



Report for:	Finance and Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee
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Title of report:	Performance and Risk report Quarter 2 2018/19 – Performance, People & Innovation
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Purpose of report:	To provide the Committee with analysis of performance and risk management for the services and functions provided by the Performance, People & Innovation Division.
Recommendations	That the Committee notes the contents of the report and the performance of the division for Quarter 2 2018/19.
Corporate objectives:	The Performance, People & Innovation division supports the delivery of all corporate objectives, although there is a particular focus on ‘modern and efficient council’.
Implications:	<u>Financial</u> Poor performance could lead to increases in costs as well as reducing the value of our service offer.
‘Value For Money Implications’	<u>Value for Money</u> The work of the division supports the achievement of value for money in the pursuit of the Council’s objectives
Risk Implications	Risk Assessment regularly reviewed
Equalities Implications	There are no equalities implications arising from this report.
Health And Safety	There are no health and safety implications arising from this

Implications	report.
Consultees:	None
Background papers:	Attached: 1. Quarter 2 Operational Risk and Performance reports
Historical background <i>(please give a brief background to this report to enable it to be considered in the right context).</i>	<p>This is a regular report to the committee detailing the performance of the relevant services for this committee over the last quarter.</p> <p>The review also considers operational risks and highlights any additional controls and assurances needed to address the issues raised.</p>
Glossary of acronyms and any other abbreviations used in this report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT – Information Technology team • FirstCare – The Council’s sickness management system • KPIs – Key performance indicators

Introduction

- 1.1 Performance reports are produced on a quarterly basis with information collated in the Council's performance management system (Rocket).
- 1.2 The performance report for the division is attached and it examines progress in relation to two key themes:
 - 1.2.1 Human Resources
 - 1.2.2 IT and Digital Services
- 1.3 Targets are included in those areas where it would act as a positive driver on performance behaviour.

Monitoring Performance

4.1 Human Resources

4.2 Sickness absence has increased this quarter from last, and is worse than the same quarter last year. The Council is continuing to operate a robust management process that involves a senior management team (supported by HR) reviewing every case of sickness on a monthly basis to ensure that we are taking robust and fair action. The sickness project has commenced and is focussing on proactive measures to prevent sickness as well as finding solutions to get people back to work quicker. The statistics are showing that this increase is mainly due to an increase in long-term sickness absence. We are soon to be launching health and wellbeing surveillance and awareness initiatives to provide additional support to staff. The flu vaccination was made available to all staff in October.

4.3 Staff turnover can help the organisation to understand its performance in relation to employee retention and motivation. The staff turnover rate remains similar to the previous quarter and still in line with a turnover rate between 10% - 15%, which is considered healthy as an industry standard.

5.1 IT and Digital Services

5.2 Systems availability (99.99%) was positive within the quarter. There was a brief outage (10 mins) of telephone service in July but this was rapidly resolved.

Risk Management

PP_R011 Failure to deliver Digital Dacorum leads to poor customer experiences and increased costs from calls and face-to-face visits

In the last quarter we have launched a number of new GDPR compliant subscription sign-up forms (Garden Waste, Homelessness Forum, Private Sector Housing, etc.) . Development of the Resident Portal ("MyDacorum") continued as the soft launch approached.

PP_R012 Failure to deliver an effective approach to the management of performance, projects and complaints

The majority of performance indicators and projects are in target and continue to be monitored jointly by members and senior officers.

PP_R014 Failure to achieve the service outcomes outlined in each of the new community and Leisure contracts

The community contracts are continuing to perform effectively in line with the update we gave the committee in the summer.

The strategic and operational performance boards are set up to measure the 'Everyone Active' contract.

PP_R015 Failure to effectively and proactively manage the media profile of DBC including social media

Continued growth our social media channels as a primary communication tool. Digital Digest continues to be a popular channel with over 14,500 subscribers. The communications team work closely with managers across the council to ensure communication plans are devised and implemented to ensure we are effectively informing key stakeholders.

PP_R016 Failure to effectively and proactively manage all aspects of employee relations

We continued to provide dedicated support and coaching for all managers engaged in employee relation issues.

PP_R017 Failure to support the organisation, and in particular the leadership team, to manage organisational change and staff development including the move to the Forum

Human Resources launched the second cohort on the CPD accredited management training course for middle managers and aspiring managers. Leadership training is being developed for the leadership team to be rolled out in the New Year.

PP_R018 Failure to understand and respond to the current and future technology needs of the Council

The refresh of desktop equipment for officers is now more than 50% complete and expected to complete ahead of Summer 2019. As well as access to enhanced software, the new equipment provides a greater flexibility in working arrangements, such as mobile working. The quarter also saw the continuation of work to replace equipment in DBC data centres, providing capacity for current and future requirements. This is expected to be completed before the end of 2018.

The replacement of the Planning/Building Control application is in detailed planning and the new system expected to go live in 2019. Development of the Council Microsoft Dynamics based CRM solution continues and a major upgrade to the Finance system is being planned for Q2 2019.

PP_R04 Failures in ICT resilience or security leading to significant system downtime

In Q2 overall systems availability was 99.99%. The Council deploys a wide range of security controls and has completed delivery of resilient lines with diverse routes on the BT network to the Council's data centre.

Third party IT Health Check testing, as part of the Council's submission to the Cabinet Office for Public Sector Network certification, is now under way and the Council must demonstrably remediate any vulnerabilities discovered.