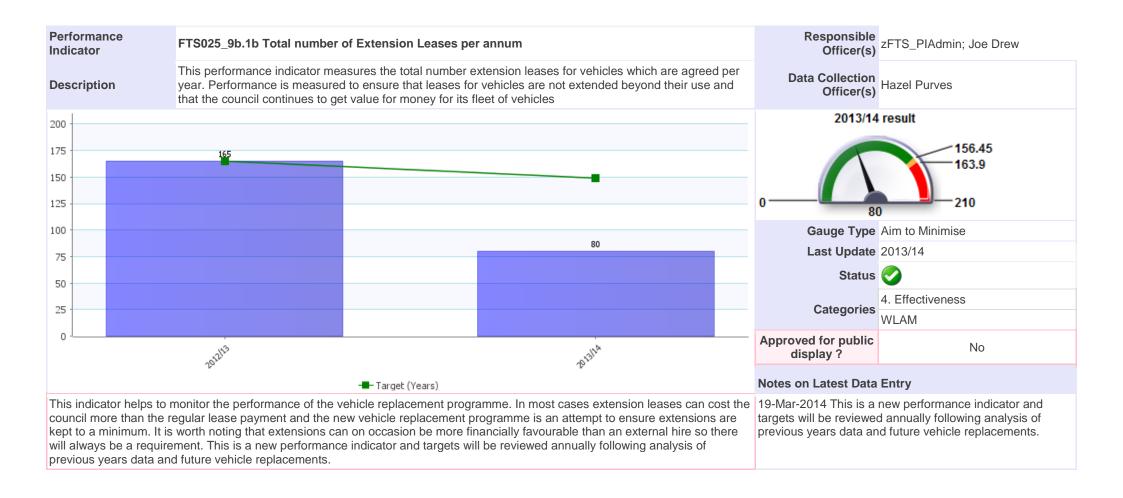
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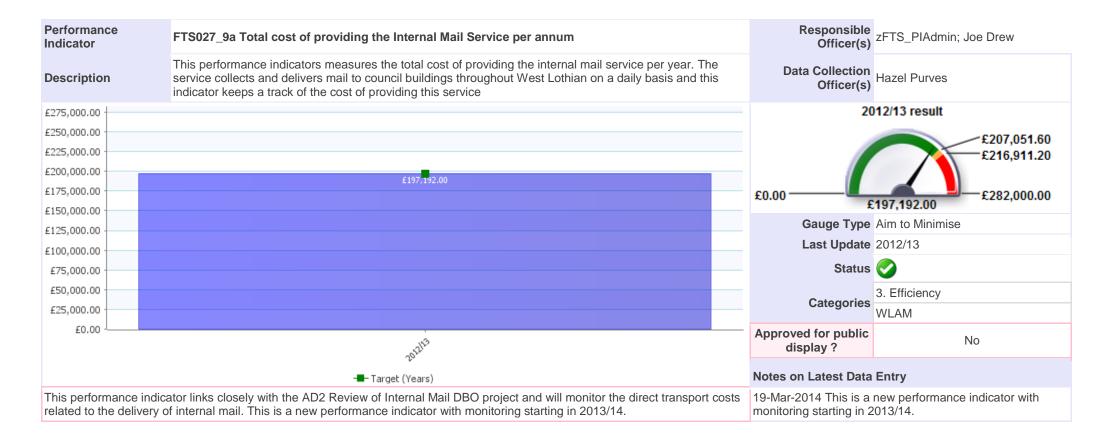




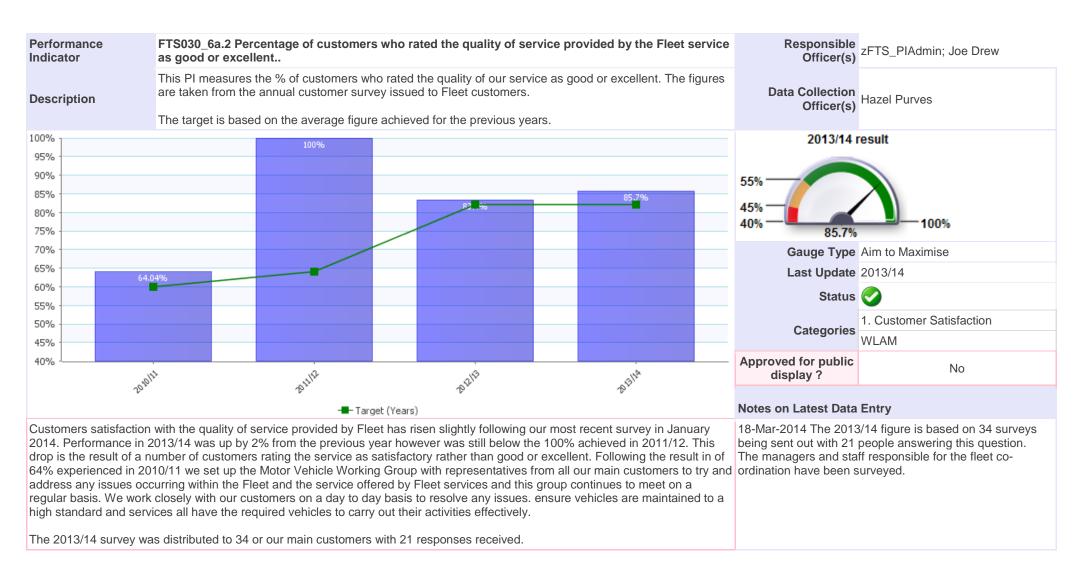
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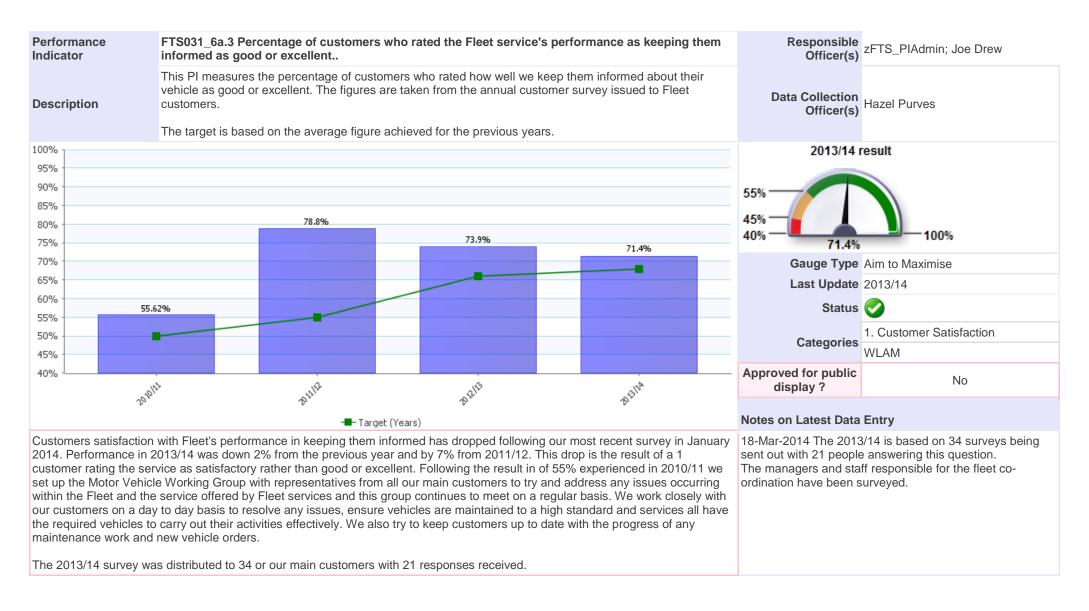
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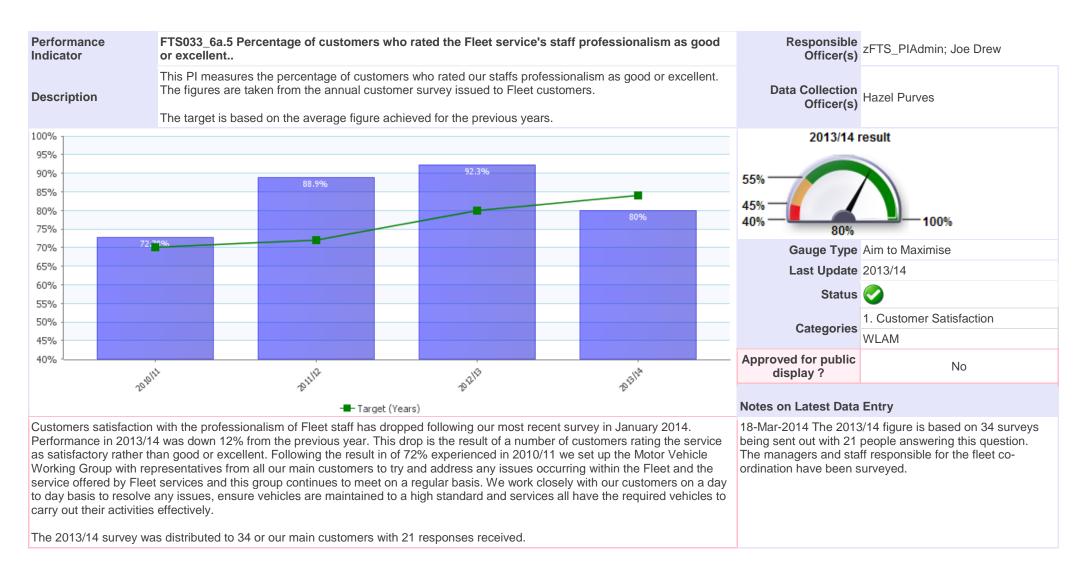


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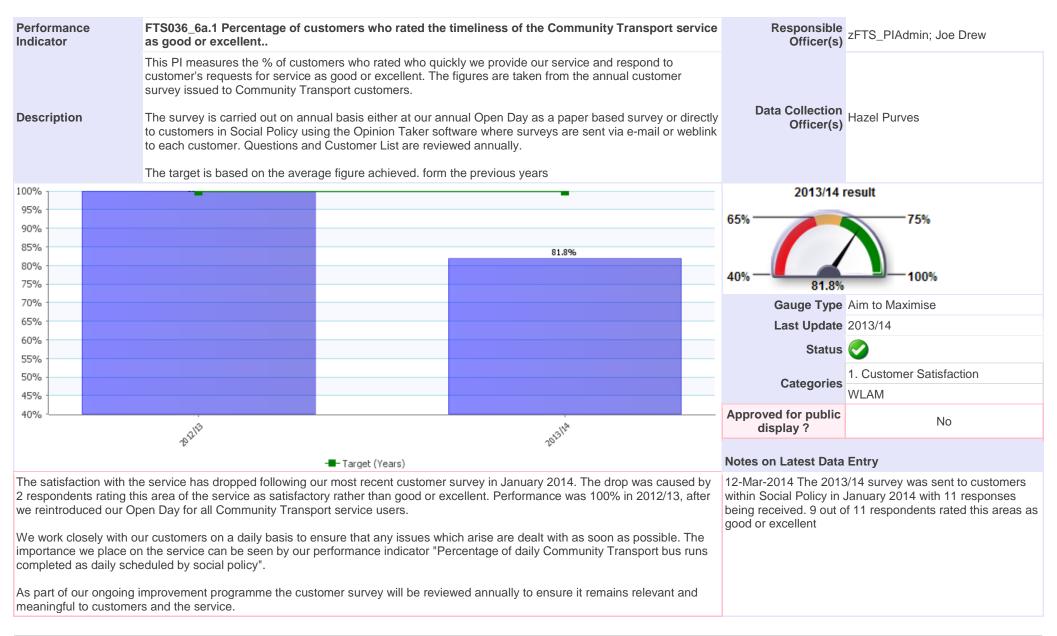






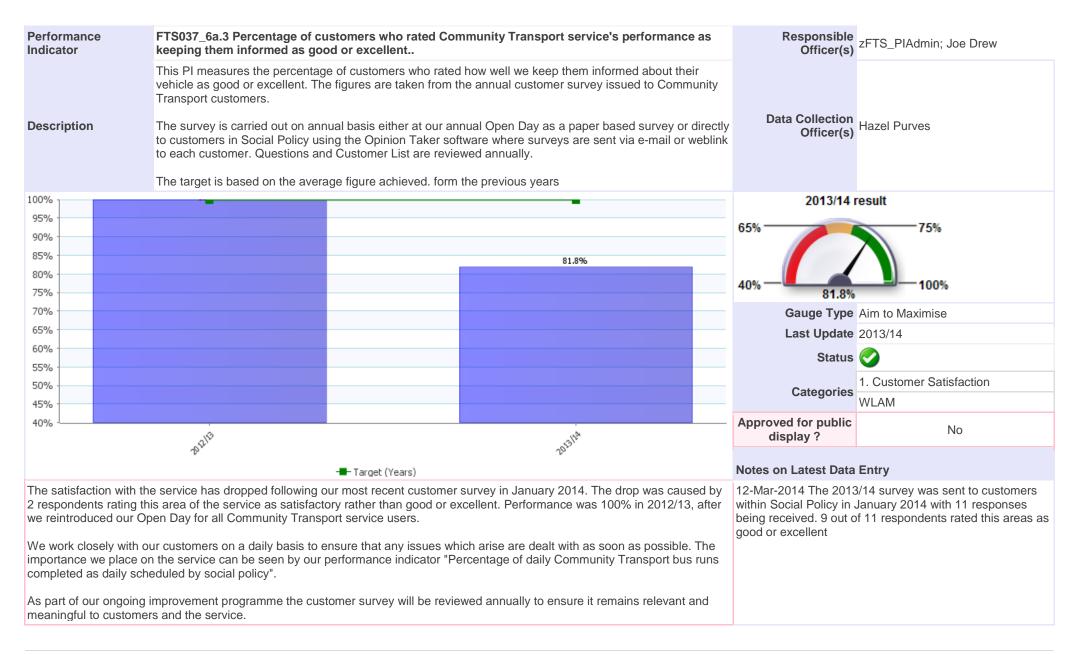
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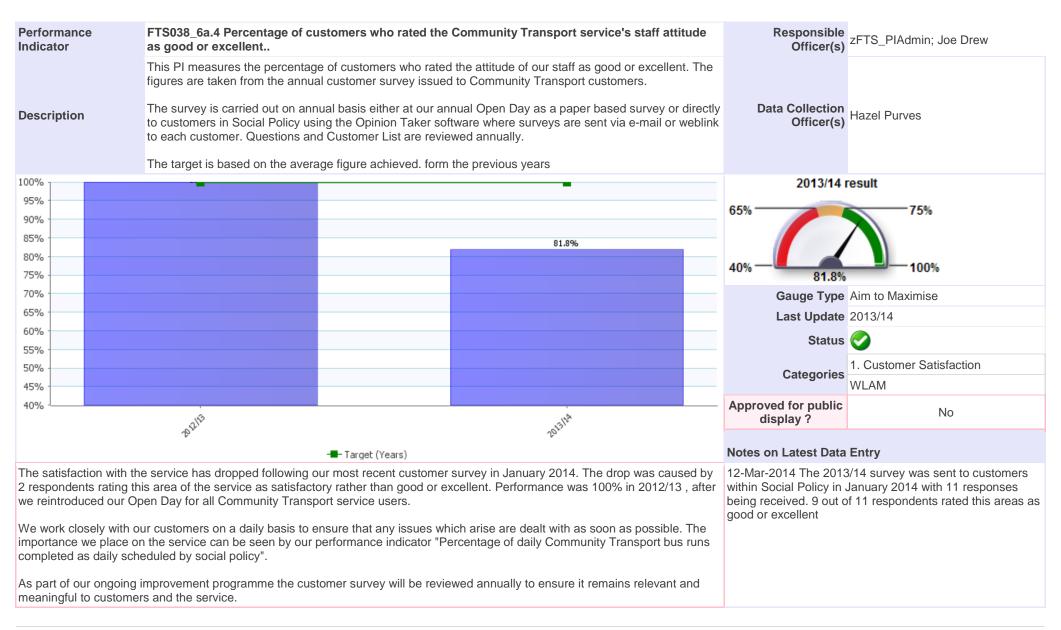


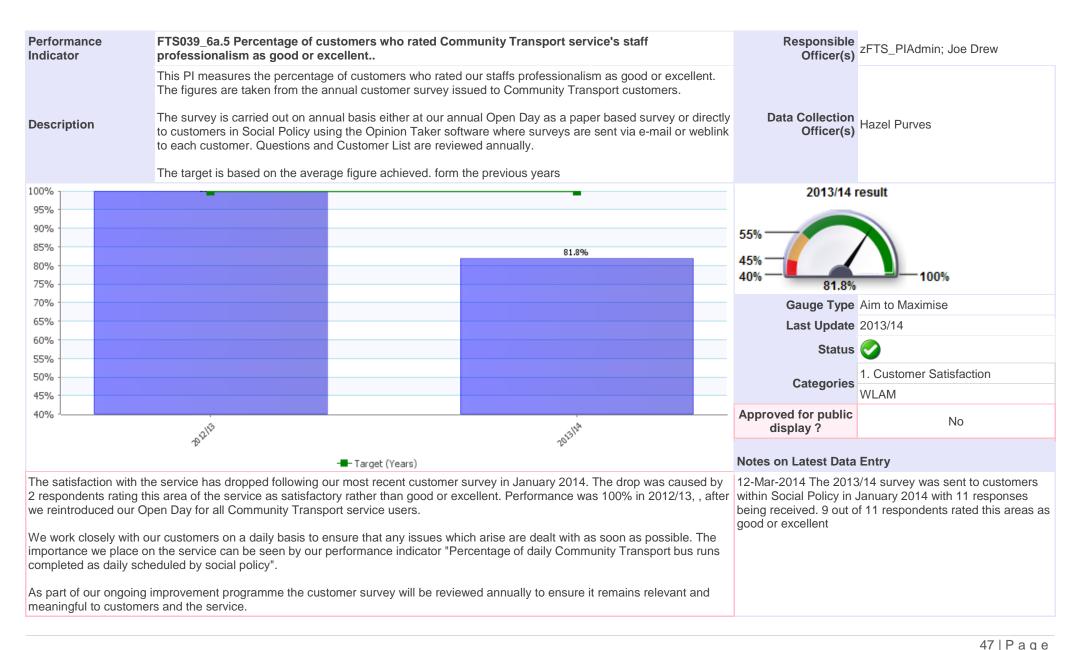


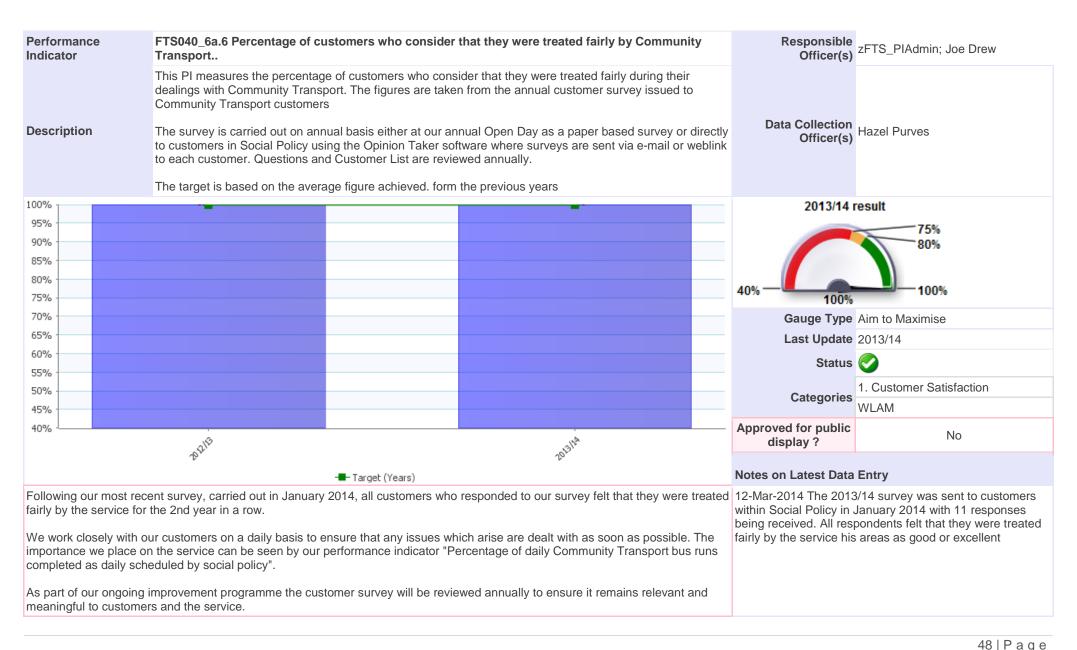
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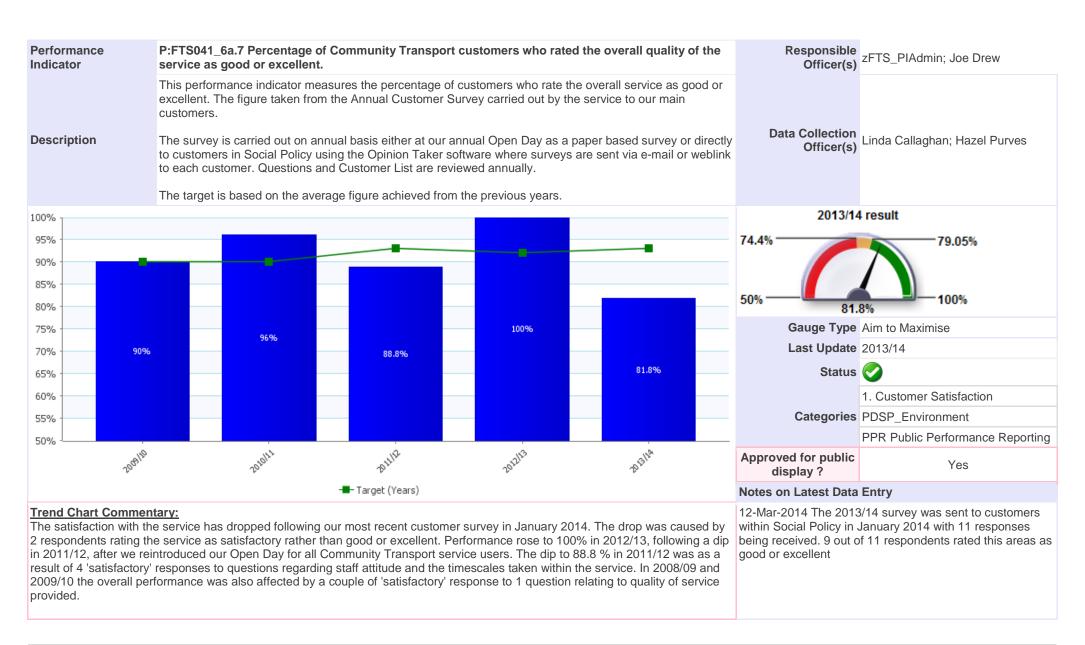
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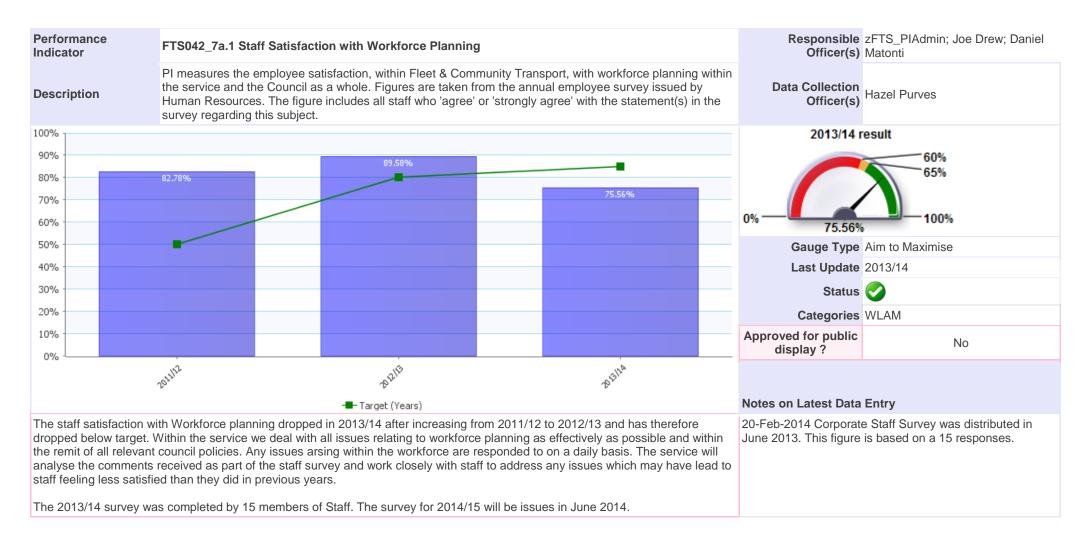


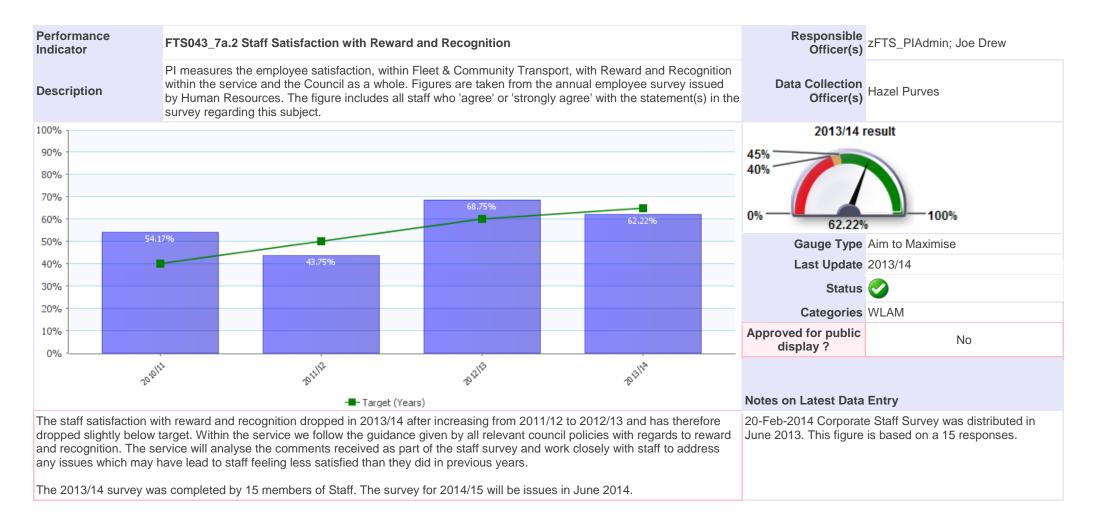


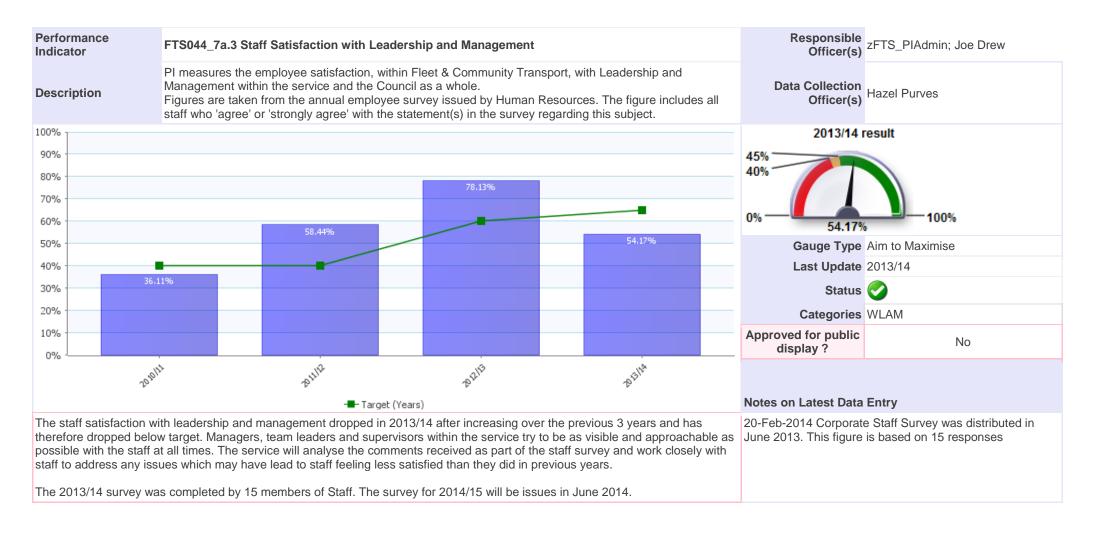
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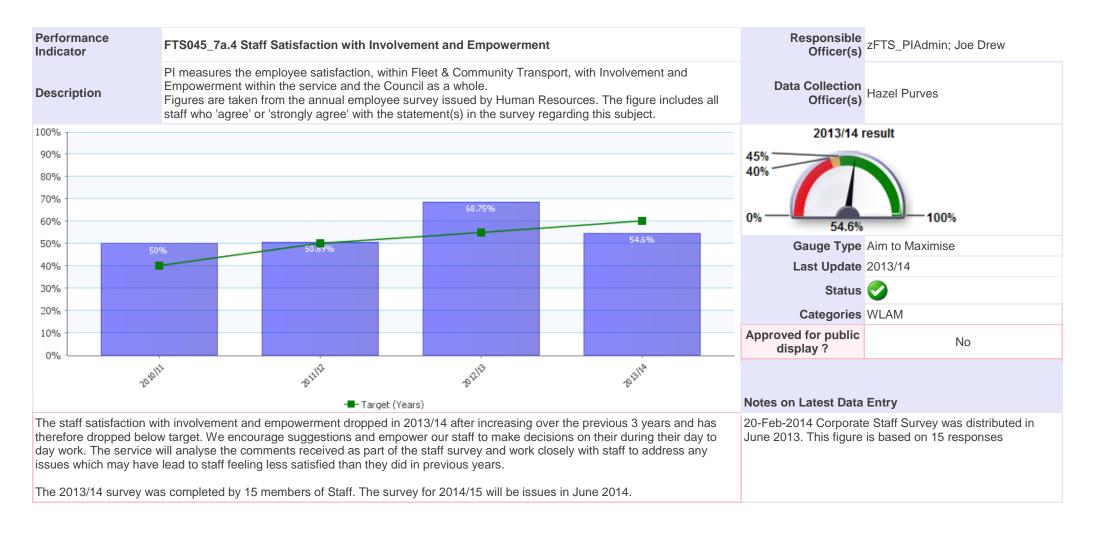
We work closely with our customers on a daily basis to ensure that any issues which arise are dealt with as soon as possible. The importance we place on the service can be seen by our performance indicator "Percentage of daily Community Transport bus runs completed as daily scheduled by social policy".

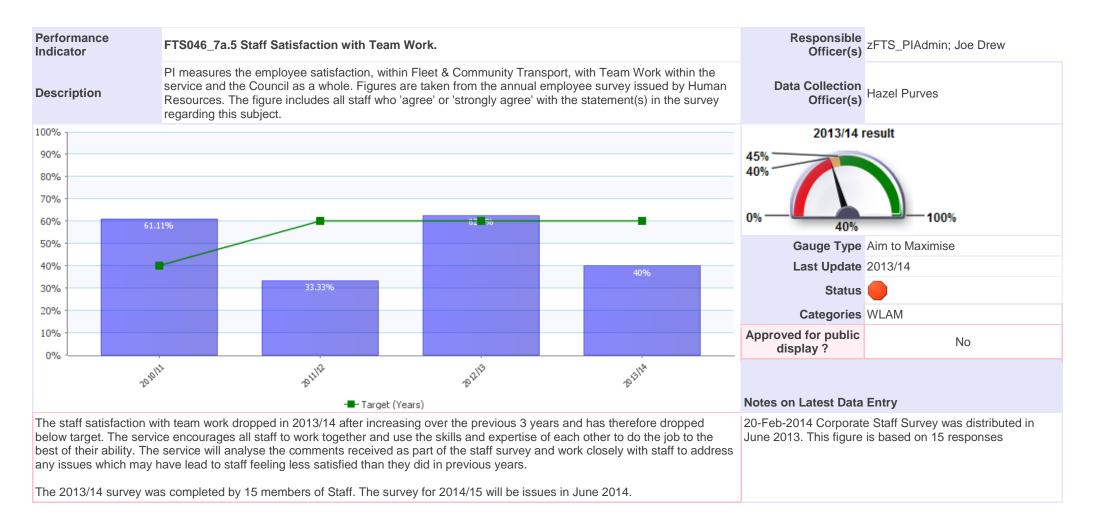
As part of our ongoing improvement programme the customer survey will be reviewed annually to ensure it remains relevant and meaningful to customers and the service.

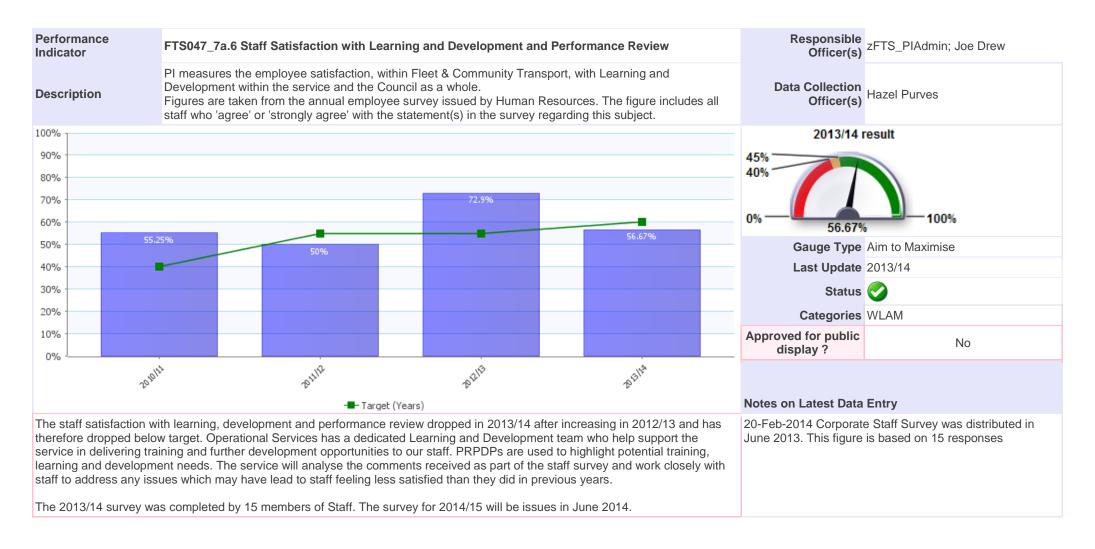


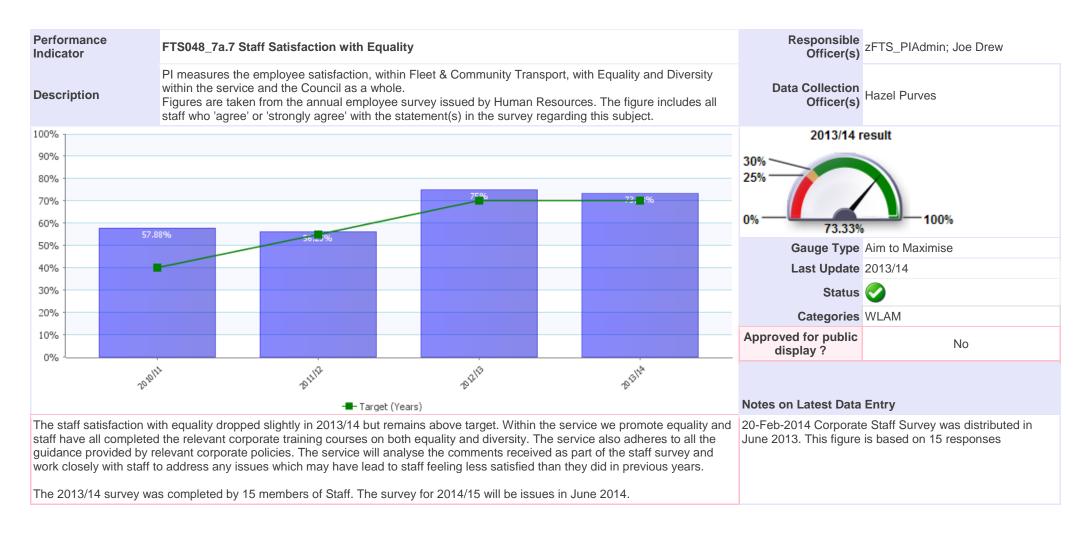














PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

HOUSING OPERATIONS - PERFORMANCE REPORT

REPORT BY HEAD OF HOUSING CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide the Performance Committee with an overview of Housing Operations and details of the performance on the service.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Performance Committee:

- 1. Considers the performance report for Housing Operations
- 2. Identifies any performance measures that they wish to explore further
- 3. Provides recommendations on performance improvement

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

I	Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs Being honest, open and accountable Providing equality of opportunities Making best use of our resources; working in partnership
II	Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	Housing (Scotland) Act 2001
		Housing (Scotland) Act 2010
III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV	Impact on performance and performance Indicators	Appendix 1 details the range of performance indicators and results currently used by Housing Operations
V	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	This report will have a positive impact on the following SOA indicators;
		SOA10 – We live in well designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the services we need
		SOA11 – We have strong resilient and supportive communities, where people take responsibility for their actions and how they affect others
VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	None.
VII	Consideration at PDSP	None

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None

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D1. Service Overview

Housing Operations sits within the portfolio of Housing Construction and Building Services and is supported by Housing Strategy & Development and the Performance & Change teams who are both included in this WLAM unit. The unit ensures that the council housing stock is managed effectively and efficiently.

This is achieved by the delivery of a decentralised housing service from six local housing office and council officers in the Community Safety Unit. The Housing Strategy & Development team undertakes strategic planning and development for housing in West Lothian. The Performance & Change team provides support to the service with a number of small specialist teams to ensure that the service and the council's strategic objectives are achieved.

D2. Performance Measurement

Housing Operations measure a significant amount of performance indicators in line with the council's performance management framework using the Covalent system. The performance report appended includes some of these indicators, using current, past and benchmarking performance. Housing Operations reports quarterly to the Services to the Community Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel and also a selection of these indicators are reported on a regular basis to the Tenants Panel.

D3. WLAM Performance

Housing Operations achieved a score of 449 in the WLAM assessment that was carried out in March 2014. The score is made of as follows: -

Leadership	60
Service Planning	68
People Resource	59
Partners & Other Resources	54
Service Processes	58
Customer Results	58
Peoples Results	23
Community Results	20
Key Performance Results	60

E. CONCLUSION

The Performance Committee are invited to Panel members are asked to note that Housing, Construction and Building Services are committed to the continual improvement of Tenant Participation within West Lothian. We continue to work in partnership with tenants and service users to develop services that meet their needs and expectations.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None

Appendices/Attachments: 2

Appendix 1 Housing Operations – Review Report

Appendix 2 Performance Information

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Head of Housing, Construction and Building Services

Date of meeting: 28 April 2014

Appendix 1



HOUSING OPERATIONS

PERFORMANCE REVIEW PANEL APRIL 2014

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CUSTOMER SERVICES MANAGER
PERFORMANCE & CHANGE MANAGER
HOUSING STRATEGY & DEVELOPMENT



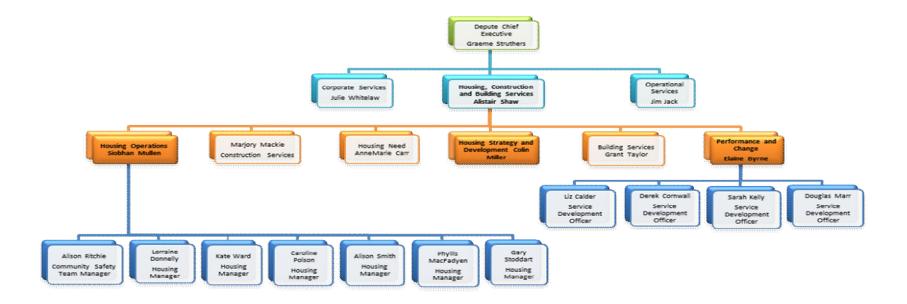
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Appendix 1 - Performance

Housing Operations Structure Plan 2014



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2 Introduction

Housing Operations sits within the portfolio of Housing Construction and Building Services and it is our aim to be the most dynamic and customer focused social housing provider in the United Kingdom.

Housing Operations activity is supported by Housing Strategy & Development and Performance & Change teams who are both included in this WLAM unit. The unit ensures that the council housing stock is managed effectively and efficiently.

The make up of staff under this WLAM unit is the 6 local housing office and council officers in the Community Safety Unit. The Housing Strategy & Development team undertakes strategic planning and development for housing in West Lothian. The Performance & Change team provides support to the service with a number of small specialist teams to ensure that the service and the council's strategic objectives are achieved.

3 Context

3.1. Critical Success Factors

Housing Operations has identified six critical success factors. These are

- Fulfil our commitments to our customers and meet their needs and expectations
- Engage with and involve customers and stakeholders
- Nurture and involve a capable and valued workforce
- Meet the requirements of the law, regulatory bodies and standard setting agencies
- Manage our housing stock and finances efficiently and effectively
- Play a vital role in the design, development and maintenance of the council's property assets

3.2. Key Customers of Housing Operations

- West Lothian council tenants and their families
- Applicants for housing
- People requiring housing information and advice
- Residents of West Lothian requiring housing support
- Residents of West Lothian experiencing antisocial behaviour
- External organisations and agencies
- Other council services
- People who use council facilities including schools, community buildings and open spaces

3.3. Challenges

The main challenges facing Housing Operations in 2014/15 are set out below

■ Rent Arrears – assess the impact of Welfare Reform has on our customers

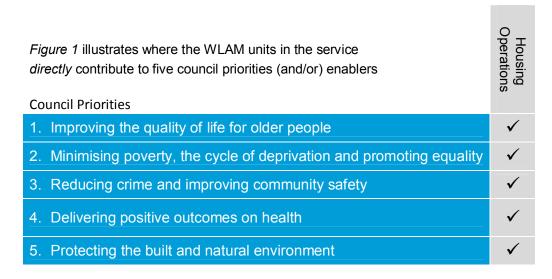
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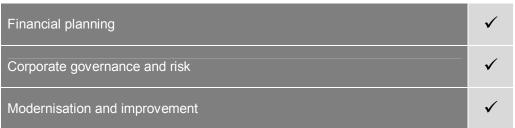
- New Build and Capital Programme and the successful delivery of the Capital Programme
- Housing Asset Management to review the capital programme planning process and asset management information
- Community Safety working with community safety partners
- Employability to enhance the number and range of employability schemes being offered by the service
- Scottish Social Housing Charter to ensure the service is prepared to meet the requirements of the Charter
- To systematically review complaints and ensure lessons are learned
- Redesigning services and processes work with corporate partners to deliver a programme of activities to support Delivering Better Outcomes projects

3.4. Outcomes, Priorities and Activities

The council has set eight priorities in the current Corporate Plan (2013/17) in consultation with the local community, partners, stakeholders and our staff. These priorities, along with the three enablers themes, represent all the vital activities that the council will undertake in order to achieve better outcomes for West Lothian.



Enablers



3.5. Corporate Strategy

The council has corporate strategies that set out what we want to achieve for a particular priority, outcome or targeted group within a corporate planning period (4 years).

Housing Operations has responsibility for the development and implementation of the following corporate strategies:

Corporate Strategy	Strategy Outcomes	Start	End	Review Date
Community Safety Strategic Assessment	 The community and social harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse is reduced. Casualty rates from fires and road traffic collisions are reduced. Antisocial behaviour and hate crime is reduced. Vulnerable groups are protected Violence within our communities is not tolerated. The impact of Serious and Organised Crime is reduced. 	2012	2015	2014
Local Housing Strategy	 People can find a suitable place to live and have quality housing options available to them Homelessness is prevented People can access the appropriate range of care and support services enabling them to live independently in their own homes where they choose to do so. Our communities are attractive, safe places to live and work. House condition is improved across all tenures. People live in energy efficient housing. People facing fuel poverty can access the help and support they need. Improve sustainability of existing housing. 	2012	2017	2014

4 Service Activity

4.1. Purpose

Housing Operations Purpose

Housing Operations manages the council's housing stock and tenancies to ensure that this resource is used efficiently and effectively. The aim is to improve the quality of life for tenants, assist individual households and plays an important role in promoting sustainable

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communities. At December 2013 there were 9,438 applicants on the housing register and our stock was just over 13,300 properties.

The Neighbourhood Response Team is part of the Community Safety Unit, dedicated to preventing antisocial behaviour and crime and reducing risks. The Community Safety Unit (CSU) is made up of staff from the council, Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. The CSU uses an intelligence-led approach to co-ordinate resources through prevention, intervention and diversion, work to assess and manage potential risk.

Housing Strategy Purpose

The Housing Strategy and Development team undertakes the strategic planning and development for housing in West Lothian. The team promote the development of new affordable housing and the improvement of the condition of existing housing.

Performance and Change Purpose

Housing, Construction and Building Services main activity areas are supported by a number of small specialist teams to ensure that the outcomes and targets outlined in the Management Plan and the council's strategic objectives are achieved. Support is provided to the whole service in the following areas; Quality Development, Assessment and Review and Organisational Development.

4.2. Activities

The main activities of Housing Operations in 2014/15 will be:

Housing Operation:

- Maximising housing rental income, including arrears management and benefit take up
- Void management and lettings of council properties
- Sustaining tenancies and communities by working in partnership through a multi agency approach
- Reducing antisocial behaviour in conjunction with other partners
- Encouraging and promoting tenant participation
- Encouraging customer feedback and resolving complaints

Housing Strategy & Development:

- Planning and implementing the council house new build programme
- Co-ordinating the Registered Social Landlord affordable housing new build programme
- Co-ordinating and implementing the housing capital programme
- Implementing and reviewing the Local Housing Strategy (2012 to 2017)
- Ensuring compliance with the Scottish Housing Quality Standard for all council houses by April 2015

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 Administering Private Sector Improvement and Repair Grants Development and maintenance of the Housing Asset Register

Performance and Change:

- Quality development, including service development, tenant participation, systems administration, managing complaints
- Organisational development
- Assessment and Review, including facilitating the redesign and integration of services and efficient process management.
- Implementing corporate strategies, including the Improvement Strategy, the Customer Service Strategy and the People Strategy
- Responding to the strategic and operational needs of other service areas

4.3. Actions

Actions – Housing Operations						
Current Actions	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status (Planned, Active, Complete)
Rent Arrears	Rent arrears reduction campaign	To reduce the overall rent arrears debt	Siobhan Mullen	01/04/2014	31/03/2015	Planned
Community Safety	Working with community safety partners	Reducing crime and making our communities safer. Ensuring that we meet the councils strategic assessment outcomes	Siobhan Mullen	01/04/2014	31/03/2015	Planned
Anti-poverty Strategy	Review policies and procedures in response to Welfare Reform paying particular focus on the impact of Universal Credit and budgeting skills	To minimise the impact of Welfare Reform on our customers and improve customer engagement	Siobhan Mullen	01/04/2013	31/03/2015	Active
Scottish Social Housing Charter	To develop performance management in conjunction with our tenants to meet the requirements of the Charter	To ensure the service is ready for the Annual Return on the Charter (ARC) by April 2014	Siobhan Mullen	01/04/2013	31/03/2015	Active

Actions – Housing Strategy and Development						
Current Actions	Description/Outcome	Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status (Planned, Active, Complete)
Delivery of New Council House Build and Capital Programme	To develop project plans, planning guidelines and tender documentation in line with current building standards	To commence work on a further 1,000 council houses for rent by 2017	Colin Miller	01/04/2014	01/05/2017	Planned
Develop Capital Programme Planning and Asset Management	Continue to develop the capital programme planning process	To take a holistic approach to regeneration by working in partnership with other services and to improve project planning, deliverability, management information and customer engagement and satisfaction	Colin Miller	01/04/2014	31/03/2015	Planned

Actions - Performance and Change						
Current Actions	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status (Planned, Active, Complete)
Employability	To enhance the number and range of employability schemes being offered by the service	To improve job opportunities, especially for young people	Elaine Byrne	01/04/2014	31/03/2015	Planned
Communication and customer service	To adopt a programme of activities to promote channel shift	To reduce the number of unnecessary customer engagements	Elaine Byrne	01/04/2014	31/03/2015	Planned
Current Actions	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status
Customer Care	To provide staff training on customer care and review customer service commitments in conjunction with our tenants	To improve our customers' experiences of service delivery, reduce complaints and improve complaints handling.	Elaine Byrne	01/04/2014	31/03/2016	Planned
Integrated IT System – Phase 2	Successfully develop and implement Phase 2 of the project.	Develop online forms to facilitate and promote self-service by customers. Develop work plan to streamline processes	Elaine Byrne	01/04/2014	31/03/2016	Planned
Housing Revenue Account Efficiency Strategy	Strategy and action plan to develop efficiencies within the HRA.	Modernisation of HRA funded activities to align to the DBO	Elaine Byrne	01/06/2014	31/03/2017	Planned

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Appendix 2- Housing Operations Performance Review Panel



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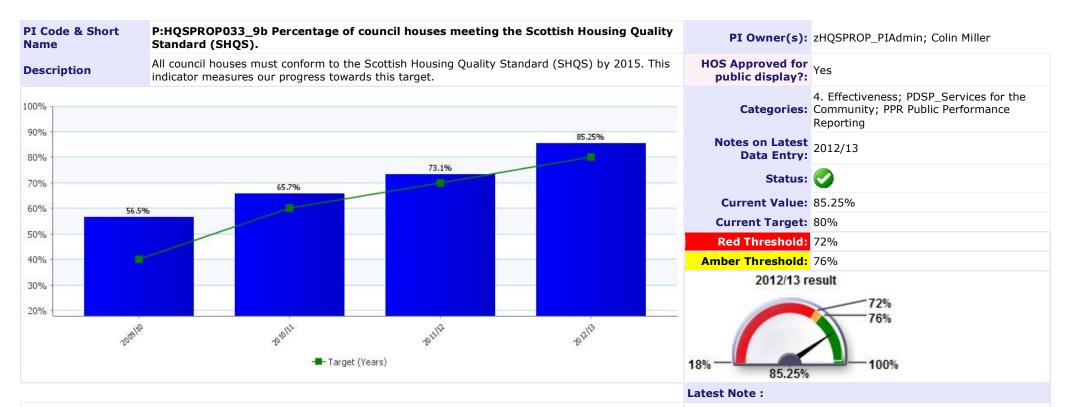
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The number of new build completions by registered social landlords is largely dependent on government subsidy and this can vary depending on Scottish Government spending priorities and as a result the performance in this area will fluctuate each year. Due to reductions in the overall housing budget significantly less subsidy funding has been available since 2010/11. This funding now covers the council house new build programme as well.

18-Apr-2013 Fewer completions than anticipated because of delays with some sites.



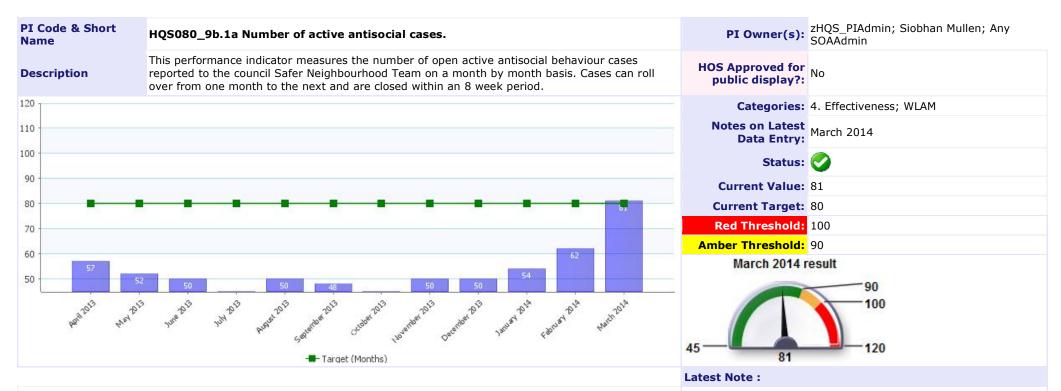
The service is well on the way to achieving the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) by the target date of 2015 with 85.25% of our council houses meeting the standard at 31st March 2013. West Lothian Council's housing stock was surveyed and deemed to be of above average quality. Major elements were mostly of an acceptable condition but some areas, such as external lights to doors and insulation, required work. The surveys also highlighted that, over time, the need for investment in roofs and roughcast would increase.

To support the work required to conform to the standard we have an approved Housing Capital Programme which covers all the required elements. We are investing heavily in the repair and replacement of roofs and roughcast and continue to fit large numbers of external lights and handrails. Over the last seven years we have insulated all the houses that do not have the required level of insulation and we are carrying out insulation replacement works where insulation has degraded, been damaged or has settled.

In 2012/13 we were ranked 8 of 26 Scottish Local Authorities who have a council house service an improvement of three places from the previous year. The Scottish average was 76.6%.

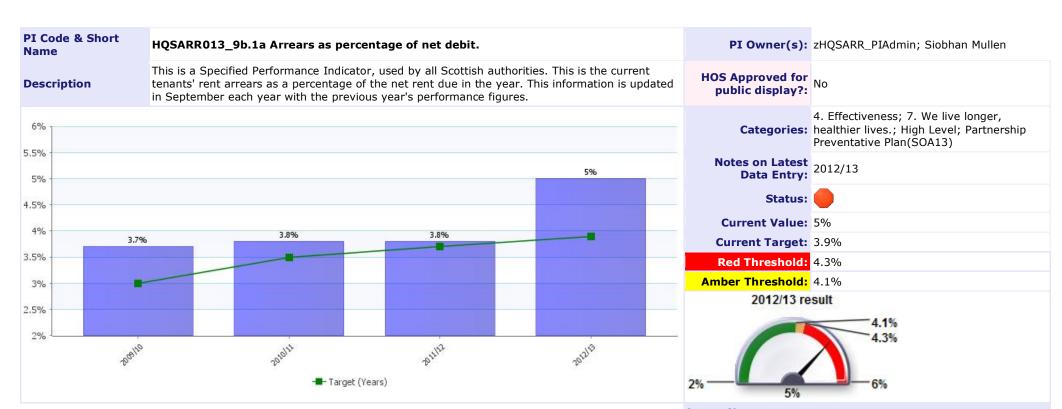
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01-Sep-2013 As at 31 March 2013 we were eight years into our 10 year plan to meet the Scottish Housing Quality Standard and therefore our internal target was 80%. We have exceeded our targets and continue to make good progress to ensure all our council houses meet the SHQS by the required date of 2015. The remaining issues to be addressed under the SHQS are dominated by improving energy efficiency and surveys and resultant work are ongoing.



There were 81 recorded cases of active antisocial behaviour for the month of March 2014. Despite an increase in 19 cases compared to 62 in the month of February, and a slow increase since October 2013, we can now detect a continuing trend of significantly lower numbers of cases compared to over 2 years ago which is likely to be a reflection of our ongoing focus on early intervention and prevention through the community safety partnership. There is also a focus on reaching a behaviour for the month of March 2014. Despite an increase in 19 satisfactory conclusion in cases with an aim of closing them within an 8 week timescale. It is not possible to know how many cases there have been over the year as the data is collated on a month by month basis and some cases roll on from month to month. The cases are indistinguishable and we are unable to separate continuing cases with new ones. However, the continued level of monthly cases can be attributed to the partnership working and early intervention by WLC officers and other community safety partners, including Police SNT officers and local community officers, Environmental Health officers, SFRS and others. Continual monitoring of resources that are targeted correctly and expediently using partnership intelligence, ensures that ASB issues are on the whole quelled at source and do not have the opportunity to grow, ensuring that harmony and good neighbourliness is maintained where possible. Only where disputes cannot be quelled immediately do cases require to be opened for a more detailed partnership intervention.

15-Apr-2014 There were 81 recorded cases of active antisocial cases compared to 62 in the month of February, and a slow increase since October 2013, we can now detect a continuing trend of significantly lower numbers of cases compared to over 2 years ago which is likely to be a reflection of our ongoing focus on early intervention and prevention through the community safety partnership.

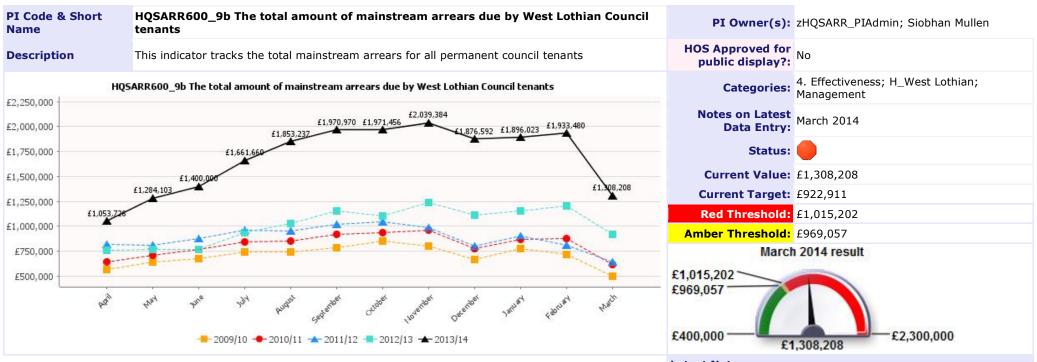


This is an annual indicator and the final figure for 2012/13 was 5%. This is reflective of the current economic downturn and the hardship our tenants are experiencing due to reduced income levels. Our approach to income management has always been early and effective intervention which has been reinforced this year with the introduction of Pre-action Requirements (PAR's). In addition, there is a significant amount of work being carried out to deal with the implication of Welfare Reform and staff across HCBS, Advice Shop and Revenues continue to work closely with tenants to resolve arrears issues at an early stage and ensure maximum take up of welfare benefits.

While there has been an increase in our rent arrears levels in recent years it is worth noting that we still compare favourably with other local authorities. In 2012/13, West Lothian Council was ranked 8th out of 32 Scottish Local Authorities for this indicator.

Latest Note:

02-Aug-2013 This is an annual indicator. The final figure for 2012/13 was 5% which exceeds our target. It is reflective of the current economic downturn and the hardship our tenants are experiencing due to reduced income levels. Our approach to arrears management has for many years has always focused on early intervention, so there has always been a significant amount of work carried out by HCBS, Advice Shop, Revenues, Social Policy and Finance Management Unit. This focus will continue during 2013 to anticipate legislative changes introduced by the Scottish Government and to prepare us for the impact of the Welfare Reform. While there has been an increase in our rent arrears levels in recent years it is worth noting that we still compare favourably with other local authorities.

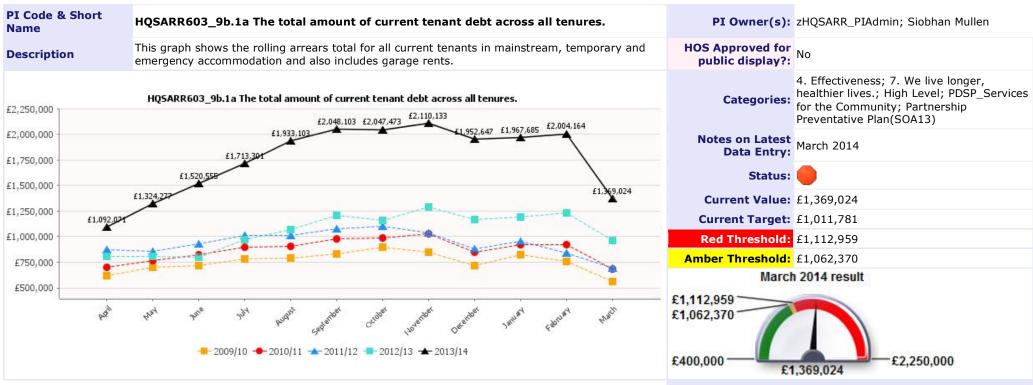


<u>Trend Chart Commentary</u>

The level of rent arrears varies considerably through the year, but follows a similar pattern from one year to the next. Arrears generally increase over the summer holiday months, and after Christmas and decrease during the free week rental periods in December and March. The target is set to vary throughout the year to reflect our understanding of the trend pattern. The percentage of tenants in serious arrears has increased which is reflective of the current economic downturn and the hardship our tenants are experiencing due to reduced income levels. Our focus is to sustain people in their homes by ensuring support and assistance is provided and where possible income is maximised through welfare advice. The service has a robust arrears process and this is why, despite our increase in arrears levels, we still compare favourably nationally. Audit Scotland's 2012/13 performance report indicated we were 8th out of 32 Scottish Local Authorities for this indicator.

Latest Note:

15-Apr-2014 There has been a decrease in the level of mainstream arrears from February to March, which is to be welcomed. From a high of £2.2m and 7,300 rent arrears cases in December 2013 we have achieved an interim year end arrears value of £1.3m and 3,948 tenants in rent arrears. The number of tenants in arrears has only increased by 95 from the previous final year-end total. Arrears Monitoring has continued to be the main focus for staff and contact is being made to all tenants who have an arrears balance. Staff are monitoring arrangements and contacting tenants who have either missed or reminding them their payment / arrangement is due. Every opportunity in making referrals to the appropriate agency to suit the tenants needs including referral to the Corporate Debt Team and the Advice Shop. Housing teams continue to work closely with Revenues for Housing Benefit applications and awards of DHP.



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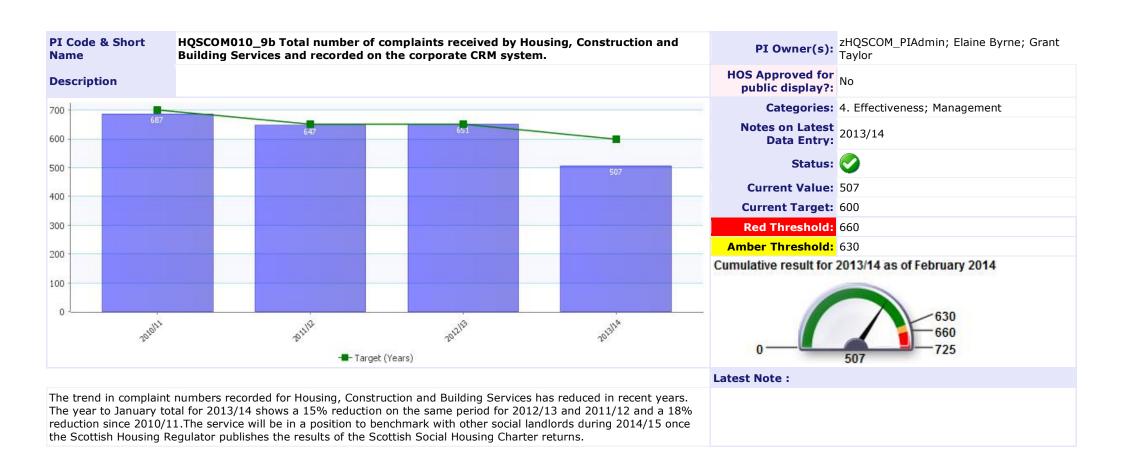
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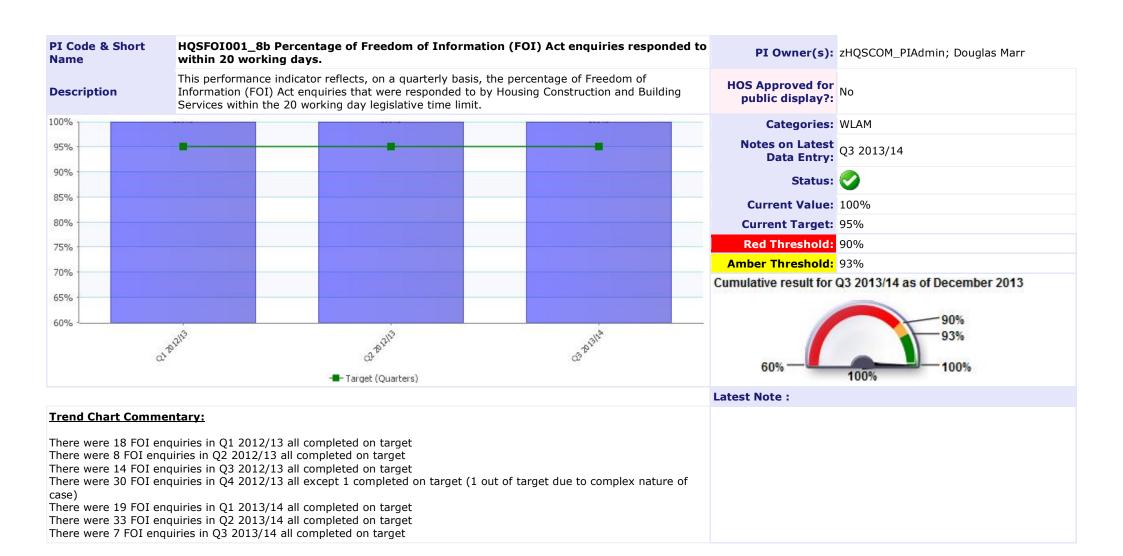
15-Apr-2014 West Lothian Council has always being considered as a top performer in Scotland for rent arrears collection. During 2013-2014 we were, along with all other social landlords faced with unprecedented levels of rent arrears. The Rent Arrears Monitoring task force group are continuing with weekly monitoring and reporting of cases. Staff are working with staff from Revenues, the Advice Shop and Customer Services to try and engage with our Tenants. Every effort is being made to ensure that tenants receive all the necessary advice and assistance, maximising benefit take up and assistance to complete DHP applications with the aim to prevent homelessness and ensure the sustainment of their tenancies.



stage once arrears are identified, provide advice and support and deal with problems in a sympathetic manner.

sequestrated during this financial year and we need to carry out further analysis of tenants who fall into these categories for the year ahead.



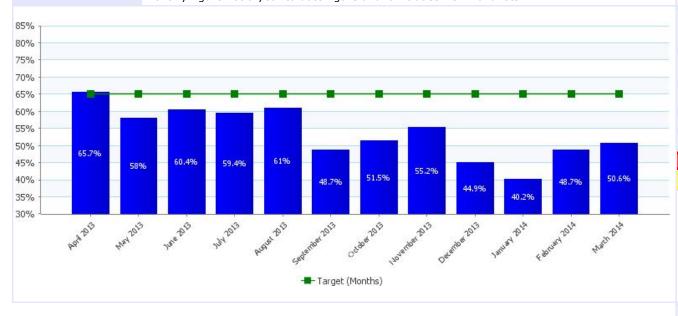


PI Code & Short Name

Description

P:HOSLETS004 9b Percentage of mainstream vacant properties (i.e. the empty houses let for permanent housing, including New Build) let in 0-2 weeks.

This indicator records our mainstream empty houses that are empty homes for permanent let and how quickly we re-let them. We aim to have the majority of our properties re-let within 0-2 weeks. The information is taken from the council's housing management system. This is a monthly figure not a year to date figure and it includes New Build lets.



PI Owner(s): zHQSLETS PIAdmin; Siobhan Mullen

HOS Approved for public display?: Yes

4. Effectiveness; PDSP Services for the Categories: Community; PPR Public Performance Reporting

Notes on Latest March 2014 **Data Entry:**

Status:

Current Value: 50.6%

Current Target: 65%

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Amber Threshold: 63%

March 2014 result

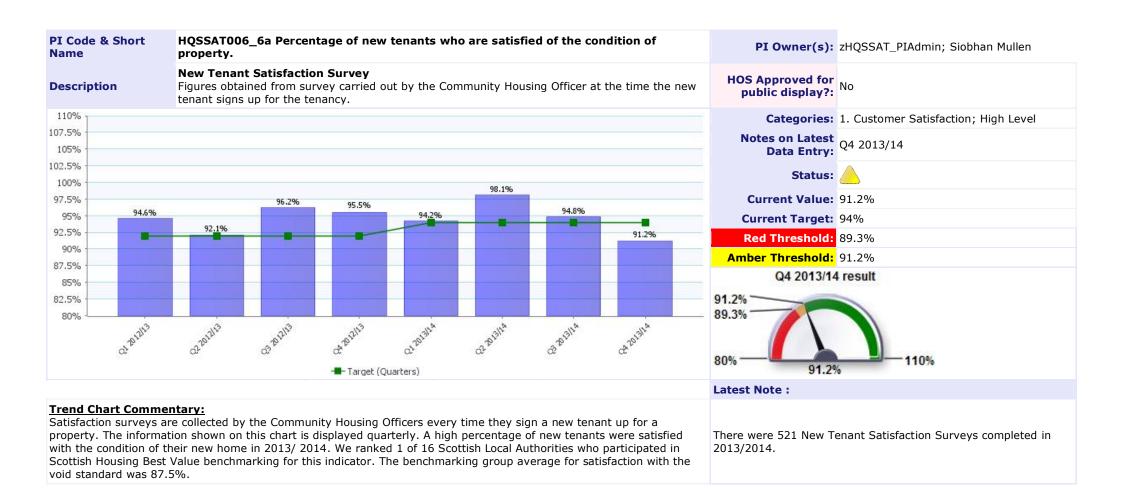


Trend Chart Commentary:

Whilst in recent years we have been Scotland's top ranking authority when it comes to re-letting our houses, our performance in this area has gradually changed and we are taking longer to re-let our mainstream housing. There are a number of reasons causing this, one being the additional electrical and asbestos safety checks required for empty houses which has had an impact on our performance in this area. Improving health and safety standards before the next tenant moves in has added value for the customer but has increased the volume of work required before letting. This is a monthly indicator and the increase in the number of secondary lets as a result of the new build programme have had an impact on our re-let times. The Housing teams increased focus on Income Management is having an impact on this figure since September. In 2012/13, we were ranked 1st of 26 Scottish Local Authorities who have a council house service.

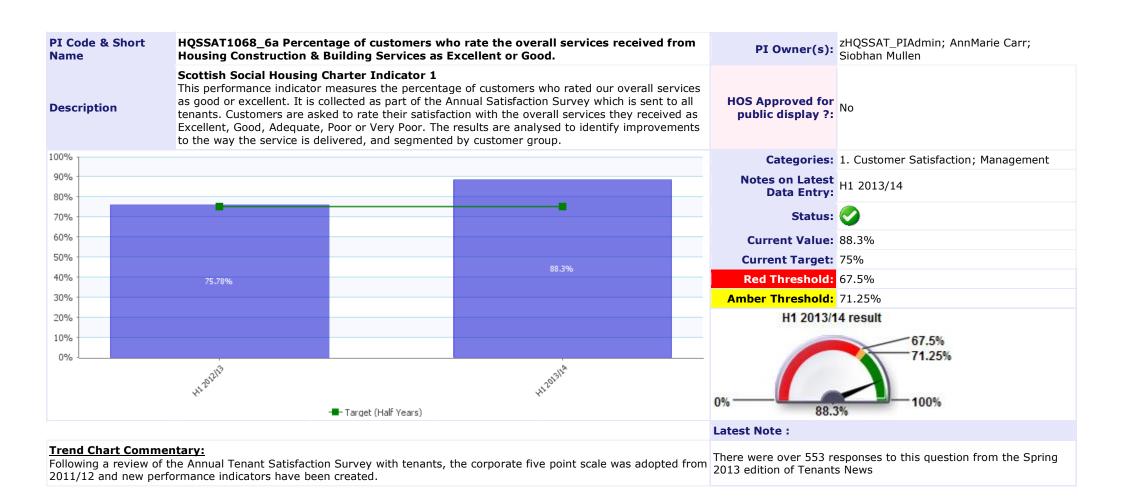
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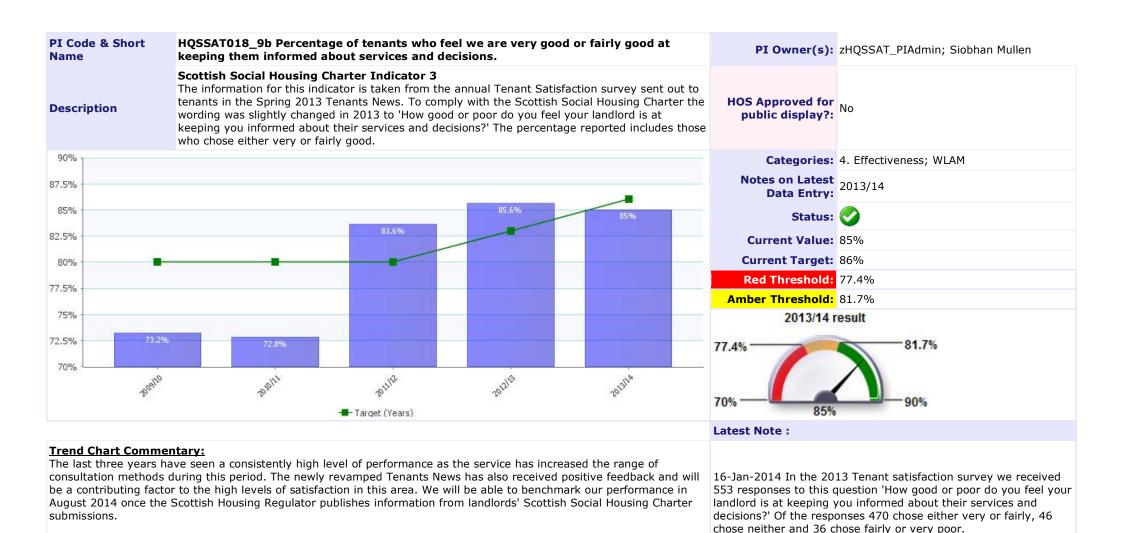
13-Apr-2014 There were 77 properties let in March and 39 or 51% of the properties were let in 0-2 weeks. The year to date performance of all mainstream properties let in this category is at 55%. There were 21 properties let in Whitburn, 15 properties let in Briech Valley and 11 properties let in Armadale. The Housing teams increased focus on Income Management is having an impact on this figure, but we have ensured that there is no delay in letting temporary tenancies.



HQSSAT016_6a Percentage of tenants who agree Tenants News keeps them informed about housing services PI Code & Short The information for this indicator is taken from the annual Tenant Satisfaction survey sent out to PI Owner(s): zHQSSAT PIAdmin; Siobhan Mullen Name tenants in the Spring 2013 Tenants News. In 2011 the wording of the question changed from 'Are you kept informed about housing services?' to 'Would you agree Tenants News keeps you informed about housing services? **HOS Approved for public display?:** No **Description** 100% Categories: 1. Customer Satisfaction; WLAM Notes on Latest Data Entry: 2012/13 95% 90% Status: 🕢 85% **Current Value: 94.8% Current Target: 92%** Red Threshold: 82.8% 75% **Amber Threshold:** 87.4% 70% 2012/13 result 82.8% 87.4% 60% Target (Years) **Latest Note: Trend Chart Commentary:** Following a dip in the percentage of tenants who feel well informed about the housing service, the Tenants' Editorial panel was re-launched early in 2011, and tenants received training from Adult Basic Education regarding plain language, In the 2013 Tenants Satisfaction Survey we received 553 colours and layouts. The wording of this question was also revised by tenant representatives to make it easier for tenants responses to this question to understand what they were being asked. Both of these improvements have led to a slight increase in performance in

this area since 2011/12.





area.

The target set for 2013/14 was a slight increase on 2012/13 performance as we wish to continuously improve in this

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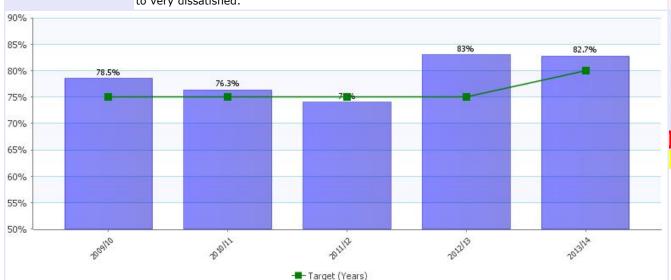
HQSSAT036_6a Percentage of tenants who are satisfied with the quality of their home.

PI Owner(s): zHQSSAT_PIAdmin; Siobhan Mullen

Description

Scottish Social Housing Charter Indicator 10

The information for this indicator is taken from the annual Tenant Satisfaction survey sent out to tenants in the Spring 2013 Tenants News. Tenants are asked 'Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the quality of your home?' and can select from a five point scale from very satisfied to very dissatisfied.



HOS Approved for public display?:

Categories: 1. Customer Satisfaction; Management

Notes on Latest Data Entry: 2013/14

Status: 🚫

Current Value: 82.7%

Current Target: 80%

Red Threshold: 70%

Amber Threshold: 74%

Latest Note:

2013/14 result

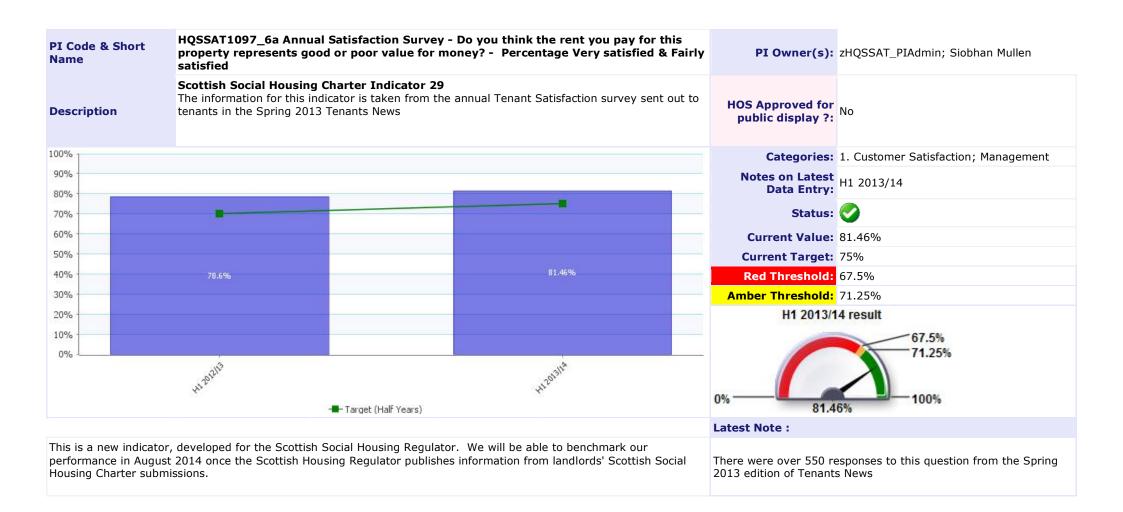


Trend Chart Commentary:

There has been an improvement in the percentage of tenants who are satisfied with the quality of their home in the last two years from the feedback from the annual survey. The survey is sent to all tenants with Tenants News. In the latest survey 552 responses were received for the question, "Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the quality of your home". The increase in the last two years can be attributed to the council's extensive refurbishment programme. From 2014/15 we will be able to benchmark with other social landlords once the Scottish Housing Regulator reports on the Scottish Housing Charter results.

04-Mar-2014 Of the 552 respondents to the Tenants Survey in 2013, 457 (82.7%) were very or fairly satisfied with the quality of their home. 29 were very dissatisfied, 28 fairly dissatisfied and 38 were neither. This is a similar outcome from the previous year and

show higher levels of satisfaction in the last two years which can be linked to our significant refurbishment programme.







There has been an improvement in the percentage of tenants who feel safe in their neighbourhood reported over the last 6 years. The survey was carried out as part of the annual Tenants Satisfaction survey which was sent to all council tenants in the Spring edition of the Tenants News (April 2013) and there were 550 responses. Of these responses, 468 were positive where tenants reported that they were safe in their neighbourhood and 82 tenants responded that they were not safe in their neighbourhoods. This information confirms the responses that we are reporting from the Community Safety Unit which has seen significant reductions in incidents from youth calls, vandalism, fire-raising and other crimes.

03-Mar-2014 The information for this indicator comes from our Tenant Satisfaction survey and the 2013/ 14 results show an improvement from the previous year. This is excellent results that have been reported from the Community Safety Unit which has resulted in significant reductions in incidents from youth calls, vandalism, fire raising and other crimes.

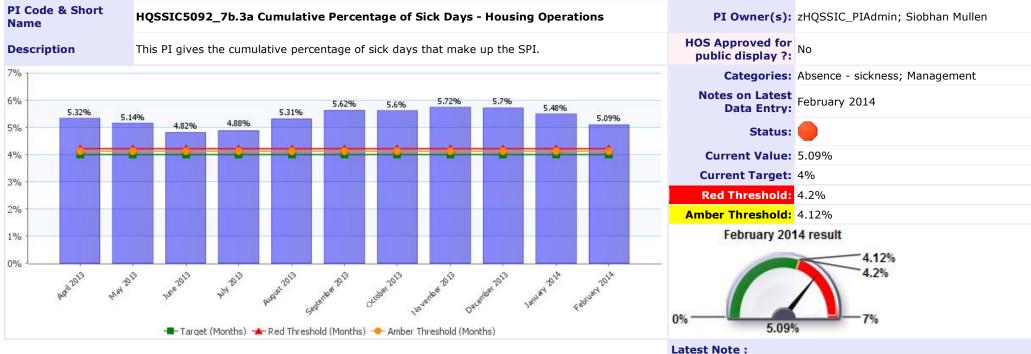


There has been significant improvement in sickness absence levels within the service over the last few years due to more rigorous monitoring arrangements. Also in May 2010 a revised sickness absence policy was introduced corporately and this resulted in a stepped improvement in 2010/11. Additional disregards were introduced in 2011/12 and 2012/13 and these have been a contributing factor to the slight increase in these years.

In 2012/13 we ranked 11 of 23 Scottish Local Authorities participating in the Scottish Housing Best Value Network benchmarking for this indicator and below the average overall.

25-Apr-2013 The final sickness rate for the year was above the service and corporate target. This can be attributed to the changes to the sickness absence policy which has allowed additional disregards and also as a result of a small number of

additional disregards and also as a result of a small number of long term sickness absences cases. While an increase in 2012/13, it is worth noting that it is the third lowest rate for the last six years.



The cumulative sickness absence level for Housing Operations is above the service target since April 2013. This is as a result of a number of long term absences, two officers from Housing Operations and one officer from the CSU. There have been a number of short term absences across the services and all these absences are being monitored and managed by the respective managers and the Sickness Absence Policy.

17-Mar-2014 The cumulative sickness absence levels for Housing Operations is above the service target but has improved from the previous month. This is as a result of a number of long term absences from Housing Operations and one officer from the CSU. There have been a number of short term absences across the services and all these absences are being monitored and managed by the respective managers in line with the council's Sickness Absence Policy.

