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SUPPLEMENTARY PACK 1

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - VIA SKYPE on THURSDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2021 at 10:00 AM

I enclose herewith amended report for **item 7 (PERFORMANCE REPORTS FQ3 2020/21)** which should replace that previously issued with the Agenda for the above meeting.

Douglas Hendry Executive Director

AMENDED REPORT

7. **PERFORMANCE REPORTS FQ3 2020/21** (Pages 3 - 28)

Report by Executive Directors with responsibility for Customer Support, Commercial Services, Legal and Regulatory Support and Financial Services

Policy and Resources Committee

Councillor Mary-Jean Devon
Councillor Robin Currie (Chair)
Councillor Bobby Good
Councillor Yvonne McNeilly
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CUSTOMER SUPPORT SERVICES 18 FEBRUARY 2021

PERFORMANCE REPORTS FQ3 2020/21 –
FINANCIAL SERVICES
COMMERCIAL SERVICES
LEGAL AND REGULATORY SUPPORT
CUSTOMER SUPPORT SERVICES

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Council's Performance and Improvement Framework (PIF) sets out the presentation process for regular performance reporting. As a consequence of Covid-19 alternative options for each PIF activity have been agreed by the Strategic Management Team.
- 1.2 This paper presents the Policy and Resources Committee with the FQ3 2020/21 performance report for Financial Services, Commercial Services, Legal and Regulatory Support and Customer Support Services.
- 1.3 It is recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee reviews and scrutinises the FQ3 2020/21 Performance Report as presented.

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2.0 INTRODUCTION

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- 2.1 This paper presents the Policy and Resources Committee with the FQ3 2020/21 Performance Report for Financial Services, Commercial Services Legal and Regulatory Support and Customer Support Services in a revised simplified format commensurate with the Covid-19 situation.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 That members review and scrutinise the FQ3 2020/21 Performance Reports as presented.

4.0 DETAIL

4.1 As a consequence of Covid-19 the normal arrangements for members' scrutiny of performance has been suspended with an interim arrangement in place.

- 4.2 To simplify the process during the Council's response to Covid-19, Heads of Service were asked to identify Key Performance Indicators for their Service and these are attached at appendix 1.
- 4.3 Simplifying and focusing the performance reports in this manner is a proactive approach to help minimise back office function/non-essential activities whilst maintaining a level of service that supports scrutiny, performance monitoring and out statutory duties.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy None
- 5.2 Financial None
- 5.3 Legal The Council has a duty to deliver best value under the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003
- 5.4 HR None
- 5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty: None
- 5.5.1 Equalities protected characteristics None
- 5.5.2 Socio-economic Duty None
- 5.5.3 Islands None
- 5.6. Risk Ensures that all our performance information is reported in a balanced manner
- 5.7 Customer Service None

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Executive Director with responsibility for Commercial Services and Legal and Regulatory Support

Kirsty Flanagan

Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services

Laurence Slavin Acting Head of Financial Services

Policy Leads: Councillors Alastair Redman, Mary Jean Devon, Gary Mulvaney.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Key Performance Indicators for -

Financial Services

Commercial Services

Legal and Regulatory Support

Customer Support Services

This report provides an overview of the FQ3 2020/21 performance for the Chief Executive's Unit.

Delivering Our Outcomes – This highlights past performance as illustrated through the Services' Key Performance Indicators

KEY TO SYMBOLS

- R Indicates the performance has not met the expected Target
- G Indicates the performance has met or exceeded the expected Target
- The Performance Trend Arrow indicates the direction of travel compared to the last performance reporting period

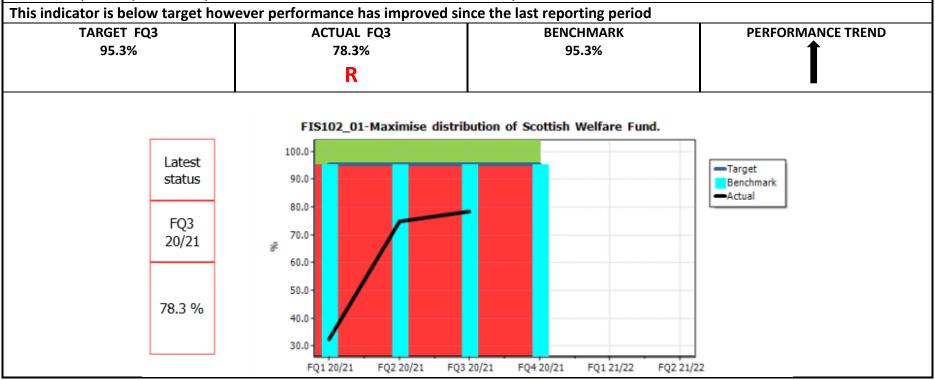
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DELIVERING OUR OUTCOMES – OUR KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Indicator: FIS102_01-Maximise distribution of Scottish Welfare Fund.

Why measure this? We distribute as much of the Scottish Welfare Fund as we can to help vulnerable people. We also have a statutory duty to do this.

Commentary: Spend is at 78.31% of the amended profiled budget after factoring in additional funding of £293,000 made available by the Scottish Government due to an anticipated increase in demand as a consequence of Covid-19. This additional demand has not materialised to the extent anticipated which has resulted in our spend against the revised budget dropping to 78.31%. If the additional funds had not been made available we would have spent 95% of our entire allocation by the end of December. We have now reduced the priority level which we award Scottish Welfare Funds from Medium and High to Low, Medium and High for the final two months of 2020/21 to allow more funds to be approved for vulnerable people, on low income. Any underspend at the year-end will be carried forward and added to next year's allocation.

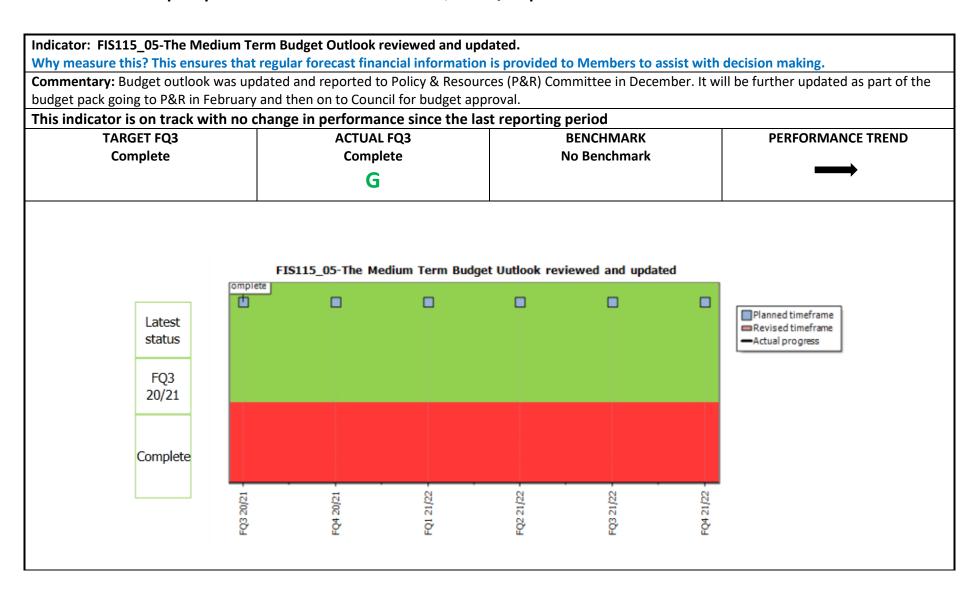


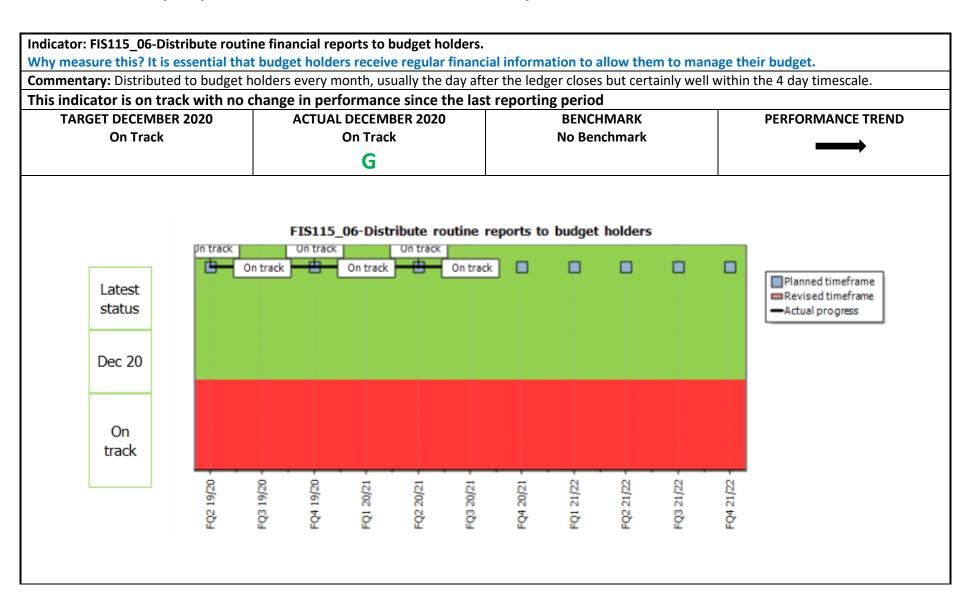
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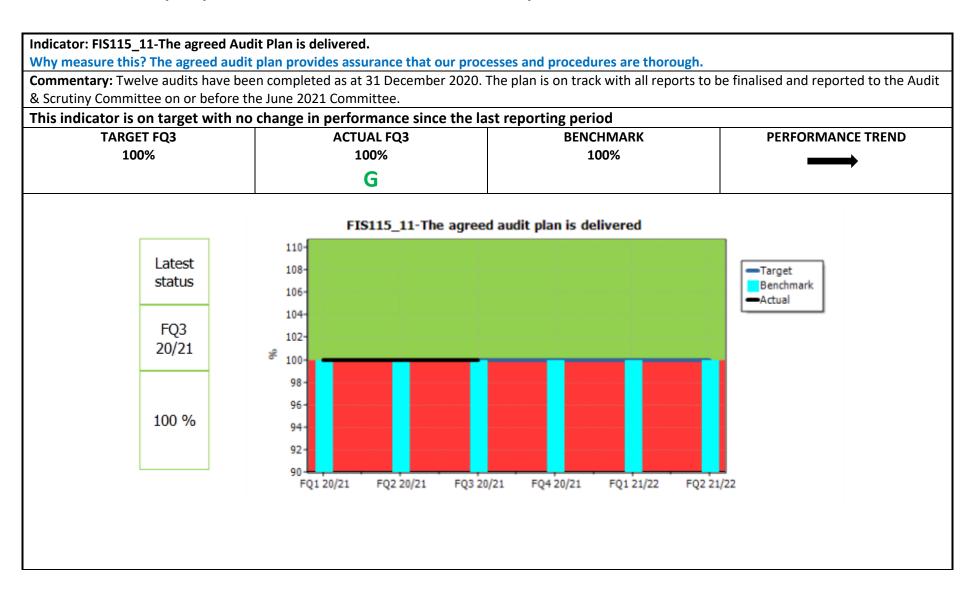
Indicator: FIS102 04a-All new benefit claims are processed promptly. Why measure this? We process benefit claims as quickly as we can to help vulnerable people. We also have a statutory duty to do this. Commentary: Despite Covid staff have managed to deliver an improved level of service whilst working from home. This demonstrates the ongoing commitment of officers to processing benefit claims at a time of great need for vulnerable people. This indicator is above target and performance has improved since the last reporting period (lower is better). **TARGET DECEMBER 2020 BENCHMARK ACTUAL DECEMBER 2020** PERFORMANCE TREND 19.00 Days 21 days 21 Days 2018/19 Scottish average G FIS102_04a-All new benefit claims are processed promptly. 23.00 Latest 22.50 -Target status Benchmark 22.00 —Actual 21.50 Dec 20 20.50 20.00 19.50 19.00 19.00 18.50 Days Jan 20 Mar 20 Apr 20 Aug 20 Sep 20 Dec 19 Feb 20 Jun 20 May

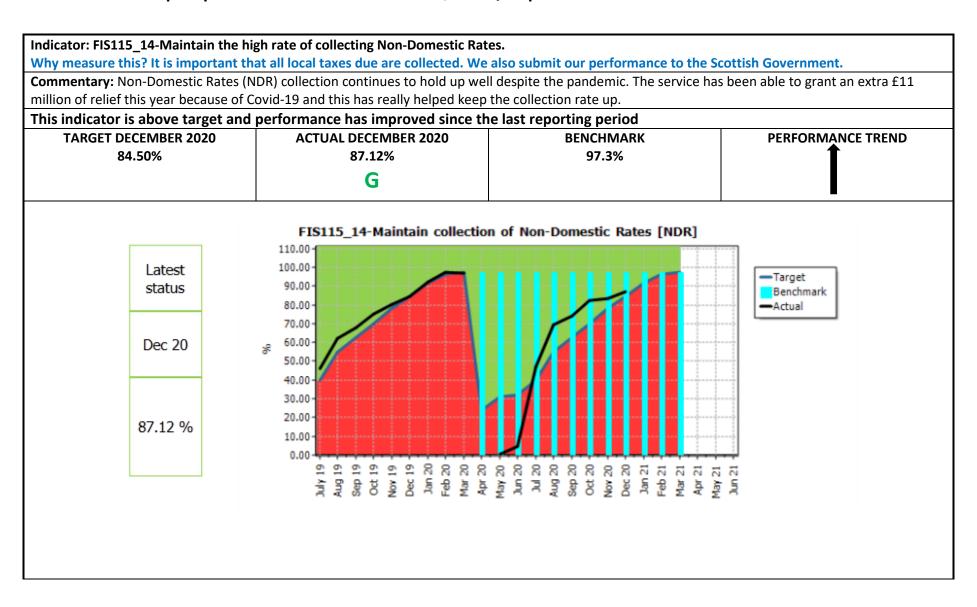
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Indicator: FIS110_02-Maintain the percentage of suppliers that are paid within 30 days. Why measure this? Based on good practice. Commentary: Percentage of invoices paid within the quarter marginally dipped to just under the 95% target due to creditors' staff being heavily involved in processing of COVID-19 grant payments to businesses across Argyll & Bute. This indicator is below target and performance has decreased since the last reporting period **TARGET FQ3 BENCHMARK PERFORMANCE TREND ACTUAL FQ3** 95.5% 94.8% 93.1% R FIS110_02-Maintain the percentage of suppliers that are paid within 30 days. 100.0 98.0 98.0 97.0 92.0 90.0 95.0 FQ1 20/21 FQ4 18/19 FQ1 19/20 FQ2 19/20 FQ3 19/20 FQ4 19/20 FQ4 20/21 FQ3 20/21 FQ2 20/21 94.0 Quarterly % Invoices paid within 30 days - Chief Executive's FQ4 18/19 FQ2 19/20 FQ1 21/22 FQ4 21/22 19/20 FQ3 21/22 FQ3 19/20 FQ4 19/20 FQ2 21/22 FQ2 20/21 FQ3 20/21 FQ4 20/21 Quarterly % Invoices paid within 30 days - Ex. Dir. Douglas Hendry Quarterly % Invoices paid within 30 days - Ex. Dir. Kirsty Flanagan Quarterly % Invoices paid within 30 days - HSCP Benchmark | % invoices paid in 30 days







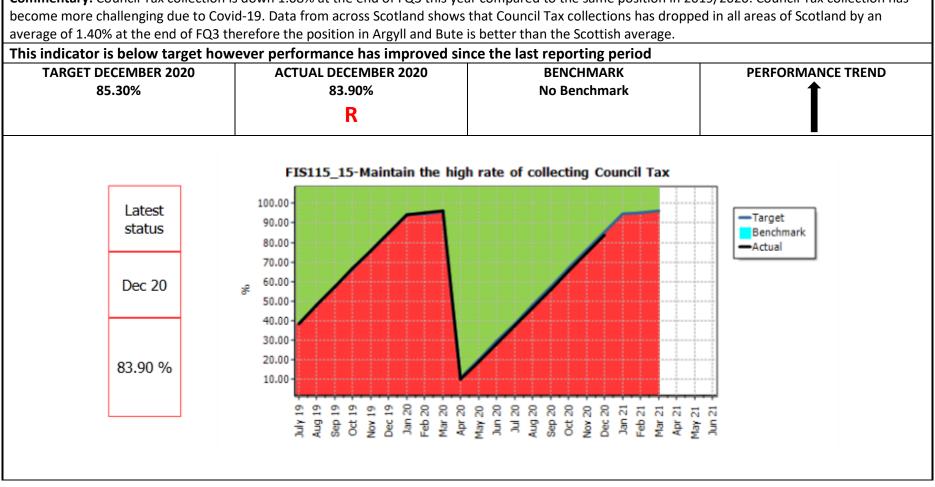


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Indicator: FIS115 15-Maintain the high rate of collecting Council Tax.

Why measure this? It is important that all local taxes due are collected. We also submit our performance to the Scottish Government.

Commentary: Council Tax collection is down 1.08% at the end of FQ3 this year compared to the same position in 2019/2020. Council Tax collection has



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Indicator: COM113_04-The Council's Capital Plan is delivered on time [for projects managed by the Major Projects Client Management Team] Why measure this? We can deliver major capital projects which add value to the community on time.

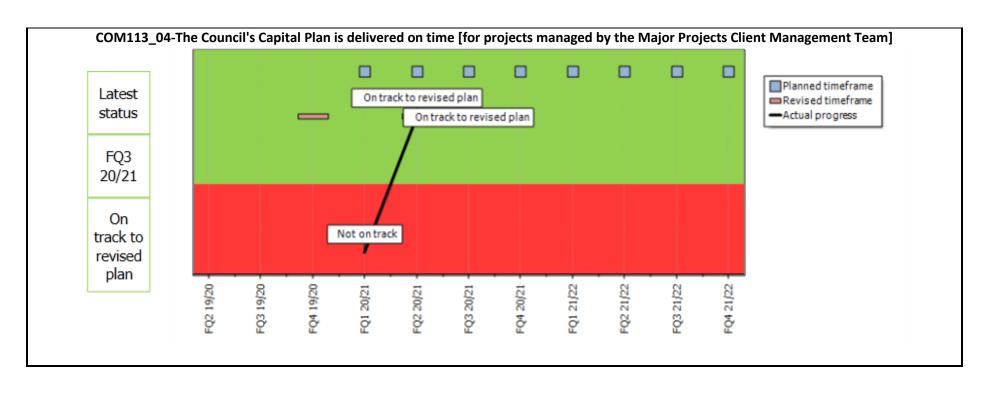
Commentary: The following Projects from the Capital Plan are being delivered by the Programme and Project Management Services team (PPMS):

- 1. Oban Transit Berthing Facility (OTBF) Closing out remaining defects: Original Forecast Completion FQ2 FY17/18 Practical Completion Achieved FQ2 FY17/18
- 2. Oban Maritime Visitor Facility (OMVF) Closing out remaining defects: Original Forecast Completion FQ4 FY16/17 Practical Completion Achieved FQ4 FY17/18 3. Oban Public Realm Phase 1 (OPR1): Original Forecast Completion FQ1 FY15/16 Practical Completion Achieved FQ2 FY15/16
- 3. Oban Public Realm Phase 2 (OPR2): Main Contractor entered into Administration. Minor residual works to achieve Practical Completion are being closed out by A&BC Roads following insolvency of Main Contractor: Original Forecast Completion FQ1 FY16/17 Revised Forecast Completion FQ4 FY20/21
- **4.** Rothesay Pavilion Adaptive Restoration (RPN): Main Contractor in Administration, with works 70% Complete. Replacement Contractor to be procured for works required to achieve Practical Completion. Original Forecast Completion FQ2 FY19/20 Revised Forecast Completion FQ3 FY21/22
- **5.** Dunoon Queens Hall Refurbishment (DQH) Closing out remaining of defects. Original Forecast Completion FQ2 FY17/18 Practical Completion Achieved FQ1 FY18/19
- **6.** Helensburgh Waterfront Development (HWD) Main Contract Awarded on 14 July 2020, construction works have commenced on site. Original Forecast Completion FQ4 FY22/23 Revised Forecast Completion FQ4 FY22/23

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TARGET FQ3 On Track	ACTUAL FQ3 On Track To Revised Plan	BENCHMARK No Benchmark	PERFORMANCE TREND				

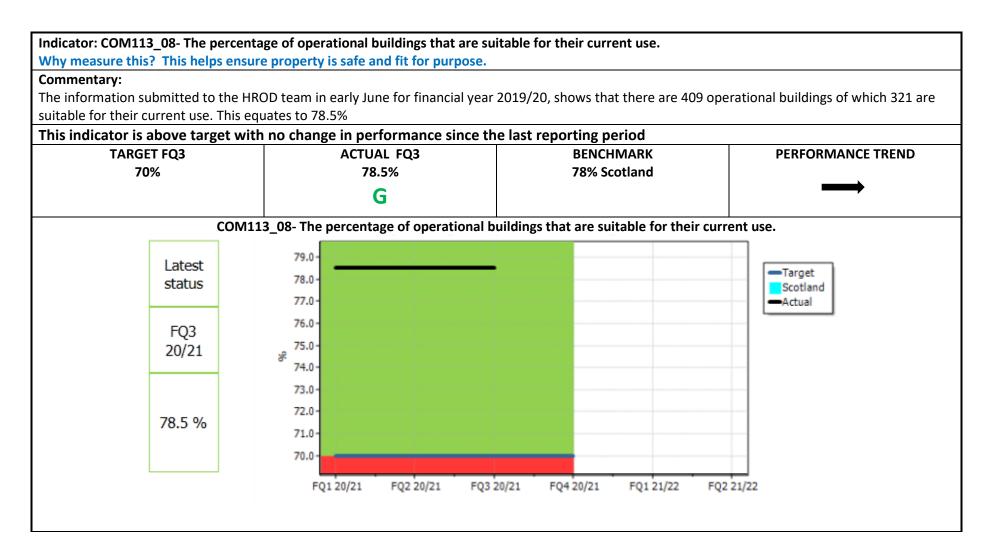
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Indicator: COM113 05-The Council's Capital Plan is delivered on time [for projects managed by Property Services]. Why measure this? We ensure safe and efficient development of Council properties. Commentary: As a result of Covid-19 there has been significant slippage in the 2020-21 capital programme. In particular the Early Years programme has been de-prioritised and the Scottish Government has extended the completion deadline from August 2020 until August 2021. There has been a need to re-programme a significant number of projects from summer 2020 to summer 2021. Given our knowledge of contractor availability there is a risk that there will be insufficient contractor capacity to undertake the works that will be required in summer 2021. The property design team will have early dialogue with contractors to inform the most appropriate way forward. This indicator is now on track but to a revised plan, this is noted through the horizontal trend arrow **TARGET FQ3 ACTUAL FQ3 BENCHMARK** PERFORMANCE TREND On Track On Track To Revised Plan No Benchmark G COM113 05-The Council's Capital Plan is delivered on time [for projects managed by Property Services]. On track On track Planned timeframe Latest On track to revised plan On track to revised plan Revised timeframe status —Actual progress On track to revised plan FQ3 20/21 On track to revised plan FQ1 21/22 FQ2 21/22 FQ3 21/22 FQ4 21/22 FQ2 20/21

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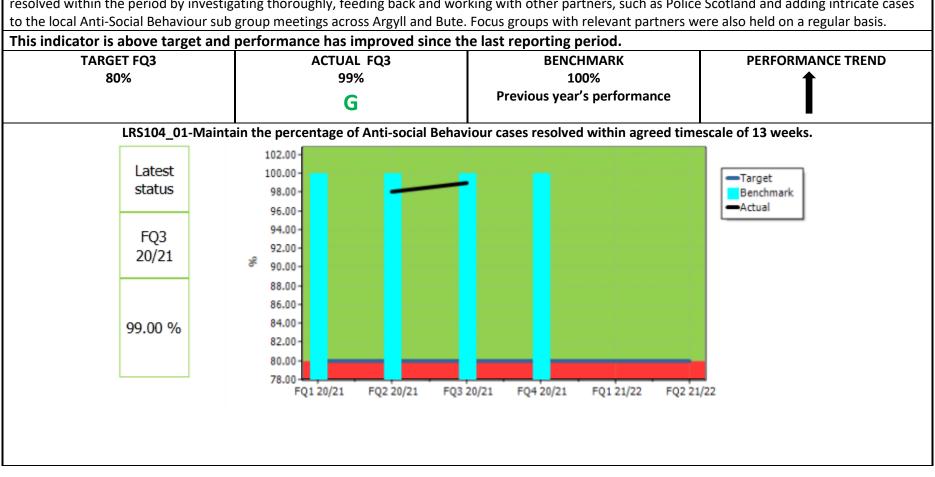
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DELIVERING OUR OUTCOMES – OUR KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Indicator: LRS104_01-Maintain the percentage of Anti-social Behaviour cases resolved within agreed timescale of 13 weeks.

Why measure this? Identifies if cases are being dealt with promptly and monitors our compliance against Scottish Government targets.

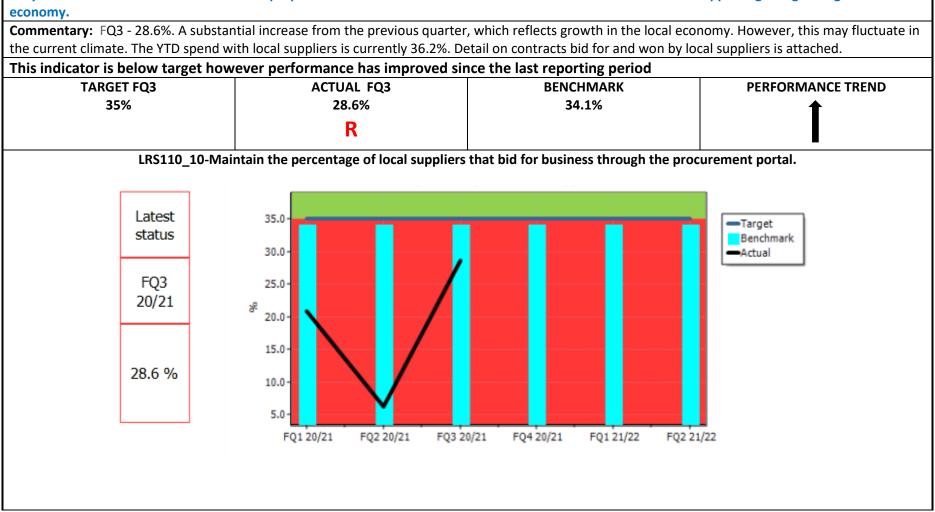
Commentary: A strong focus was in situ to ensure the majority of cases were resolved prior to the closure of Council offices. Cases were effectively resolved within the period by investigating thoroughly, feeding back and working with other partners, such as Police Scotland and adding intricate cases



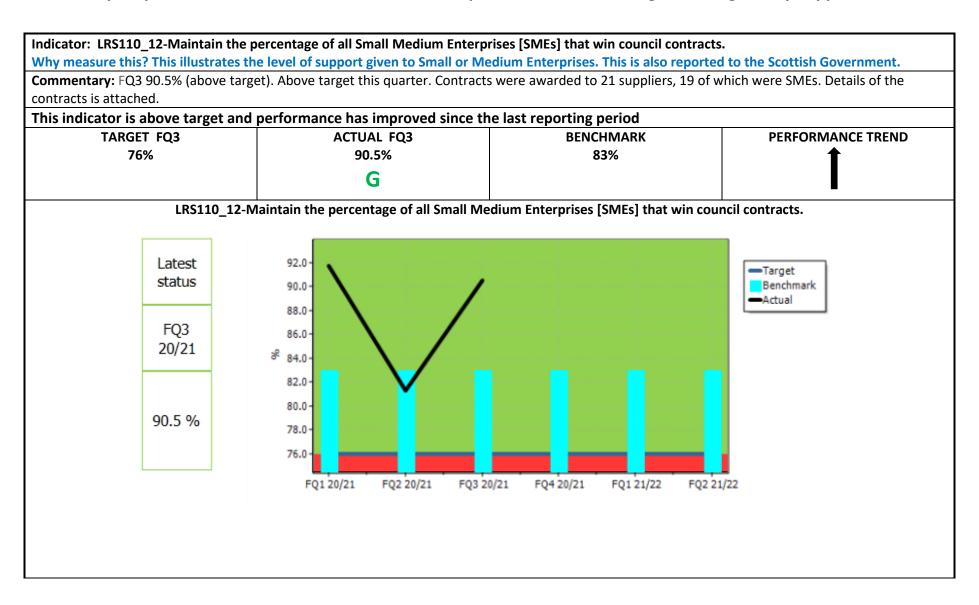
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Indicator: LRS110_10-Maintain the percentage of local suppliers that bid for business through the procurement portal. Why measure this? This demonstrates the proportion of local businesses that benefit from contract awards thus supporting and growing the local

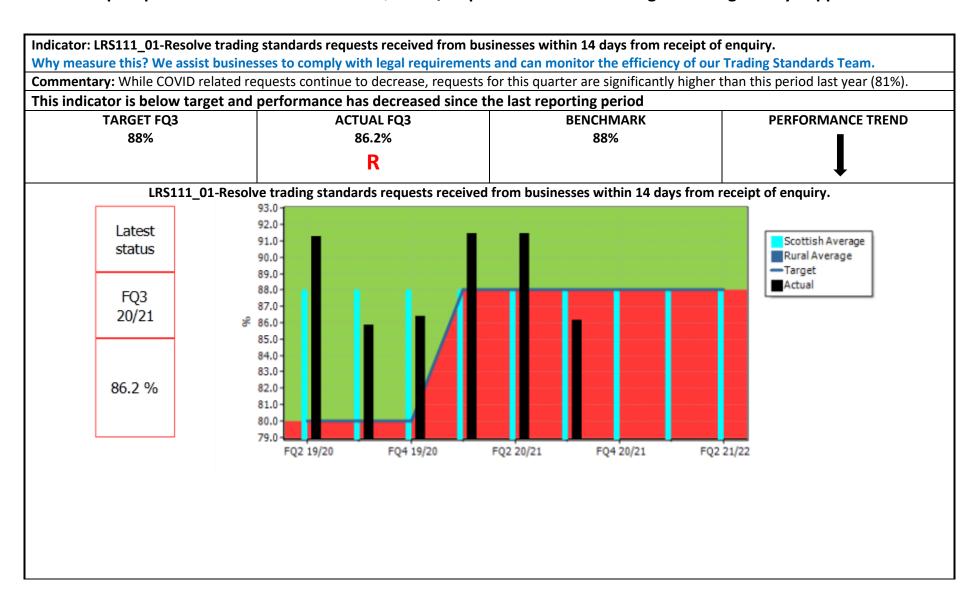
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Indicator: LRS116_02-Percentage of Community Councils that are satisfied with the support received from Governance Team.

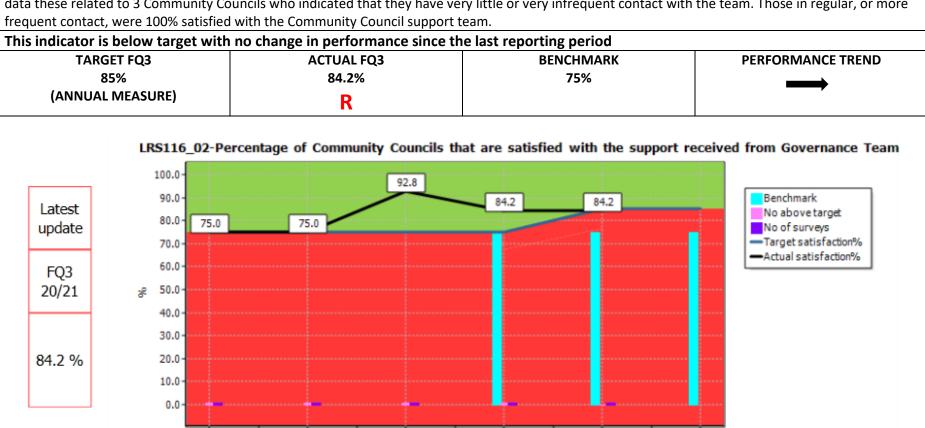
Why measure this? The monitoring of satisfaction levels helps ensure that support levels are appropriate.

FY 16/17

FY 17/18

FY 18/19

Commentary: Overall the response is 84.2% satisfaction. However 15.8% of those responding were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied. On scrutinising the data these related to 3 Community Councils who indicated that they have very little or very infrequent contact with the team. Those in regular, or more



FY 19/20

FY 20/21

FY 21/22

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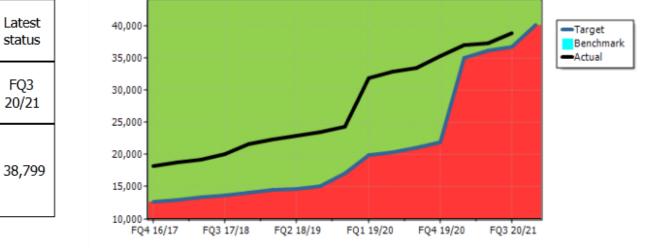
DELIVERING OUR OUTCOMES – OUR KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Indicator: CSS101_05-Increase public use of corporate social media sites on three categories of information: council news, community success and general use.Increase social media followers.

Why measure this? We issue positive and informative articles on Council services and achievements as well as the area overall. This supports the overall objective of attracting people to the area and promotes a positive reputation for the Council.

Commentary: We have continued to increase the number of followers across all corporate social media sites. Total number of followers across all platforms (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn) is 32,595. This is a 3% increase on last quarter. There continues to be a need to promote information helping people to deal with COVID-19 (partner organisations, Scottish Government, council support)

This indicator is above target and performance has improved since the last reporting period **TARGET FQ3 ACTUAL FQ3 BENCHMARK** PERFORMANCE TREND 36,707 38,799 No Benchmark G CSS101 05-Increase public use of corporate social media sites on three categories of information: council news, community success and general use.Increase social media followers. Latest 40,000 Target status Benchmark

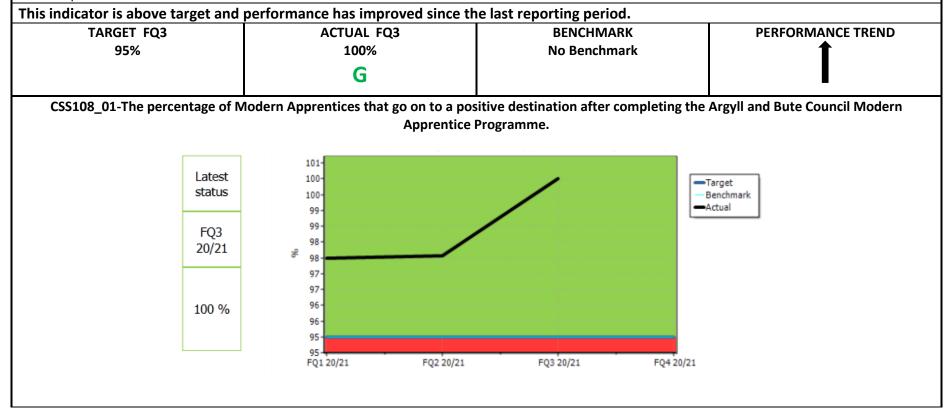


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Indicator: CSS108_01-The percentage of Modern Apprentices that go on to a positive destination after completing the Argyll and Bute Council Modern Apprentice Programme.

Why measure this? We have created Modern Apprenticeship opportunities, it is important that we measure their success in terms of gaining work or further training as a result of our investment.

Commentary: As a result of the pandemic there has been a drop-off in the appointment of new apprentices however there are currently 7 Modern Apprentices in training. The number of Modern Apprentices going into a positive destination on completion of their apprenticeship with Argyll and Bute Council has increased to 100%, this is as a result of further information being gathered on an apprentice who had previously left. Not all of these are with Argyll and Bute Council however currently 77% of all our completed apprentices go onto secure a post with Argyll and Bute Council, this is an increase on the last quarter.

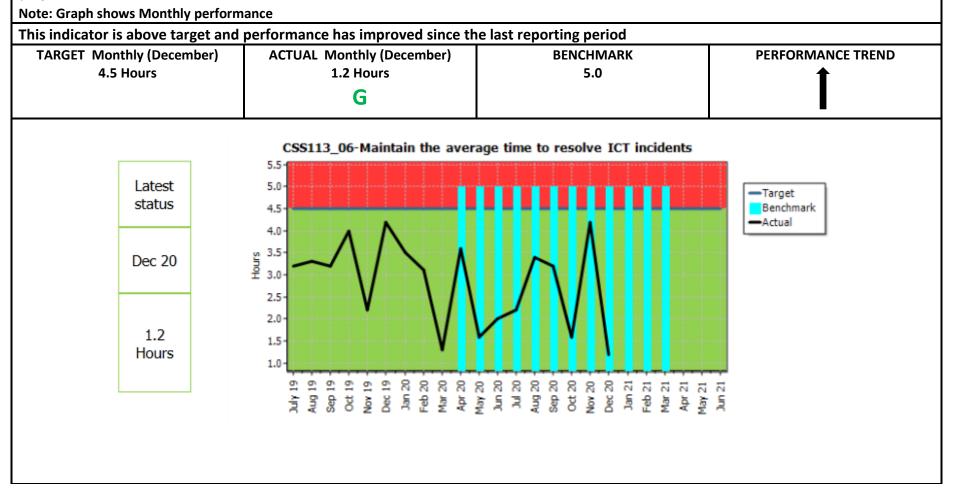


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Indicator: CSS113_06-Maintain the average time to resolve ICT incidents.

Why measure this? To support the Council to operate effectively and efficiently and any unforeseen ICT incidents are resolved as quickly as possible.

Commentary: Average Fix Time for December was 1 hr 20 mins for service affecting incidents which is well within target time of 4.5 hours. December saw a fall in call volumes and with shorter working month and many staff on leave has resulted in much lower number of calls and corresponding fix time.



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Indicator: CSS115_04-Increase the percentage of all Self-Service and automated contacts though both the Customer Service Centre and the Web. Why measure this? Increasing the volume of self-service and automated contacts reduces the use of other higher cost channels and improves our efficiency.

Commentary: In FQ3 there were 33349 mediated transactions (29.8%) and 78420 automated or self-service transaction = 70.2% so the 62% target was well exceeded. New digital elements introduced this quarter include: -

The blue badge integration to DWP Searchlight system to increase number of automatic passported online blue badge awards.

Video online Citizenship ceremony to reduce risk of Covid infection and increase paid take up of the service.

A range of online application forms to support the Strategic Business Framework funds for Covid Restriction Business Support.

An online form for Test and Protect Support integrated to CRM back office processes

Implementation of the Ask a Question online digital assistant for HR on the Hub - On Online Parking Permit Service

A new National Online application for National Entitlement Cards

An integration to the Lighting System that automatically updates customers on the status of their faulty street lighting reports

New automated alerts for ferry disruptions to the Cuan Ferry

Integration to a new nil cost government text service Gov. Notify has been set up to provide an alternative text in service, replacing the old that cost 4p per text.

