

Finance and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Report for:	Finance and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Title of report:	Quarter 1 Performance Report – Corporate and Contracted Services
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Report on behalf of:	Councillor Andrew Williams, Portfolio Holder for Commercial Strategy and Delivery
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Appendices:	Quarter 1 Performance Report
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used in this report:	

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Corporate Priorities	A clean, safe and enjoyable environment Building strong and vibrant communities Ensuring economic growth and prosperity Providing good quality affordable homes, in particular for those most in need Ensuring efficient, effective and modern service delivery Climate and ecological emergency
Wards affected	All
Purpose of the report:	To provide Members with the performance report for quarter four in relation to Corporate and Contracted Services.
Recommendation (s) to the decision maker (s):	That Members note the report.
Period for post policy/project review:	Quarterly

1. Members will note that in Q1 2022/23 the Procurement and Contracted Services Team moved into the new Commercial Strategy and Delivery Portfolio led by Councillor Andrew Williams.

This report provides an update on the performance during Q1 of the Commercial Development Service.

2. Procurement Activity

The Procurement team are currently supporting the delivery of a number of commissioning and tendering activities.

Q1 - Commissioning Activities

Project	Status	Service	Duration	Total Value
Temporary Agency Staff	Commissioning process signed off by Commercial Board. Awaiting award to direct award to CCS framework suppliers.	People and Transformation	Up to 15/01/24	£4,000,000
Car Salary Sacrifice Scheme	Commissioning in progress expected to report to commercial board in September 2022	People & Transformation	4 years	£192,000
Supply of liquid fuels for the Council's fleet vehicles	The Council have signed up to an ESPO agreement who run an aggregated procurement on our behalf every 2 years.	Resident Services	2 years	£1,080,000
Supply, Installation and Maintenance of the Multi- Functional Printers	In the early stages of the commissioning process. To include the Reprographics machine which expires 30/09/2023.	Corporate and Commercial Services	5 years	£150,000
Mobile Phone Communications	Commissioning process commenced	Corporate and Commercial Services	5 years	£150,000
Community Alarm Monitoring Contract	Looking to extend the contract to June 2023 - waiting for PH report to be signed. Commissioning process is in progress which includes looking at opportunity of utilising CCTV Control Room	Resident Services	5 years	£366,678

Q1 - Tendering Activities

Reference	Title of Tender	Estimate Value £
CPU00508	Telecommunications Services	£100,000
CPU00510	Enterprise Firewall Devices (YPO framework 976)	£300,000
CPU00509	Garages stock Condition Survey	£150,000
CPU00502	Main contractor St Margaret's Way (new build housing)	£11,370,519
CPU00505	Site Inspector Services	£50,000
CPU00487	Supply, Installation & maintenance of Stair lifts and Ceiling Joists	£1,000,000

3. Procurement Compliance

Following a Procurement Assurance internal audit report, the recommendation was to update the Finance & Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee with any non-compliance procurement activities.

Number of times the Procurement Standing Orders have been set aside

Contract	Justification	Responsible Officer
Tree Maintenance Services	In 2018 the Council awarded 2 contracts following a compliant tender process for tree maintenance services on a 5 year period. Both contracts are due to terminate on the 31st March 2023. Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, one of the contractors has found it difficult to deliver the contract to the Council's requirements, which has left the Council in a situation where it has outstanding works some of which are Priority A works which are safety related. The Council are keen to ensure both contracts for tree maintenance services end at the same time meaning we are looking at just over 18 months before the remaining contracts ends. The Council is intending to issue the outstanding works to a third contractor however if we were to enter into a tender process then it is likely that this would take up to 6 months meaning therefore that there would be a further backlog in works before the contract is awarded. It is also unlikely that the market will be interested in a lengthy tender process for such a short term agreement meaning we will not obtain the required level of competition. On that basis, the Council feels the best approach would be to appoint a company on an 18 month period to conclude on the 31st March 2023.	Craig Thorpe
Banking Services	To enable the direct appointment of an interim Commercial Contracts Manager until the recruitment of a permanent position is concluded and also the direct appointment of a Commercial Commissioning Expert on a 26 week period. These roles will focus on the Council's Housing Repair and Maintenance contract, The commissioning and contracts management process will allow the Council to review the current service and will identify efficiencies and improvements in service delivery.	Ben Hosier

Non-Compliant expenditure during Q1

Contract	Reason	Responsible Officer	Mitigation
Fixed Telecommunications	Contract expired	Ben Trueman	New tender submissions being evaluated – contract award likely in next few weeks
Banking Services	Contract expired	Fiona Jump	Re-commissioning of Banking Service commenced in June 2022
Supply of Sacks for Environmental Services	Contract expired	Craig Thorpe	Recommissioning of new supply commenced in June 2022
Temporary Agency Staff	Contract(s) expired	Matt Rawdon	Corporate project - commissioning process signed off by Commercial Board in July 22. Awaiting to direct award to Crown Commercial Services framework suppliers.
Fire Safety Works	Contract(s) expired	Jon Maxwell	Tendering process signed off by Commercial Board in June 2022, to award 7 Contractors a place on Dacorum Borough Council's Fire Safety Framework for a 4 year period.
Nurse-led Absence Management	Contract expired	Matt Rawdon	Recommissioning of new service commenced in June 2022
Car Salary Sacrifice Scheme	Contract expired	Matt Rawdon	Recommissioning of new service commenced in June 2022
Verge Hardening Programme	Contract expired	Karen Proudfoot	There is a need to obtain authority to extend the current agreement

4. Parking Services

The Covid-19 pandemic continues to have negative impact on usage in Council owned car parks and this has had a significant impact on the number of parking sessions and Penalty Charge Notices being issued, both of which have financial implications.

Parking Sessions

2022/23	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
On street	12,432	13,141	12,805									
Off Street	93,041	98,072	93,253									
Total	105,473	111,213	106,058									

2019/20	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
On street	16,817	17,681	17,184	18,048	16,144	16,252	17,774	17,423	16,756	16,385	16,044	12,371
Off Street	97,975	105,540	102,656	90,347	88,084	87,541	88,121	86,099	89,501	82,241	79,237	69,231
Total	114,792	123,221	119,840	108,395	104,228	103,793	105,895	103,522	106,257	98,626	95,281	81,602

Difference	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
On street	-4,385	-4,540	-4,379									
%	-26%	-26%	-25%									
Off Street	-4,394	-7,468	-9,403									
%	-4%	-7%	-9%									
Total	-9,319	-12,008	-13,782									
%	-8%	-10%	-12%									

The number of parking sessions during Q1 in 2022/23 against the same period in 2019/20 (Pre-Covid) is running at a 10% decrease.

PCN's Issued

2022/23	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
On street	427	432	406									
Off Street	347	268	302									
Total	774	700	708									

2019/20	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
On street	576	660	632	683	792	624	581	523	357	483	487	377
Off Street	437	686	659	658	592	599	633	340	334	375	326	211
Total	1,013	1,346	1,291	1,341	1,384	1,223	1,214	863	691	858	813	588

Difference	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
On street	-149	-228	-226									
%	-26%	-35%	-36%									
Off Street	-90	-418	-357									
%	-21%	-61%	-54%									
Total	-239	-646	-583									
%	-24%	-48%	-45%									

The number of PCN's issued during Q1 in 2022/23 against the same period in 2019/20 (Pre-Covid) is running at a 39% decrease.

TRO's

 <u>Marlowes (North)</u> – Proposal to introduce Pay to Park bays, No waiting restrictions, No waiting/no loading restrictions, and Disabled badge holder only bays.

The formal consultation has concluded and our consultancy (ADL) have provided their formal consultation report, which is available to view on the Councils results of completed consultations web page along with documentation in the form of the Statement of Reasons, the Notice of Proposal, the draft TRO, the TRO schedule, and the initial letter with plan.

The decision to progress the scheme has been made, and ADL are putting a design and works package together.

One solar powered Pay to Park payment machine has been ordered to add to the two already in store, in the process of re-commissioning these machines.

 Waterhouse Street - Proposal to reduce the taxi rank from the end of the southernmost bus stop to the pedestrian crossing to be replaced with disabled badge holder only bays restricted to a three hour maximum stay with no return within three hours and also Pay to Park bays.

The consultation has concluded and our consultancy (ADL) have provided their consultation report, which is available to view on the <u>Councils results of completed consultations web page</u>

Received decision from the Portfolio Holder for Corporate & Contracted Services after reading the consultation report, and we have decided to make revisions to the proposal, which are:

- Instead of proposing Pay to park bays on the western side of the road after the pedestrian crossing, we propose to keep the existing taxi rank, although only five standard vehicles in length* please see the revised proposal in the map below
 - * A standard vehicle length would be equal to the length of a family car such as a Ford Focus
- Proposing 8 disabled badge holder only bays on the western side of Waterhouse Street, instead of proposing 7 disabled badge holder only bays restricted from Monday to Sunday from 8am to 8pm to a maximum of 3 hours parking with no return within 2 hours.

 Cobbets Ride, Tring – Proposed scheme for Cobbetts Ride, Barbers Walk and Abstacle Hill, to prevent commuter parking. We have gone with a two hour daytime commuter ban restriction, which are single yellow lines restricted between 11am-1pm Monday to Friday on both sides of the road to prevent all day parking with 'at any time' double yellow lines to protect the junctions for safety.

We undertook an informal resident's consultation to gauge public support. Stakeholders affected by the proposals were consulted from Wednesday 15 June 2022 to Friday 15 July 2022 (noon).

The consultation has concluded and our consultancy (ADL) have provided their consultation report, which is available to view on the <u>Councils results of completed consultations web page</u>

Received decision from the Portfolio Holder for Corporate & Contracted Services after reading the consultation report, and it has been decided not to pursue this scheme.

 <u>Station Road, Hemel Hempstead</u> – Proposal to extend the no waiting at any time double yellow lines to protect the grass verge & footpath and for general safety reasons further to Cllr Riddick's correspondence with Parking Services.

We undertook a formal statutory consultation as required to introduce the no waiting at any time restrictions (double yellow line). The consultation was held from Wednesday 22 June 2022 until noon on Thursday 21 July 2022. During this process, site notices and plans were attached to street furniture on site, the Notice of Proposal documents were made available on our website, and they were also published in the Hemel Hempstead Gazette. A copy of the Site Notice and Plan was also directly posted to residents and businesses of the area - a total of 297 addresses.

The consultation has concluded and our consultancy (ADL) have provided their consultation report, which is available to view on the <u>Councils results of completed consultations web page</u>

Received decision from the Portfolio Holder for Corporate & Contracted Services after reading the consultation report, and it has been decided to pursue this scheme, please note this scheme has taken priority over the others. Parking Services did not informally consult first. We hope to be enforcing in approx. 6 weeks.

 <u>The Denes, Hemel Hempstead</u> – Proposal to limit the existing parking bays outside the shopping areas to two hours with no return within two hours Monday to Sunday

8:00am - 7:00pm further to Cllr Maddern's correspondence with Parking Services.

Our consultancy (ADL) have undertaken a site visit and assessment and have engineered a scheme design that is agreeable to the local stakeholders in the area including no waiting at any time on the junctions of Pinecroft/The Denes, Barnacres Road/Georgewood Road, Barnacres Road/The Denes.

Our consultancy (ADL) is currently undertaking an informal resident/business consultation to introduce the proposed restrictions. The consultation is advertised on the Councils <u>Waiting restrictions (dacorum.gov.uk)</u> web page. The consultation period ended for the public on Friday 19 August 2022. However, one of the statutory consultees (Nash Mills parish Council) have requested an extension as they wish to discuss this in their meeting on Monday 12th September 2022, which has been agreed. We will then receive the result of the consultation in a report provided by ADL.

Anchor Lane, Hemel Hempstead - Further to Cllr Allen and Herts Police's correspondence with Parking Services, Parking Services propose to introduce No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Line) restrictions at the junction with Heath Lane up to the end of the current No Waiting 'Mon-Fri 8.30am-4.30pm' (Single Yellow Line). There are currently three restrictions in a small area on Anchor Lane, Parking Services are proposing to make the area less confusing to motorists, and to help to prevent parents parking (and driving) along the pavements at school drop off and pick up times.. Also at the junction of Beechfield Road and Anchor Lane the proposal is to introduce additional no waiting at any time restrictions in order to prevent parking close to or on the mini roundabout.

Our consultancy (ADL) have undertaken a site visit and assessment on Friday 22 April 2022 and have engineered a scheme design that is agreeable to the local stakeholders in the area. Parking Services are proposing to introduce no waiting at any time (double yellow) lines on Beechfield Road including protection for the Anchor Lane/Beechfield Road junction. Correspondence has taken place between Councillors and Parking Services to extend these double yellow lines from the Beechfield Road/Anchor Lane junction to outside number 38 Beechfield Road as currently residents are parking their vehicles on the grass verge, which we are proposing to stop.

Parking Services has submitted a Portfolio Holder Decision Records Sheet for statutory comments.

 Elm Grove, Berkhamsted ('F' Zone) - Proposal to introduce a residents only Controlled Parking Zone in order to formalise current parking habits to avoid obstruction currently caused by inappropriate parking by commuters visiting the town centre.

Our consultancy (ADL) have undertaken a site visit and assessment on Friday 22 April 2022 to engineer a scheme design that is agreeable to the local stakeholders in the area. Proposed for restricted time to be Mon-Sun 8am-8pm with the zone named 'F'. The proposed 'F' zone would have the same restricted hours as our existing 'C' zone. Therefore, we propose 700 hours of visitor sessions for residents with a maximum of 3 permits per household.

The call in period has expired and we are currently informally consulting residents and business on a proposal to alter the existing parking arrangements at Elm Grove, Berkhamsted, consisting of the introduction of:

- 1) A permit parking area (Controlled Parking Zone F) permitting only permit holders to park in that area.
- 2) Additional no-waiting-at-any-time (double yellow line) restrictions to prevent parking on both sides of Elm Grove.

The proposals

The proposals are in response to concerns being raised about non-resident vehicles (consisting of shoppers and commuters) parking on Elm Grove meaning residents are unable to park near to their properties.

These measures are also being proposed for the following reasons:

- To prevent double parking on Elm Grove
- To enable residents to park close to their homes by preventing commuters/shoppers parking on the road (whom would not be eligible for a permit)
- To prevent parking at the junction of Elm Grove and A4251 High Street
- To generally improve the safety and navigability of Elm Grove for road users

The deadline for responses is noon on Friday 9th September 2022. The proposed changes and plan are set out in the document available on the Councils web page: Waiting restrictions (dacorum.gov.uk)

• Old Fishery Lane, Berkhamsted) - Proposal to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions (double yellow lines) on Old Fishery Lane. Currently vehicles are parking at the end of the road, on the turning head and outside homes. DBC & HCC have received complaints from residents that they cannot use their drives. There has also been a canal boat fire and the fire brigade struggled to get as close to the fire as they wanted. Therefore, Parking Services has offered to introduce the restrictions, if HCC provide the funding to do so. HCC have agreed and invoice sent. Parking Services will now raise an EDRS to start the process to introduce the proposed restrictions.

5. Leisure Contract

Attendance figures for leisure centres at Berkhamsted and Hemel Hempstead and the athletics track at Jarman's Park are shown below. The overall attendance figures pre-pandemic were 20,000 per week on average.

Weekly Attendance Data

	Gym		Group Ex		Swimming		Outdoor		
Week Commencing	Hemel	Berko	Hemel	Berko	Hemel	Berko	Berko 3G	Track	Total
2019/20 Average	132	56	2,898	816	1,672	415	N/A	557	6,546
2021/22 Q1 Weekly Average	1,887	1,399	1,271	381	2,464	1,221	852	517	9,564
2021/22 Q2 Weekly Average	1,414	881	1,934	571	4,283	1,374	836	471	11,760
2021/22 Q3 Weekly Average	1,192	773	1,704	538	3,370	1,136	717	274	9,703
2021/22 Q4 Weekly Average	1,401	926	2,131	687	3,923	1,420	831	433	11,751
2022/23 Q1 Weekly Average	1,309	1,048	2,024	650	4,580	1,466	795	980	12,851
Average Attendance	1,441	1,005	1,813	565	3,724	1,323	806	535	11,126
Direction of Travel last Qtr	Ψ	^	Ψ	Ψ	^	^	Ψ	^	^

The Council supported Everyone Active (EA) through the pandemic by waiving their rights to the contractual management fee for 2020/21 and 2021/22 and also provided additional financial support to help with the recovery from the pandemic.

The total maximum support the Council provided to EA during 2020/21 is set out below:

	Amount (£)
Approved financial support paid to EA in 2020/21	£1.5M
Less Government Income Support Scheme	(£350k)
Income Government Support Scheme	(£320K)
Net cost of financial support provided in 2020/21	£830k

The total maximum support the Council provided to EA during 2021/22 is set out below:

	Amount (£)
Approved financial support paid to EA in 2021/22	£1.245M
Net cost of financial support provided in 2021/22	£919k

The actual support payments made by the Council in 2020/21 (in addition to the net management fee waiver) was to £319,041 which was £325,959 less than the forecast of £645,000.

Financial support from the Council to EA ceased from 2022/23 and an agreement on the management fee for 2022/23 was negotiated resulting in the Council receiving an annual figure of £430k, invoiced on a monthly basis (£35,833).

The management fee is approximately 50% of the contractual management fee for 2022/23, but it is recognised that the leisure industry is still recovering from the pandemic and attendance has not yet returned to pre-pandemic levels.

The financial performance of the contract during Q1 2022/23 is set out below:

	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Income	£352,976	£374,965	£382,372										£1,110,314
Expenditure	£367,345	£401,352	£347,538										£1,116,235
Contract Costs	£46,500	£46,500	£46,500										£139,501
Surplus/Deficit	£60,869	£72,888	£11,666										£145,423

6. Garage Service

The information below shows the number of terminations and commencements that have been completed within Q1.

	01/04/2022	11/04/2022	18/04/2022	25/04/2022	02/05/2022	09/05/2022	16/05/2022	23/05/2022	30/05/2022	06/06/2022	13/06/2022	20/06/2022	27/062020
	Wk 1	wk2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	WK6	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9	Wk 10	Wk 11	Wk 12	Wk 13
Terminations	13	10	10	6	5	11	18	9	10	7	8	8	10
Commencements	42	25	15	10	5	20	9	9	10	9	8	7	13
Weekly difference	-29	-15	-5	-4	0	-9	9	0	0	-2	0	1	-3
Occupied Garages	5222	5251	5266	5271	5275	5275	5284	5275	5275	5275	5277	5277	5276
Void Garages	1916	1887	1872	1867	1863	1863	1854	1863	1863	1863	1861	1861	1862
Total Garages	7138	7138	7138	7138	7138	7138	7138	7138	7138	7138	7138	7138	7138

The Council have also just received tenders submissions back on the recently advertised Garage stock condition survey, and will be looking to carry out the evaluation of these tenders and award of contract over the next few months.

Once the stock condition survey is carried out, this will enable the Service to produce a Garage Asset Strategy, which will set out the longer term aspirations for the Council.

7. Commercial Programme

Members of the Committee have been made aware of the Commercial Programme that has commenced over the summer. The Full Business Cases are due to be fully developed by the end of September for phase 1 FBC's and the end of October for phase 2 FBC's.

The FBC's will be reviewed by Commercial Board during October and November and presented to this Committee and Cabinet.

Project	Lead Officer	Project Sponsor(s)	Directorate	Additional Comments
Phase 1				
Smart Parking	Ben Hosier	Robin Barton	Corporate & Commercial Services	
Light Industrial Units	David Barrett	Robin Barton	Place	
Light industrial Offics	Richard Rice	James Doe		
Commercial Waste	Richard LeBrun	Jody Nason	Resident Services	Project pending the Waste Transformation Programme being fully mobilised
CCTV	Karen Proudfoot	Richard LeBrun	Resident Services	
Fees and Charges	Fiona Jump	Nigel Howcutt	Corporate & Commercial Services	
Environmental Shared Service	Emma Walker	Richard LeBrun	Resident Services	
Property Services	Mark Pinnell Richard Rice	Jody Nason James Doe	Resident Services Place	This FBC will also play a key role in the development of a future operating model for housing, as part of the Housing Transformation & Improvement Programme
Phase 2				
Fleet EV	Craig Thorpe	Richard LeBrun	Resident Services	Project pending the Waste Transformation Programme being fully mobilised
Developer Account	Alex Robinson	James Doe	Place	
Planning Enforcement Shared Service	Alex Robinson	James Doe	Place	
Legal Shared Service	Mark Brookes	Robin Barton	Corporate & Commercial Services	
Homes & Contents Insurance Service	Fiona Jump	Nigel Howcutt	Corporate & Commercial Services	

A Commercial Strategy has also been drafted over the summer and a separate report on this is included on this agenda.