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Performance Committee

West Lothian Civic Centre Howden South Road LIVINGSTON EH54 6FF

18 November 2014

A meeting of the **Performance Committee** of West Lothian Council will be held within the **Council Chambers, West Lothian Civic Centre, Livingston** on **Monday 24 November 2014** at **2:00pm**.

For Chief Executive

BUSINESS

- 1. Apologies for Absence
- 2. Order of Business, including notice of urgent business
- 3. 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.

Public Session

- 4. Confirm Minute of Meeting of Performance Committee held on Friday 03 October 2014 (herewith).
- 5. Road and Transportation Performance Report by Head of Operational Services (herewith).
- 6. HR Services Performance Report by Head of Corporate Services (herewith).

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<u>Present</u> – Councillors Stuart Borrowman (Chair), Tony Boyle, Carl John, John McGinty, Diane Calder substituting for Greg McCarra

Apologies – Councillor Greg McCarra

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

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. <u>MINUTES</u>

The committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 18 August 2014. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3. <u>COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES</u>

The committee considered a presentation and report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy providing an overview of the performance of Community Care Services in West Lothian.

The Head of Social Policy advised that Community Care comprised a wide range of services provided to adults with care needs. Service included Care at Home, Care Homes, Occupational Therapy, Sheltered Housing and Hosing with Care, Support for People with Learning and Physical Disabilities and Support for People with Mental Health Problems.

The main aim of the service was to promote, enable and sustain independence and social inclusion for service users and carers. The service was segmented by key user groups as follows :-

- Older People;
- Physical Disability
- Learning Disability
- Mental Health

Community Care had a proud history of being recognised as a leader in Scotland in terms of achieving better outcomes for service users. Of particular note, the service was recognised for developing innovative new models of care and for performance in key national indicators, such as delayed discharge. Recent achievements of the team included :-

♦ COSLA Gold Award (2013) winner – Securing a Workforce for the

Future; and

Celebrating Success (2013) winner – Team of the Year

At the WLAM Review Panel in 2012 the Panel recommended that the service improve the scope and relevance of indictors and provide more robust benchmarking information. Since this time the service approach to performance management had matured and the service was able to present a better spread of high level indicators across the major domains at the Review Panel in 2014. As part of the review of the performance indicators, a number of poorly constructed customer results had been discontinued and new results for employee satisfaction and key activities had been added.

Overall feedback from the Review Panel in August 2014 was much more positive and recognised progress made to date. The service would therefore continue to refine its performance management approach and key areas recommended by the Panel for improvement included :-

- Building capacity across management tiers to ensure that the performance approach was sustainable;
- Continue to develop the scope of the service performance indicators; and
- Continue to develop the approach of benchmarking and use of comparative data.

Appendix 1 attached to report offered a representative sample of performance indicators covering key themes.

It was recommended that the Performance Committee :-

- 1. Note the performance report for Community Care Services;
- 2. Provide feedback and recommendations on the performance of Community Care Services; and
- 3. Identify any issues and recommendations for performance improvements.

There then followed a number of questions in relation to sickness absence and the challenges of caring for an ageing population. In response to these questions the committee was advised that sickness absence had been significantly reduced since the redesign of the service and that changes were being made to allow it to successfully cope with the future challenges of an ageing population requiring community care.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

4. COMPLAINT PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 1 2014-15

The committee were 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.

Contained within the report at Table 1 was information of complaints by category for Quarter 1 for the period 2010-11 to 2013-14. It was noted that of the 517 complaints for Quarter 1 2014-15, 306 of these were attributed to Housing, Construction and Building Services and Operational Services.

The Complaint Steering Board had identified four high level indicators that provided a summary of complaint handling performance. There were :-

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

Table 2 within the report provided a summary of service against these four indicators for Quarter 1 for 2013-14 and for Quarter 1 for 2014-15.

Attached to the report at Appendix 1 provided the council wide performance against the SPSO defined measures covering the period Quarter 1 April 2014 to June 2014.

The report concluded that the level of complaints received in Quarter 1 2014-15 had shown a slight increase when compared to the equivalent quarter in the previous year. Services would continue to monitor complaints on a regular basis and use this information to develop and improve service delivery.

It was recommended that the Performance Committee :-

- 1. Note the corporate and service complaint 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.

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PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

ROADS & TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE REPORT

REPORT BY HEAD OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES

A. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Performance Committee with an overview of the activities and performance of the Roads & Transportation Service.

B. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee notes the report and considers any performance measures that they wish to explore further.

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)	None
III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV	Impact on performance and performance Indicators	Appendix 2 details the range of performance indicators and results currently used to measure performance within the Roads and Transportation Service.

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V	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	Outcome 7 - We make the most efficient and effective use of our resources by minimising our impact on the built and natural environment					
VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	None					
VII	Consideration at PDSP	None					
VIII	Other consultations	Roads Asset Management & Performance Update (2014) Report considered by Environment PDSP 28 August 2014. WLAM Review Panel 2 nd December 2014					

D. TERMS OF REPORT

D1 Service Overview and Activities

Roads and Transportation Services provide an integrated service to construct, manage and maintain the road, footpath and transportation network in West Lothian in the safest way possible. The service manages and maintains over 1004 km of public roadway, 1281 km of public footway, 46,018 street lights, 4,338 traffic lights, over 2000 grit bins, 11,063 illuminated and non-illuminated signs and bollards, 526 bridges and other structures.

The service's main activities are:

- To promote and protect the council's interests nationally, regionally and locally on developing roads and transportation issues
- > To manage and maintain the roads and footpath network
- > To manage and maintain the traffic management network
- > To design and deliver new capital roads and transportation schemes
- > To provide a comprehensive winter maintenance service
- > To improve road safety through investigation, prevention, training and campaigning
- Flood Risk Management
- Emergency response to road traffic accidents, severe weather and street lighting incidents
- Road works and utilities co-ordination
- > To maintain and manage the street lighting network
- > To manage and maintain traffic signals on the road and footpath network
- Provide Christmas lighting
- Sign maintenance
- School Crossing Patrol Officers
- > To provide road advice associated with new planning applications

Appendix 1 provides more detail about the activities, structure and budget of the service as well as the consultation exercises carried out and the planned service improvements for the year 2014/15.

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<u>D2</u> Performance Management & Measurement

The service measure a suite of 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 performance measures for the service include a number of indicators which make up part of the Local Government Benchmarking Framework and the SCOTS Benchmarking Framework.

Appendix 2 shows a selection of these indicators in full detail, including current and past performance.

Roads statutory performance indicators are reported annually as part of the Local Government Benchmarking Framework; the percentage of the road network that should be considered for maintenance treatment. The results for 2013/14 are:

	West Lothian		National Average	Rank
	2011-13	2012-14	2012-14	
A Class Roads	18.8%	16.6%	28.7%	1
B Class Roads	28.2%	26.4%	35.2%	10
C Class Roads	39.0%	39.0%	36.6%	20
Unclassified	26.4%	24.9%	39.4%	2
Roads				
Overall	26.9%	25.4%	36.7%	3

The figures show that there continues to be a drop in the percentage of our roads requiring maintenance treatment. The condition of our roads is improving or is being maintained. We are also significantly better than the national average for all, but the C class roads. Our ranking has improved across all the road classes and overall we sit third amongst the Scottish local authorities, improving from fourth in 2011/13 and we have the best A Class roads.

E. CONCLUSION

The report and attached appendix summarise the work and the performance of the Roads and Transportation Service.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None

Appendices/Attachments:

Appendix 1: Roads and Transportation Services Performance Report.

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Appendix 2: Roads and Transportation Performance Indicators

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Jim Jack Head of Operational Services

Date: 24th November 2014

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ROADS & TRANSPORTATION

PERFORMANCE REPORT



Graeme Malcolm | November 2014

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1. Roads and Transportation Services

Manager:	Graeme Malcolm
Number of Staff (FTE):	225.1
Location:	Guildyhaugh Depot and Whitehill House, Bathgate

Purpose

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Activities

The service's main activities are:

- To promote and protect the council's interests nationally, regionally and locally on developing roads and transportation issues
- To manage and maintain the roads and footpath network
- To manage and maintain the traffic management network
- To design and deliver new capital roads and transportation schemes
- To provide a comprehensive Winter Maintenance Service
- To improve road safety through investigation, prevention, training and campaigning
- Flood Risk Management
- Emergency response to road traffic accidents, severe weather and street lighting incidents
- Road works and utilities co-ordination
- To maintain and manage the street lighting network
- To manage and maintain traffic signals on the road and footpath network
- Provide Christmas lighting
- Sign maintenance
- Street Name and numbering including installing new and maintaining existing name plates
- School Crossing Patrol Officers
- To provide road advice associated with new planning applications

Customers

The service's main customers include:

- Everyone who lives in, works in or travels through West Lothian
- All road and footpath users
- Other council services such as Construction Services, Housing, Education, Building Control and Planning Services

Partners

The Service's main partners Include:

- Transport Scotland
- Utility companies
- Other local authorities
- Fleet & Community Transport
- Traffic Signal Consortium

- Network Rail & Scotrail
- VOSA
- Scottish Ambulance Service

1. Service Structure

Roads & Transportation is one of 7 WLAM Units within Operational Services, under the Head of Service Jim Jack.



2. 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 Sci	hedule 2014/15			
Customer Group	Survey Method	Frequency	Responsible Officer	Feedback Method
West Lothian Citizens	Annual Survey distributed to 2,700 members of the citizens panel to evaluate the satisfaction with the service provided and highlight areas for service improvement	Annually (January 2015)	Graeme Malcolm	Citizens Panel Newsletter Results available on Council website Reported through the Public Performance Indicators (RTS050_6a.7)
Community Groups	Regular meetings held with local community groups e.g. Community Councils, to consult on any potential issues and how the service can assist in improving local communities. This consultation also forms part of the Winter Maintenance review	Ongoing	Various Officers	Via face to face meetings with members of each group
Local Business Groups	Regular meetings held with local business groups e.g. Town Centre Management groups, Traders' Associations etc on any potential issues and how the service can assist in improving business opportunities. This consultation also forms part of the Winter Maintenance review	Ongoing	Graeme Malcolm	Via face to face meetings with members of each group
Disabled Parking Customers	Annual paper based survey sent to all disabled parking bay holders and applicants to evaluate the standard of service provided and identify any potential issues with the service	Annual (February 2015)	Kevin Hamilton	Feedback provided on request and published on the council website

3. 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
Road and footpath Maintenance - structural and routine works	To manage and maintain the public road and footpath network	Protecting the built and natural environment	RTS305_9a.1a Total carriageway maintenance expenditure per Kilometre of carriageway	305_9a.1a Total WLAM 113.1 6,393,524 Igeway Ienance Inditure per Ietre of	£ 6,393,524	£ (2,493,724)	£ 3,899,800	
			RTS025_9b.2a. Percentage of the overall road network which should be considered for maintenance treatment (Target. 31.7%)	PUBLIC				
Flood Prevention	To reduce the risk of flooding to non- agricultural land	Protecting the built and natural environment	Indicators to be developed		3.7	535,513	(2,000)	533,513
Winter Maintenance	To manage and deliver the winter maintenance service for public roads and footpaths	he winter the built and natural environment environment	RTS306 9a.1a Total cost per Km of carriageway travelled for precautionary salting treatment	WLAM	28.0	2,428,915	0	2,428,915
			RTS006_6b.2. Percentage of occasions precautionary salting routes are completed before the formation of ice (Target. 100%)	HIGH LEVEL				

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
						£	£	£
Street lighting	Maintenance of street lighting	Protecting the built and natural environment	and Average running cost LEVEL (including electricity and	3,506,079	(5,000)	3,501,079		
			RTS013_9b. Average time in days to repair street lights (Target 7 days)	HIGH LEVEL				
Street lighting	Maintenance of traffic lights	Protecting the built and natural	Indicator to be developed		1.9	254,000	0	254,000
		environment	RTS001_9a. Average time in hours to repair Traffic Lights (Target 48 hours)	Public				
Street lighting	To maintain illuminated and non- illuminated signs/bollards and street nameplates.	Protecting the built and natural environment	RTS018_9a.1a. Average running cost (including electricity and maintenance) per lighting unit per year (£54.76)	erage running cost LEVEL cluding electricity and aintenance) per hting unit per year	361,569	2 361,569 0 361,5	361,569	
			RTS014_9b. Average time (days) to repair road signs (Target. 28 days)	HIGH LEVEL				

Activity Na	Activity Name and Description		Link to Performance Indicator Corporate and Target 2014/15 C Plan	PI Category	Staff Resource (FTE)	Revenue Expenditure Budget 2014/15	Revenue Income Budget 2014/15	Net Revenue Budget 2014/15
Street Crossing Patrols	To provide a crossing patrol officer (CPO) for all locations which meet guidelines	Protecting the built and natural environment	RTS011_9a.1a. Average cost per site, per annum, of providing the School Crossing Patrol service (Target £5740)	WLAM 25.8	£ 482,210	£ 0	£ 482,210	
			RTS012_9b. Percentage of school crossing patrols locations staffed (Target. 100%)	WLAM				
Transportation Policy	To promote and protect the council's interests nationally, regionally and locally on developing transportation issues. Supporting SEStran and FETA. Input to national, regional and local policies. Consultation responses. Securing partnership funding. Cycling promotion	Protecting the built and natural environment	No Indicators		1.2	51,659	0	51,659

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
Development Planning	Manage the council statutory function of issuing Road Construction Consents for new developments	Protecting the built and natural environment	RTS231_6b.3 Draft Road Construction Consents Completed within 12 weeks (Target 85%)	Draft WLAM 1.7 73,1 ction npleted	£ 73,184	£ (29,999)	£ 43,185	
	scheme. Road Construction Consents Complet	RTS232_6b.3 Final Road Construction Consents Completed within 4 weeks (Target 85%)	PUBLIC					
Development Planning	Inspecting prospectively adoptable roadworks being built by developers under a Road Construction Consent. Cost of inspections met through inspection charges.	Protecting the built and natural environment	Recovery of RCC Inspection Charges (To be developed)	WLAM	1.0	43,050	0	43,050
Development Planning	Providing statutory advice to Development Management on the Transportation impacts of new developments.	Protecting the built and natural environment	RTS230_6b.2 Percentage of responses to planning consultations within 3 weeks (Target 80%)	HIGH	1.8	77,489	0	77,489

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
Development Planning	Providing Transportation input and advice to Strategic Planning on Development Planning Briefs, the statutory Strategic Development Plan and Local Development Plans. Providing development related transport advice on pre application planning discussions with developers and Development Management.	Protecting the built and natural environment	No Indicator		0.7	£ 30,135	£ 0	£ 30,135
Structures - Highway Structures Management	To manage and maintain bridges and other highway structures in accordance with Best Practice adhering to guidance contained within the 'Management of Highway Structures - A Code of Practice' and to ensure that council bridges are 'safe for use' and 'fit for purpose'.	Protecting the built and natural environment	RTS202_9b Bridges - Percentage failing 40 tonnes (All bridges) (Target 4%) RTS205_9b Bridges - Percentage weight/width restricted (All bridges) (Target 2%)	WLAM	3.3	317,563	(100,000)	217,563

Activity Name and Description		Link to Corporate Plan	Performance Indicator and Target 2014/15	PI Category R	Staff Resource (FTE)	Revenue Expenditure Budget 2014/15	Revenue Income Budget 2014/15	Net Revenue Budget 2014/15
						£	£	£
Structures - Structural Advice	Provision of structural advice on the Council's building stock and check and approve building warrant submissions	Protecting the built and natural environment	No Indicator		1.2	115,478	0	115,478
Structures - Highway Structures Inspections	Assessment of the condition of highway structures through completion of	Protecting the built and natural environment	RTS207_6b. Percentage of principal inspections carried out (Target 100%)	HIGH	1.0	96,231	0	96,231
	General/Principal Inspections in accordance with Best Practice.	environment	RTS208_6b. Percentage of general inspections carried out (Target 100%)	HIGH				
Structures - Highway Structures Advice	Provision of structural advice on highway or flooding related matters. Technical approval of structural elements within proposed developments. Maintain RAMP. Maintain a system to receive notifications from hauliers in respect of abnormal load movements and advise hauliers within statutory time limits if there is any reason why the movement	Protecting the built and natural environment	RTS213_6b.2 Percentage of Abnormal Loads processed on time (Target 100%)	WLAM	0.9	86,608	0	86,608

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	
	should not proceed.					£	£	£	
Projects Design and Implementation	To design and deliver capital projects for Roads and Transportation	Protecting the built and natural environment	Fee Target of less than 15% for schemes more than £50,000 (To be developed)	WLAM	3.1	119,265	(119,231)	34	
	Feasibility, Detailed Design and Work Procurement, and Site Supervision		Fee Target of less than 20% for schemes less than £50,000 (To be developed)	WLAM					
Projects Design and Implementation	To design and deliver projects for Construction Services, Housing Services,	Protecting the built and natural environment	Fee Target of less than 15% for schemes more than £50,000 (To be developed)	WLAM	2.1	79,559	(80,770)	(1,211)	
	West Lothian Leisure, Property Services, Planning Services and Waste Services. Detailed Design and Work Procurement, and Site Supervision	Property Services, Planning Services and Waste Services. Detailed Design and		Fee Target of less than 20% for schemes less than £50,000 (To be developed)	WLAM				
Disabled Persons Parking Places	To provide disabled persons' parking places for blue badge holders in line with statutory duties	Protecting the built and natural environment	Average time taken from deciding to provide a parking place to initiating statutory procedure. Target: 45 days (To be developed)	WLAM	2.0	142,273	(19,167)	123,106	
Traffic management schemes and Traffic Orders	Provide safety, traffic management, parking schemes and traffic orders. Respond to customer demand and effectively manage the	Protecting the built and natural environment	Complaint rate (Annual number of complaints / annual enquiries). Target: 2.5% (To be developed) -	WLAM	2.7	182,174	(29,876)	152,298	

Activity Na	Activity Name and Description		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 £
	use of the road network.					ž	ž	Z
School road safety programme and enquiries	To provide road safety engineering measures around schools.	Protecting the built and natural environment	No. of schools requiring further measures. Target: 0 (To be developed)	WLAM	0.8	53,353	(7,188)	46,165
Road Safety casualty reduction programme	To provide engineering measures which contribute in a cost effective way to road casualty reduction.	Protecting the built and natural environment	Average First Year Rate of Return of completed schemes. Target: 400% (To be developed) - Efficiency indicator	WLAM	0.8	53,353	(7,188)	46,165
Service Support	Provision of management and administrative support.	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 :-				225.1	15,711,772	(2,946,172)	12,765,600

4. 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						
Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Current Status
Review and update framework contract for minor works using NEC3 conditions of contract	Review and update the framework contract for minor works to utilise a more appropriate form of contract	Updating the framework contract will provide an alternative source to procure works for minor works effectively and efficiently. Removing the need to tender works where it is deemed appropriate. It should also reduce the risk of challenge providing a more robust form of contract	Ronnie Fisher	February 2013	August 2014	Complete The new framework contract for minor works has been agreed, implemented and rolled out
Complete detailed condition surveys of all public footway and footpath network	Electronic surveys carried out by inspectors on all footways and footpaths to ascertain current condition	All surveys completed in compliance with the code of practice for roads maintenance and inform priorities of future programmes of work	Ross McDonald	January 2013	August 2014	Complete The data collected has identified £2.3m of essential footway maintenance for the 2014 to 2018 capital programme. This will eliminate all areas identified as 'major deterioration'. Surveys will recommence from April 2015 and will cover 20% of the network per annum.

Actions 2014/15						
Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Current Status
Local Flood Risk Management Plan	Work in liaison with other members of the Forth Estuary Local Flood Risk Management Plan District to prepare for the publication of the Local Flood Risk Management Plan	Publication of the Local Flood Risk Management Plan in December 2014	Graeme Hedger	April 2013	December 2014	Active Work leading to the publication of Surface Water Management Plans and. In time, the Local Flood Risk Management Plan is well underway. A Local Advisory Group has also been established to help validate officer decisions and begin the process of integrating measures into other relevant Council polices, strategies and plans
Invest capital money to strengthen weak bridges	Strengthening or replacement of Kinnenhill Bridge, a masonry arch structure with steel beam and concrete slab widening	Continuing with the improvement and strengthening programme of weak bridges and so minimise the number of weight restricted structures in West Lothian as part of the Asset Management Plan	Graeme Muir	April 2013	March 2015	Active Design and Tender documentation is well advanced. Land agreements are now being drawn up. Construction works are planned for May-July 2015.

Actions 2014/15						
Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Current Status
Ensure that all structures are assessed for scour, where appropriate, in accordance with BD97/12 – 'The assessment of scour and other hydraulic actions at highway structures'	New guidance to assess the potential risk of scour was introduced in 2012. In compliance with best practice this guidance needs to be utilised to check the risk of scour and take appropriate action where necessary	To complete an assessment of scour on all structures, where appropriate, in accordance with BD97/12	Graeme Muir	April 2013	March 2015	Active Initial scour assessments are being undertaken with General and Principal Inspections. The SCOTS asset management project is currently consulting all members with the aim of developing a practical approach of scour standards for structures and we await this guidance/advice.
Broxburn Flood Prevention Scheme	Continue to design and construct components of the Broxburn Flood Prevention Scheme to reduce the risk of flooding	Completion of measures at West Burnside, Station Road and West Main Street	Graeme Hedger	April 2013	March 2016	Active Construction of flood defences has been completed at West Burnside and work has commenced on the construction of flood defences at West Main Street. We are reviewing our options in respect of the last component of the scheme in the upper catchment in the context of available funding and relative risk.

Actions 2014/15						
Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Current Status
Linlithgow Loch Catchment Management Plan	The LLCMP Group will publish the Linlithgow Loch Catchment Management Plan and begin to take forward actions arising that will reduce the risk of flooding and improve the quality of water	Identify and establish a suitable model to help stakeholders realise planned improvements	Graeme Hedger	April 2013	March 2016	Active Lobbying has resulted in a modest contribution of funding by Historic Scotland over a three- year period. Dialogue is taking place to explore the potential for a bid for funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The study into the risk of flooding associated with rising water levels in the loch has concluded. Further topographic information is necessary to determine potential impacts. We are currently procuring the necessary survey.

Actions 2014/15						
Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Current Status
Livingston South Blue Green Network	Work with the communities of Bellsquarry, Dedridge, Murieston, Livingston Village and Central Scotland Forest Trust to bring forward an integrated schedule of improvements for open space and the water environment in Livingston South	Improved water quality, reduced flood risk, improved public access, landscape, habitat value and the creation of habitat networks, reduced cyclic maintenance and stronger links with local people	Graeme Hedger	April 2013	March 2016	Active Work to construct a new wetland to treat and attenuate runoff from Brucefield Industry Park, improve access, reduce cyclic maintenance through planting with indigenous tree and shrub species and improve biodiversity has been tendered. Tenders are shortly expected to be accepted with a view to a contract in excess of £200K in value being let and construction getting underway for completion by 31 March 2015.
Prepare Maintenance Manuals in line with the Roads Asset Management Plan	Maintenance Manuals to be created for Winter Maintenance, Roads Maintenance, Footway Maintenance, Structures and Flooding	All maintenance manuals created and operational	Graeme Malcolm	April 2014	June 2014	Complete Maintenance Manuals have been prepared for each service activity and these were presented to the Environment PDSP in August 2014 as part of the Road Asset Management Plan update.

Actions 2014/15						
Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Current Status
Roll out of new risk assessments and safe systems of work for Roads & Transportation	In partnership with Health and Safety risk assessments and safe systems of work are required for all areas of the service	All new risk assessments completed and safe systems of work in place throughout the service	Graeme Malcolm	April 2014	March 2015	Active Work with the H&S Advisor is ongoing and a number of new risk assessments have been completed and new safe systems of work have been implemented. These include working at height and a new transport system for Guildyhaugh Depot.
Roll out of Supervisors Training for all Roads Supervisors	A new training programme for supervisors has been developed with 9 different modules	All supervisors to have completed the training programme	Andy Johnston	April 2014	March 2015	Complete All Supervisors completed the Frontline Development Programme on 16/17 September 2014.
Invest in backlog and lifecycle maintenance of adopted and non-adopted structures	Undertake a variety of refurbishment works including masonry repairs, painting, concrete repairs, culvert lining, steel repairs, re-waterproofing and joint replacement	Continuing with the improvement of deteriorated structures and maintain structures to an acceptable standard as part of the Asset Management Plan	Graeme Muir	April 2014	March 2015	Active 75% of Capital works are completed or underway. Therefore progress is ahead of schedule.

Actions 2014/15						
Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Current Status
Invest in the programme to strengthen weak bridges	Strengthening of B7002 Boghall (Paulville) Bridge - a twin masonry arch structure	Continuing with the improvement and strengthening programme of an identified weak bridge which is currently being monitored and so avoid placing a weight restriction on this structure and comply with our Asset Management Plan of improving weak structures	Graeme Muir	April 2014	March 2015	Active Boghall (Paulville) Bridge successfully strengthened without major disruption to the road network.
Invest in the programme or repairing scour damage to structures	Identified scour defects noted from scour inspections shall be prioritised and appropriate measures implemented	Continuing with the improvement of deteriorated structures and maintain structures to an acceptable standard as part of the Asset Management Plan	Graeme Muir	April 2014	March 2015	Active Work to 2 structures badly affected by scour are about to commence. Further works have still to be priced/issued if finances permit.
Introduction of LED within street lighting	The installation of approx. 2000 LED units within suitable existing street lights (year 1) as part of the Reducing Energy Use Workstream within the council's Delivering Better Outcomes approach	To reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions	David Wilson	April 2014	March 2015	Active Over 2400 replacement LED light sources have been installed producing an annual energy reduction of over 586,000 kWh.

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5. Performance Indicators

Roads & Transportation 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 is managed and reported through the corporate performance management tool, Covalent.

5.1 Customer Results

	6a. Customer Perception Indicators
*	Percentage of customers who rated Roads and Transportation Services timeliness of response as good or excellent
>	Percentage of customers who rated the service delivered by Roads and Transportation Services as good or excellent
~	Percentage of customers who rated Roads and Transportation Services performance in keeping them informed as good or excellent
~	Percentage of customers who rated Road Services staff attitude as good or excellent
~	Percentage of customers who rated Roads and Transportation Services staff professionalism and knowledge as good or excellent
~	Percentage of customers who consider that they were treated fairly by Roads and Transportation Services
~	Percentage of customers who rated the overall quality of service provided by Roads and Transportation as good or excellent
~	Percentage of customers who rated the overall quality of service provided by Roads Services as good or excellent
	Percentage of customers who rated the overall quality of service provided by Transportation Services as good or excellent
	Percentage of customers who rated the Street Lighting service as good or excellent
	Percentage of customers who rated the Winter Maintenance service as good or excellent
	Percentage of customers who rated the Roads Maintenance service as good or excellent
	Percentage of customers who rated the Flooding & Flood Prevention service as good or excellent

6b. Internal Performance Indicators

- Percentage of Roads Emergency Call Outs attended to within 4 hour response time
- > Percentage of traffic light faults repaired within 48 hours
- Percentage of street light faults repaired within 7 days
- Percentage of occasions precautionary salting routes are completed before the formation of ice
- Percentage of Urgent Works to the road and footpath network which are commenced within 24 hours of notification
- > Percentage of Gullies which are cleaned every year
- Percentage of School Crossing Patrol locations staffed
- Percentage of road sign faults repaired within 28 days
- Percentage of Complaints (Stage 1) responded resolved within 5 working days
- Percentage of Complaints (Stage 2) responded resolved within 20 working days
- > Number of Complaints (Stage 1) received
- Number of Complaints (Stage 2) received
- > Bridges: Percentage of principal inspections carried out
- > Bridges: Percentage of general inspections carried out
- > Percentage of Abnormal Loads processed on time
- > Percentage of planning consultations responded to within 3 weeks
- Percentage of Draft Road Construction Consents completed within 12 weeks
- > Percentage of Final Road Construction Consents completed within 4 weeks

5.2 People Results

	7a. People Perception Indicators
	Staff Satisfaction with Workforce Planning
\triangleright	Staff Satisfaction with Reward and Recognition
\triangleright	Staff Satisfaction with Leadership and Management
\succ	Staff Satisfaction with Involvement and Empowerment
\triangleright	Staff Satisfaction with Team Work
\triangleright	Staff Satisfaction with Learning and Development
	Staff Satisfaction with Equality and Diversity

7b. Internal People Indicators

Staff Sickness Absence Levels (Roads & Transportation)

5.3 Key Performance Results

9a Efficiency Indicators

- Average Cost, per site, of providing the School Crossing Patrol service per annum
- Average running cost (including electricity and maintenance) per lighting unit per year

9b Effectiveness Indicators

- > Average Time (Hours) taken to repair traffic lights
- Percentage of Roads Capital Schemes completed by planned completion date
- > Average time (Days) taken to repair Street Lights
- > Average time (Days) taken to repair Road Signs
- Lighting Energy Consumption (kwh)
- > Percentage of lighting Columns over 30 years old

- > Percentage of Lighting Columns replaced per annum
- Percentage of A Class Roads which should be considered for maintenance treatment
- Percentage of B Class Roads which should be considered for maintenance treatment
- Percentage of C Class Roads which should be considered for maintenance treatment
- Percentage of U Class Roads which should be considered for maintenance treatment
- Percentage of the overall Road Network which should be considered for maintenance treatment
- Bridges percentage failing 40 Tonnes (Council)
- Bridges percentage failing 40 Tonnes (Private)
- Bridges percentage failing 40 Tonnes (All Bridges)
- Bridges percentage weight/width restrictions (Council)
- Bridges percentage weight/width restrictions (Private)
- Bridges percentage weight/width restrictions (All Bridges)
- > Number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents
- > Number of children killed or seriously injured in road accidents
- Slight casualty rates people injured per 100 million vehicle KM
Roads & Transportation Performance Report (Appendix 2)





Performance will continue to be monitored to ensure the service is maintained at a high standard during future years.





make informed decisions on the time and treatment required on any given day to ensure salting is carried out before the formation of ice. During periods of particularly cold weather salting treatments will be carried out throughout the day to ensure ice is unable to form. The number of occasions precautionary salting is required varies each period depending on the weather.





continue to be monitored to ensure we again meet our target during 2014/15.



Trend Chart Commentary:

the average cost rose in 2013/14 primarily because the the number of lighting units decreased as it no longer includes housing assets (stair lighting etc). These are now charged directly to Housing. Our target for future years will be amended to reflect this change in position

The drop in average cost per unit in 2010/11was primarily down to a reduction in the cost of electricity. The cost of electricity dropped following the agreement of a national contract for electricity provision which meant electricity was being bought cheaper. The further, although smaller, reductions in cost in the proceeding 2 years, 2011/12 & 2012/13 have been achieved as a result in a reduction in maintenance costs as well as smaller electricity costs.

This indicator is strongly influenced by the cost of electricity, which is now procured through a national contract.

07-Jul-2014 Calculated on actual revenue expenditure £3,213,234 divided by 65,657 units at 31st March 2014. The number of units now excludes housing assets (stair lighting etc) as this is charged directly to Housing, hence the reason the target has not been met.



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indicates the Scottish average for all 32 Local Authorities.







In 2013/14 West Lothian was ranked 2nd out of 32 Scottish Local Authorities for this indicator. The black line on the graph shows the Scottish Local Authority Average

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25.4% from 26.9% in 2012/13. All categories of road (A, B, C and U Class) improved this year. This improvement has come as a result of a targeted investment programme over the last few years following the severe weather encountered during 2010/11. We will continue to target our investment in roads maintenance to ensure that West Lothian's roads are in as good a condition as possible.	improved again in 2013/14 from 26.9% to 25.4%.
In 13/14 West Lothian was ranked 3rd out of 32 Scottish Local Authorities for this indicator. This equates to an overall improvement of 1 place from last year and has seen us improve our road condition in all categories. The black line on the graph shows the Scottish Local Authority Average	





as part of this programme.



From quarter 2 2012/13 to quarter 2 2013/14 the performance on General Inspections deteriorated as resources within the service were concentrated on delivering large capital projects such as Broxburn Flood Prevention Scheme and the preparation of

contracts and site supervision in order to deliver the Capital and Revenue programmes. An intensive programme of inspections	
was carried out in November and December 2013 which has saw the backlog wiped out and all inspections completed by the end	
of 2013.	



Trend Chart Commentary:

This performance indicator shows the number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents within West Lothian as published annually by the Scottish Government. This indicator a combination of the separate casualty reduction targets for the number of people killed and the number of people seriously injured in line with Scottish Government national casualty reduction targets. Note that figures are for calendar years ie. 2011/12 refers to the number of people killed or seriously injured between 1 January and 31 December 2011. The targets have been removed from 2010/11 and before as these were previous Scottish

27-Oct-2014 Final figure of 52 - data source: Reported Road Casualties Scotland 2013 (Scottish Government, October 2014) - extracted from:

http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/reported-roadcasualties-scotland-2013-datasets on 27 October 2014.

Government targets which have now been superceded.	
Road casualty numbers are subject to a degree of random year-to-year variation but the general trend within West Lothian is reducing. To try and reduce the number of road casualties and accidents the Council and its partners undertake a series of education, engineering and enforcement interventions which are set out in the Road Safety Plan for West Lothian 2012 – 2015. The plan is reviewed annually and reported through the council's Environment Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel.	
Finally, it should be noted that good performance is illustrated by the number of road accidents being <u>below</u> the target line.	



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performance is below target, as in both of these periods, this reflects either 1 or 2 consents which were not issued within the 4 week timescale. The reason for this is down to the nature of the consent requested and the work and investigation required to deal with it.	delayed issue of some consents. All consents issued in Q2 of 2014/2015 were issued in time.
We work closely with developers to keep them up to date with the status of their consent and to process them as quickly as possible.	

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DATA LABEL: PUBLIC



PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

HR SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT

REPORT BY HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES

PURPOSE OF REPORT Α.

The purpose of the report is to provide the Performance Committee with an overview of HR Services performance.

RECOMMENDATION В.

It is recommended that Performance Committee:

- 1. Notes the performance report for HR Services.
- 2. Identifies any performance measures that they wish to explore further.

3. Provide recommendations on performance improvement.

C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

201	IMART OF IMPLICATIONS	
I	Council Values	Focusing on our customers' needs; being honest, open and accountable; making best use of our resources; working in partnership
II	Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)	None.
III	Implications for Scheme of Delegations to Officers	None
IV	Impact on performance and performance Indicators	The appendix details a range of performance indicators used to measure service performance.
V	Relevance to Single Outcome Agreement	None
VI	Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)	None
VII	Consideration at PDSP	No
VIII	Other consultations	Quarterly performance reports are provided to the HR Programme Board.

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D. TERMS OF REPORT

D1 Service Overview

HR Services is part of the Corporate Services grouping. The service provides advice and guidance on all aspects of employee relations and organisational change in support of the council's corporate and service's business objectives.

In 2013/14 HR Services developed a revised People Strategy. In support of the People Strategy Outcomes, the service is responsible for taking forward a number of actions to develop policies and process to assist aspects of workforce management, organisational change, employee development and performance management. These developments are regarded as critical to achieving service and business outcomes.

The service also administers the payroll system for council employees elected members and on behalf of the Improvement Service.

D2 Performance Measurement

The service has a range of performance indicators which are used to measure the performance of the service. In addition, the service is responsible for two specified performance indicators (SPI); the average number of days per employee lost through sickness absence, and, the number and percentage of the highest paid 5% earners among council employees that are women (excluding teachers). Appendix 4 details of these indicators including current and past performance.

The council participates in the Local Government Benchmarking Network (LGBF) which has been established to compare performance across a range of SPIs and has agreed to take on the role as group lead to review the average number of days per employee lost through sickness absence. This work is due to commence in March 2015.

D3 WLAM Performance

HR Services achieved a score of 420 made up as follows:

- 1 Leadership (58)
- 2 Service Planning (53)
- 3 People (48)
- 4 Partners and Resources (50)
- 5 Services and Processes (52)
- 6 Customer Results (46)
- 7 People Results (26)
- 8 Community Results (40)
- 9 Key Results (47)

E. CONCLUSION

The Performance Committee is invited to consider the report, identify any performance measures they wish to explore further rand provide any recommendations on performance improvement.

F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES

None

Appendices/Attachments: Appendix 1: HR Services Performance Report

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Julie Whitelaw Head of Corporate Services

Date of meeting: 24 November 2014



Service Manager: Lesley Henderson Head of Service: Julie Whitelaw





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Manager:	Lesley Henderson
Number of Staff (FTE):	56.5
Location:	Civic Centre

Purpose

The purpose of HR Services is to ensure that appropriate employment and people development strategies, policies and procedures are in place to drive and support corporate and service business objectives, and to support their consistent application by managers across the council.

As an enabler, HR Services has a key role in supporting the modernisation and improvement of council services through actions set out in the People Strategy. The People Strategy 2013/17 was approved by Council Executive in December 2013.

Activities

The main activities of the service in 2014/15 will be:

- HR policy and systems development, advice and support
- Payroll and employee benefits
- Workforce management and Performance Review
- Absence management, medical advice and support
- Equalities
- Health and Safety
- Provision of administrative support to Elected Members
- Industrial relations
- Job evaluation and grading

Key Partners

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

- Recognised Trade Unions
- West Lothian College
- Society of Personnel and Development Scotland (SPDS)
- Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development
- HMRC
- ACAS

Customer Participation

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

Customer Consu	Customer Consultation Schedule							
Customer Group	Survey Method	Frequency	Responsible Officer	Feedback Method				
HR Programme Board	Board meeting	6 weekly	Lesley Henderson	Reporting and Updating Heads of Service / Nominated Contacts				
Service Management	Service Management Meetings	Monthly	Fraser Mackenzie	Attendance at Meetings Review of Minutes				
Heads of Service	Interview / Discussion	Bi-annual	Fraser Mackenzie / Lesley Donegan	Meeting				
HR Service Users	Electronic Survey	Annual	Chris Keenan	Outcome reported to HR Programme Board				
HR Service Users	Focus Groups	Annual	Chris Keenan	Meetings Outcome reported to HR Programme Board				
Corporate Working Group on Equalities	Group meeting	Monthly	Kenny Selbie	Meetings/ Minutes				
Employees (minority groups)	Forums	Quarterly	Sophie McKinney	Meetings/ Minutes				
HR Policy and Advice customers	Electronic Survey	Bi-annual	Fraser Mackenzie	Outcome reported to HR Programme Board				
HR Operations	Electronic Survey	Bi-annual	Lesley Dongegan	Outcome Reported to HR Programme Board				

Activity Budget

Activity Budge	Activity Budget 2014/15							
Activity Name a	nd Description	Link to Corporate Plan	Performance Indicator and Target 2014/15	PI Category	Staff Recourses (FTE)	Revenue Expenditure Budget 2014/15 £	Revenue Income Budget 2014/15 £	Net Revenue Budget 2014/15 £
Payroll, Control and Employee Benefits.	To provide a comprehensive, cost effective payroll and reward service including	Enabler Service - Modernisation and Improvement	HRS129 Cost of Payroll Service per council employee (target £49.00)	High Level	10.9	324,178	(71,714)	252,464
	provision of statutory returns to external bodies.		HRS086 Percentage of Incorrect Salary Payments (target 0.4%)	High Level				
Policy and Systems Development, Advice and Support	To develop council HR policies and systems, providing advice and support on all employee relations aspects. To advise the council on all aspects of job evaluation, pay structures and related equal pay matters, and to provide support and	Enabler Service - Modernisation and Improvement	HRS130 Cost of the Policy and Systems Development, Advice and Support per council employee (target £190)	High Level	27.8	1,247,435	0	1,247,435
	advice on service restructuring including developing workforce capability in line with the People Strategy. To administer and process all recruitment and employment related contractual documentation.		HRS112 Percentage of contractual documents issued within 6 weeks of the date of the change to contract (target £190)	High Level				

Activity Budget	Activity Budget 2014/15							
Activity Name and Description		Link to Corporate Plan	Performance Indicator and Target 2014/15	PI Category	Staff Recourses (FTE)	Revenue Expenditure Budget 2014/15 £	Revenue Income Budget 2014/15 £	Net Revenue Budget 2014/15 £
Health and Safety	To provide a comprehensive Health and Safety policy and procedural advice and information to managers and employees to enable	Enabler Service - Modernisation and Improvement	HRS131 Cost of the Health and Safety Service per council employee (target £31.00) HRS103	High Level WLAM	4.4	203,758	0	203,758
	the council to meet its statutory duties under the Health and Safety at Work Act		Number of reportable incidents to HSE (target 0)	VVLAIVI				
Absence Management - Medical advice and support	To provide advice and support to managers on the application of the council's sickness absence policy as well as	Enabler Service - Modernisation and Improvement	HRS132 Cost of the Sickness Absence Management Service per council employee (target £49.00)	High Level	3.0	333,917	(25,125)	308,792
	professional medical advice and support		HRS127_9b Percentage of employees who come out of monitoring under the Policy on Managing Sickness Absence in relation to the number of employees who continue to be monitored in the same period (target 70%)	WLAM				
Service Support	Provision of management and administrative Support	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.		0.4	64,232	0	64,232

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Activity Budget	Activity Budget 2014/15							
Activity Name and Description		Link to Corporate Plan	Performance Indicator and Target 2014/15	PI Category	Staff Recourses (FTE)	Revenue Expenditure Budget 2014/15 £	Revenue Income Budget 2014/15 £	Net Revenue Budget 2014/15 £
HR	Total:				46.5	2,173,520	(96,839)	2,076,681
Members Support	Provision of Members Support	Enabler Service - Corporate Governance and Risk	HRS133 Cost of Members Services per £1 million of Council net expenditure (target £3,500)	High Level	9.8	9.8 1,145,699	(4,000)	1,141,699
			HRS134 Number of enquiries handled (target 5,500)	High Level				
Service Support	Provision of management and administrative Support	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.		0.2	36,440	0	36,440
Members Support	Total:				10.0	1,182,139	(4,000)	1,178,139
HR Shared Services	Total:				56.5	3,355,659	(100,839)	3,254,820

Actions

Actions 2013/14									
Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status (Planned, Active, Complete)			
Self Service systems development	Development and Implementation of SEEMIS to manage self-service for schools in recruiting supply staff	In addition to a reduction in HR resource to support the supply booking process, schools will have direct access to supply staff as and when required	Lesley Henderson	April 2013	September 2013	Complete			
Develop and Implement Revised Fair Treatment At Work Policy and Procedure	Replace current FTAW procedures with more effective procedures in consultation with Trade Unions	Development and roll out of a Policy and Procedure for Dealing with Bullying and Harassment At Work and Code of Practice on Promoting Appropriate Working Relationships and Behaviour	Fraser Mackenzie	April 2013	October 2013	Complete			
E-incident reporting	Corporate E-incident Reporting System in place	Reduction in resources, improved reports, self service for accessing information and reports	John Morran	April 2013	December 2013	Complete			
Hazard alert system	Introduce corporate hazard alert system	Facilitates sharing of information across the council of persons who are deemed a risk to staff. Reduction of violent incidents by alerting services of hazards created by persons which in turn allows services to plan how they can reduce risk	John Morran	April 2012	December 2013	Complete			
Develop Bespoke Training and Supporting Guidance for Managers in Implementing Key Council Employment Policies.	Develop training and guidance programme for Managers in relation (Disciplinary/Fair Treatment At Work/Sickness Absence Management etc)	A programme of training and guidance to equip managers in carrying out effective Disciplinary and FTAW investigations/procedures and other policy applications	Fraser Mackenzie	April 2013	May 2013	Complete			

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| Actions 2013/14 | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|----------------|------------|-----------------|--|
| Action | Description | Planned Outcome | Owner | Start | End | Status
(Planned, Active,
Complete) |
| Develop and
implement a
standardised process
for conducting
service reviews | To implement a Service
Restructure Process that
ensures service reviews
are consistently conducted
and that appropriate
governance is part of the
process | Service reviews will be carried out
consistently and in accordance with
recognised best practice and council
policy | Derek
Stark | April 2013 | October
2013 | Complete |

Actions 2014/15						
Action	Description	Planned Outcome	Owner	Start	End	Status (Planned, Active, Complete)
Equality Outcomes	Agree action plans and monitoring arrangements for agreed equality outcomes.	Progress is made in achieving equality outcomes.	Lesley Henderson	April 2014	March 2014	Planned
Performance Management procedures	Develop procedures to assess and manage individual performance and capability outcomes more effectively.	Improved management processes for dealing with individual performance and capability effectiveness to enable appropriate management action to be taken in addressing performance-related issues	Derek Stark	April 2013	June 2014	Active
Recruitment process update	Implementation of the Talent Link recruitment system in place of the existing iGrasp system.	Introduction of Talent Link will enhance the candidate experience and reduce the HR resource required to support recruitment and selection processes	Lesley Henderson	October 2014	January 2015	Planned
Workforce Management development	Develop and implement procedures to support changes in the council's Workforce Management policies.	To ensure strategic management and effective co-ordination of workforce reductions and redeployment.	Lesley Henderson	April 2013	January 2015	Active
Shared Services	To enter into shared service delivery with West Lothian College	To assist the college delivery efficiencies by entering into shared provision of HR services	Derek Stark	April 2013	August 2014	Active



Trend Chart Commentary:

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The latest response still remains above target but the results for 2013/14 show a slight decrease in customer satisfaction. As a result, focus groups were conducted with managers who regularly access HR services in February 2014. The feedback from the focus groups indicated that customers though HR employees were very helpful and flexible in meeting their needs. No particular action was disseminated from the focus groups.

12-Nov-2014 This Survey was undertaken in November 2013 covering all services with 63 responses indicating good or excellent. Response rate was 37% (67 responses out of 180 customers surveyed). The service breakdown of responses was; Social Policy 19, Education 10, Area Services 12, Corporate Services 4, Finance & Estates 7, Operational Services 5, HCBS 8 and Planning & Economic Development 2.



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Trend Chart Commentary:

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There has been a fairly consistent customer view of HR performance over the last 5 years. The slight dip in performance in 2011 reflected some concerns raised by customers about communication and knowing who to contact. The single point of contact approach using the HR number 282222 and development of information about HR Services held on mytoolkit has been introduced to address this.

The survey responses have ranged between 55 and 73 responses over the years with approx 160 customers surveyed with a reasonable spread of responses across services. Given the diversity and complexity of work undertaken by the HR Service, this is a sound indicator of the collective performance across the Service. The introduction of the CRM system should assist staff to deliver consistent levels of customer satisfaction across all aspects of the Service. However, follow up work requires to be done with certain service areas to improve the levels of response to the survey. Focus groups were also conducted with managers who regularly access HR services in February 2014. The feedback from the focus groups indicated that although the large majority of manager had no issue some had experienced difficulty contacting the

12-Nov-2014 This Survey was undertaken in November 2013 covering all services with 59 responses indicating good or excellent. Response rate was 37% (67 responses out of 180 customers surveyed). The service breakdown of responses was; Social Policy 19, Education 10, Area Services 12, Corporate Services 4, Finance & Estates 7, Operational Services 5, HCBS 8 and Planning & Economic Development 2.

right person in HR and where unaware of the 282222 telephone number. There were also some suggested areas for improvement such as more FAQ's on Toolkit; more iGrasp training and a central library of job profiles/ outlines. The consistency of advice was also raised by managers who attended the focus groups. Action is being taken is to continue to promote the 282222 number and to ensure staff have appropriately worded messages when on voicemail directing customers to the main number. Consideration is being given to other issues raised.

Target 2014/15: 90% good or excellent customer survey response



Target 2014/15: No complaints upheld against HR

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response is below the council average of 72.5%, it does show a positive improvement with the result being the highest achieved in this area since the survey began. This indicates that the increased focus on communication, engagement and effective teamwork following the earlier redesign of HR Service is proving effective.

There were 35 employees who responded good or excellent.





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The increase in percentage from 6% (2012/13) to 19% this year reflects the fact that the total number of appeals over the period decreased from 30 last year to 21 cases this year. Of the 21 cases, 17 were not upheld, 3 were fully upheld and one was upheld in part. Over the previous three years there has been a fluctuation in the % of appeals being upheld each year which is largely influenced by the overall number lodged in the period. For example, in 2010/11, 2 out of 8 appeals were upheld or partly upheld. In 2011/12, 3 appeals out of 19 were upheld/partly upheld. In 2012/13, 2 appeals out of 30 were upheld/partly upheld. In 2013/14. 3 appeals out of 21 were upheld/partly upheld.

25-Apr-2014 There were 21 Appeals against dismissal in 2013/14. 5 related to sickness absence dismissals with none upheld. 9 related to disciplinary dismissals with 1 being partly upheld. 7 related to grievance issues with 3 upheld. There were 3 sickness absence appeals not upheld but Elected Members used their discretion to re-instate.

The overall trend indicates a relatively low but steady rate of 2/3 appeals being upheld/partly upheld each year over the period which would suggest that the HR policy and advice to managers has been robust and defendable during the earlier stages of cases leading up to appeal.

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The increase in costs for 2012/13 are a result of systems and testing costs also being included in the indicator. Historic information is being sourced to include this in the cost for 2011/12.





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PI Code & Short Name	CP:sspi01a Average number of working days per teacher, lost due to sickness or absence.	PI Owner(s): (R) SPI Admin - Corporate Services; I Henderson		
Description	This is a Specified Performance Indicator, used by all Scottish authorities to measure levels of sickness absence and was first introduced in 2008/09. The target is set below the previous year's performance and the aim is to undercut the target and minimise the number of working days lost to sickness or absence. This information is updated in September each year with the previous year's performance figures.	HOS Approved for yes		
10		Categories:	CPPR Corporate Public Performance Reporting	
9		Last Updated:	2013/14	
8 -		Status:	<u> </u>	
7 6.9		Current Value:	5.5	
6	5.5	Current Target:	5.3	
5	5,3 5,3 5,3	Red Threshold:	5.7	
5		Amber Threshold:	5.2	
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	- Target (Years)	2.5 5.5		
		Latest Note :		

Trend Chart Commentary:

The absence levels for Teaching staff in 2013/14 of 5.5 days lost per employee shows a slight increase of 0.61 days. This absence over the year. The Council is currently working through a can be attributed to an increase in long term sickness absence over the year. The Council is currently working through a rigorous process of monitoring both the application of the policy and individual absence patterns which includes utilising the services of our Occupational Health Contractor and early referrals to counselling and physiotherapy as required. HR are continuing to support services in reducing sickness absence by providing advice on individual cases as well as identifying trends within their services.

In 2012/13 we were ranked 1 of 32 Scottish Local Authorities. The ranking for 2013/14 is expected to be available in early 2015.

04-Sep-2014 The absence levels for Teaching staff in 2013/14 of 5.5 days lost per employee shows a slight increase of 0.61 days. This can be attributed to an increase in long term sickness rigorous process of monitoring both the application of the policy and individual absence patterns which includes utilising the services of our Occupational Health Contractor and early referrals to counselling and physiotherapy as required. HR are continuing to support services in reducing sickness absence by providing advice on individual cases as well as identifying trends within their services.

In 2012/13 we were ranked 1 of 32 Scottish Local Authorities. The

ranking for 2013/14 is expected to be available in early 2015.

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PI Code & Short Name	CP:sspi01b Average number of working days lost per employee (excluding teachers) due to sickness or absence.	PI Owner(s):	(R) SPI Admin - Corporate Services; Lesle Henderson
Description	This is a Specified Performance Indicator, used by all Scottish authorities to measure time lost to sickness absence and was first introduced in 2008/09. The target is set below the previous year's performance and the aim is to undercut the target and minimise the number of working days lost to sickness and absence. This information is updated in September each year with the previous year's performance figures.	HOS Approved for yes	
20		Categories:	CPPR Corporate Public Performance Reporting
7.5		Last Updated:	2013/14
15		Status:	
13.3		Current Value:	10.87
2.5	10.64 10.89 10.87	Current Target:	9.3
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Trend Chart Commentary:

The Council is committed to monitoring gender information and determining any appropriate positive action.

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In 2012/13, we were ranked 6 of 32 Scottish Local Authorities. The total number of employees making up the highest paid 5% of earners for 2013/14 was 292 of whom 156 were women. This was a decrease of 6 from 2013/14.

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