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POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

CUSTOMER SERVICES

15 AUGUST 2019

PERFORMANCE REPORT – FQ1 2019/20

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Council's Planning and Improvement Framework sets out the process for presentation of the Council's quarterly performance reports. This paper presents the Policy and Resources Committee with the Customer Services and Strategic Finance performance reports and associated scorecards for FQ1 2019-20 (April June).
- 1.2 It is recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee reviews the scorecards as presented.

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2. INTRODUCTION

2.1 The Planning and Improvement Framework sets out the process for presentation of the council's quarterly performance reports. This paper presents the Departmental performance reports with associated scorecards for performance in FQ1 2019-20 (April - June).

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee reviews the scorecards as presented.

4. DETAIL

- 4.1 The quarterly performance reporting template has been reviewed and update following improvements identified from the internal audit of Performance Management.
- 4.2 There are 3 changes to the template which has previously been submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee. The first shows the total number of success measures that are delivered by the Department or Council, which are then presented as the number on/off track (green or red). The second change is the detail of all success measures that are off-track for the reporting period, and the third is the inclusion of a visual illustration of performance trend.
- 4.2 The performance scorecard for Customer Services was extracted from the Council's Pyramid performance management system and is comprised of key performance indictors incorporating the four services that make up Customer Services. Likewise the scorecard for Strategic Finance comprises the key performance indicators for this service.

5. 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 Scotland Act 2003.
- 5.4 HR None
- 5.5 Socio Economic/Equalities None
- 5.6 Risk Ensuring performance is effectively scrutinised

by members reduces reputational risk to the Council.

5.7 Customer Services None

Douglas Hendry, Executive Director – Customer Services

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Council Performance Report – Customer Services	Period: April – June 2019
SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE	- No. of Success Measures:
Green	64
Red	3
No Data	13 (Not Due To Report)
Delivering Ou	
Corporate Outcome 1 - People live active, healthier and independent	
30101 We ensure information and support is available for everyone	
1. Call abandon rate for the quarter at 4.3% well below target of 6.25%.	94.8% of calls dealt with at first point of contact (better than target of s, meeting the target of 79% effectiveness, whilst the voice automated
2. Web Team Led improvements	
	e for Oban pontoons that has had 67 users and brought in £3.4k income.
The local MyAccount Service has nearly doubled the number	of subscribers to over 6,400 as a result of making it the authentication
gateway to the new OPENportal online revenues service and	property specific bin day look up.
 The Communications Team was runner up 'In-house team of the year Association) 	r, Scotland ' 2019 (awarded by the Public Relations and Communication
BO102 We provide support, prevention and opportunities to help people mal	ke better lifestyle choices
 All benefit claims were processed accurately. 100% of crisis grants processed in 5.96 days for the quarter well be change in circumstances processed in 5.96 days for the quarter well be 	
Corporate Outcome 3 - Children and young people have the best poss	sible start
BO107 The support and lifestyle needs of our children, young people and the	ir families are met
1. Successful implementation of Spring-Summer menu 2019	
2. Successful extension audit of quality management standard ISO 9001	:2015 to include Campbeltown Grammar, Oban High and Kirn Primary
Corporate Outcome 5 - Our economy is diverse and thriving	
BO110 We support businesses, employment and development opportunities	
1. NDR relief is at £14.429m in the first quarter of the year above target	t of £13.3m
Corporate Outcome 6 - We have an infrastructure that supports susta	ainable growth
BO113 Our infrastructure is safe and fit for the future	
	on and issue of tender documents resulting in Property Design achieving a 2.2M in value. Works to date have been implemented using existing staff al consultants.
2. In addition to the schools project a site start has been achieved for th	
3. The review of Argyll House is progressing well and the office has remained	
Getting it right	
BO115 We are efficient and cost effective	
1. Collection of Council Tax at end of June is 29.51% above the target of	f 29.30%

- 2. SOCITM Benchmarking 2019 national report showing the Council's ICT Department is ranked as the number 1 service in the UK in the key Cost and Performance KPI. The most cost effective and efficient ICT Service amongst UK local authorities
- 3. Successful delivery of the European Elections in accordance with Electoral Commission performance standards

BO116 We engage and work with our customers, staff and partners

- 1. Survey issued on Employment deal to employees as part of Living Wage project with over 700 responses during June
- 2. Close partnership working with Lord Lieutenants office in putting in place a ceremony for presentation of the British Empire Medal to Councillor MacMillan.

Our Challenges

Current Short-term Operational Challenges [Include Service id]

1. BO115 – Prolonged sickness absence in the HR and OD team over the quarter continues to cause issues in terms of capacity.

Current Key Challenges and Actions to address the Challenges

Key Challenges and Actions to address the Challenges

Business Outcome BO101 We ensure information and support is available for everyone

- 1. Challenge To resolve system faults with Semaphone DTMF suppression software that are causing timeouts, issues with mediated payments and lower performance of the voice automated payment system.
- 1. Action Detail The issues have been escalated as part of the Civica ICON PCI-DSS Project and there are 3 distinct areas of improvement being pursued:
 - 3 digit payment card references not being recognised by payment service provider Civica when card number begins with zero bug fix
 - DTMF touchtones not being recognised by Semaphone supplier when call is from Vodafone devices Examples being traced for analysis
 - Capacity issues on the Civica payment gateway causing timeouts as payments take more than 20 seconds to process. Escalated with supplier

Carried Forward From Previous Quarter: No	Action Milestone Dates: 23 rd August 2019	Responsible Person: Andrew Rudge – Project Manager
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Key Challenges and Actions to address t	he Challenges	
Business Outcome BO107 The Support and I	Lifestyle Needs of Our Children, Young People and	Their Families are Met.
compliance with the various statutory gu	lidance.	tral team as they plan, co-ordinate, monitor and ensure
 Action Detail – A working group has bee out is discussed within the group. 	n established and a co-ordinator has recently beer	n appointed, to ensure that changes to the phasing and roll
Carried Forward From Previous	Action Milestone Dates:	Responsible Person:
Quarter: Yes	On-going	Jayne Jones
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Key Challenges and Actions to addre	ess the Challenges						
Business Outcome BO110 We Support	Businesses, Employment and Development Opportunities	5					
3. Challenge – Personal Liquor Licence	e 10 year renewal has resulted in 300 plus applications in t	the first quarter.					
3. Action Detail – Programme in place	to process all applications by the Scottish Government d	eadline in February 2020.					
Carried Forward From Previous	Action Milestone Dates:	Responsible Person:					
Quarter: No	29 February 2020	Susan Mair					
Key Challenges and Actions to addre	ess the Challenges						
Business Outcome BO113 Our Infrastru							
	s Capital Works Programme for 19/20 on time and within	hudget					
- ,	xisting staff resources including experience, suitability to	-					
	tivity. The engagement of suitable and experienced exter						
- · · ·	provide professional disciplines not carried out in-house.						
process to ensure early intervention		,					
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Carried Forward From Previous	Action Milestone Dates:	Responsible Person:					
Quarter: Yes	31 March 2020	Ross McLaughlin/Craig Houston					
Key Challenges and Actions to addre	ess the Challenges						
Business Outcome BO113 Our Infrastru	cture is Safe and Fit for the Future						
5. Challenge – Implementation of rob	ust Legionella Management Controls						
5. Action Detail – Plan has been prepa	red following Head of Service and Director meeting, repo	orts will be presented to Departmental and Strategic					
Management Teams.							
Carried Forward From Previous	Action Milestone Dates:	Responsible Person:					
Quarter: Yes	On-going	Ross McLaughlin/Craig Houston					
Key Challenges and Actions to addre	ess the Challenges						
Business Outcome BO113 Our Infrastru	cture is Safe and Fit for the Future						
6. Challenge – Provision of maintenan	ce term contractor for Tiree and Coll						
6. Action Detail – Following an unsucc	essful procurement, discussions have taken place with th	e local contractor and an agreement has been reached.					
The contract will be awarded once t	he pre-qualification checks have been concluded.						

Carried Forward From Previous Action Milestone Dates: Responsible Person:			
Quarter: Yes	30 September 2019	James Hamilton	
Key Challenges and Actions to address the Challenges Business Outcome BO113 Our Infrastructure is Safe and Fit for the Future 7. Challenge – Helensburgh Waterfront Development Project – on 25 June a potential technical breach of the procurement regulations, associated wit the Tender for the Public Works Contract was identified and brought to the attention of SMT. 7. Action Detail – Helensburgh Waterfront Development Project – following discussions with SMT and after seeking further legal advice in respect of the potential legal challenges and risks to the project, the decision has been taken to abandon the current procurement exercise. Subsequently officers will move to initiate a new procurement exercise with the intention being, as far as possible, to minimise the delay to the overall project programme. Carried Forward From Previous Quarter: No Action Milestone Dates: 5 August 2019 Responsible Person: John Gordon Key Challenges and Actions to address the Challenges 5 August 2019 John Gordon Business Outcome 8. Challenge – Rothesay Pavilion Refurbishment – The Rothesay Pavilion Charity (RPC) who will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Pavilion following the completion of the refurbishment works have raised a number of issues which will require to be dealt with before the			
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	brocurement exercise with the intention being, as far as p	lossible, to minimise the delay to the overall project	
programme.			
Carried Forward From Previous	Action Milestone Dates:	Responsible Person:	
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Quarter. No	571454512015		
Key Challenges and Actions to addr	ess the Challenges	1	
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8. Challenge – Rothesay Pavilion Refurbishment – The Rothesay Pavilion Charity (RPC) who will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Pavilion following the completion of the refurbishment works have raised a number of issues which will require to be dealt with before the			
building re-opens.		·	
8. Action Detail - : On-going engagem	ent with the Trust to review their business plan assumpti	ons as appropriate.	
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Carried Forward From Previous	Action Milestone Dates:	Responsible Person:	
Quarter: No	FQ2 2019/20	RPN Project Manager and Strategic Finance	
Key Challenges and Actions to addr			
Business Outcome BO115 We Are Effici			
-	we published a tender for a soft facilities management ser	•	
behalf of Local Authorities.	thorities have withdrawn from the consortium group, the	ere is no longer scope to submit a consortium bid on	
	ff either being redeployed or subject to TUPE when a new	w provider is appounded. It will also result in a reduction	
in external contract income for clea		v provider is announced. It will also result in a reduction	
	iiiig.		
Carried Forward From Previous	Action Milestone Dates:	Responsible Person:	
Quarter: Yes	31 March 2020	Jayne Jones	
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 Key Challenges Resolved In Previous Quarter

 Business Outcome BO113 Our infrastructure is safe and fit for the future

 1. Approval granted for the automation of awards of school clothing grants and free school meals in support of the Local Child Poverty Action Plan

 2. Restructure within Customer Services has been completed to meet the savings target for 2019/20 in line with the budget process. New staff are in place and handovers completed.

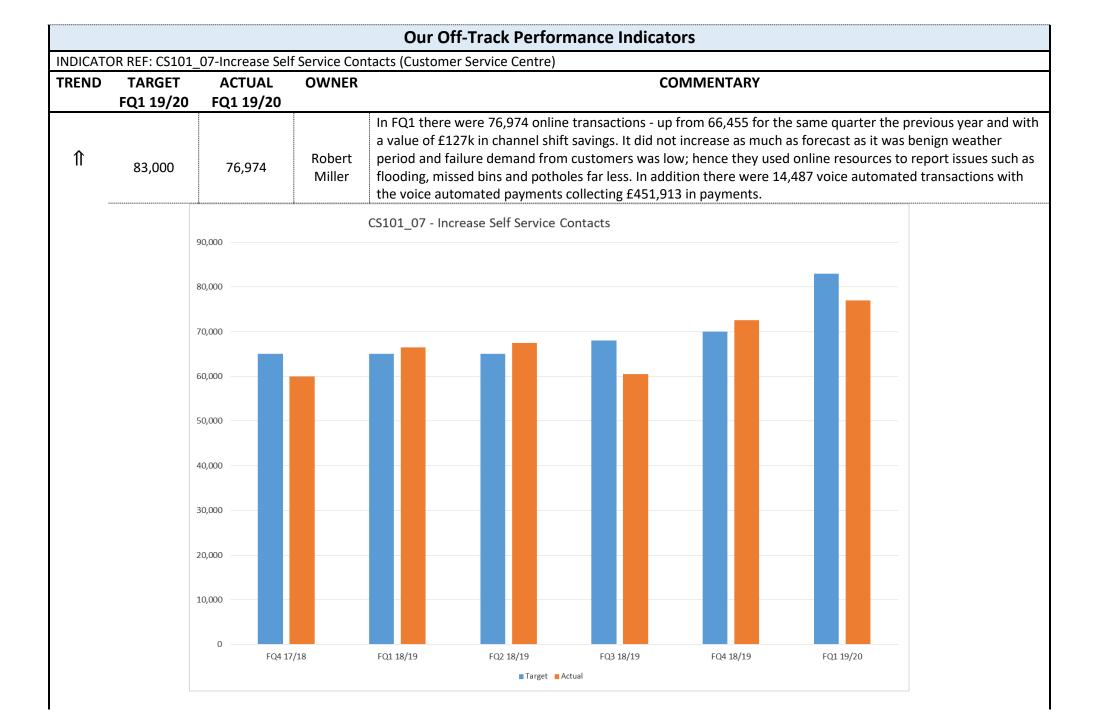
 3. Best Start Grants are being offered by registrars when registering births.

 Business Outcome BO115 We are efficient and cost effective

1. Legionella management training has been trialed and will now be rolled out across the Council.

Business Outcome BO116 We engage and work with our customers, staff and partners

1. Outstanding actions from the Health and Safety Plan were reviewed and completed.



INDICATOR REF CS115_04-Total outstanding Sundry Debtors' balances aged over 3 months to remain below target (Sundry Debtors)

rend	TARGET FQ1 19/20	ACTUAL FQ1 19/20	OWNER			COMMENTARY				
Ų	£950,000	£1,482,168Fergus WalkerThis PI is over £582,000 greater than the target. Some big debtors with no immediate prospect of affecting this PI. All debt is being pursued by Legal Services and is being disputed by the debtors o executors as the case may be and the Council is taking court action in the majority of cases. Curre possibilities for changing this PI. The CIPFA Directors of Finance collect information on the %ge of than 90 days old. This is being reviewed for Argyll and Bute and conideration will be given to mirro our own performance monitoring regime.								
	I	Tc £1,600,000	tal outstanding	Sundry Debtors' b	alances aged over 3	months to remain be	low target (Sundry D	ebtors)		
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		£800,000								
		£600,000								
		£400,000								
		£200,000								
		£0 F	EQ4 17/18	FQ1 18/19	FQ2 18/19	FQ3 18/19	FQ4 18/19	FQ1 19/20		

REND	TARGET FQ1 19/20	ACTUAL FQ1 19/20	OWNER		COMMENTARY				
⇒	90%	47%	Tom Kerr	has increased by	40%. The team	is not currently	y resourced to al		s and associated process : increase in demand as he coming months.
	11		% of HR co	ntracts that are issue	d within 5 working Form. (H		the Successful Can	didate	
		100%							
		90%							
		80%							
		70%							
		60%							
		50%							
		40%							
		30%							
		20%							
		10%							
		0%	FQ4 17/18	FQ1 18/19	FQ2 18/19	FQ3 18/19	FQ4 18/19	FQ1 19/20	

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Scorecard owned by: Douglas Hendry

Management Information

RESOURCES People	Benchmark	Target	Actual	Status	Trend
Sickness Absence CU		1.88 Days	3.39 Davs	R	1
CU % of PRDs completed		90 %	97 %	G	Î
Financial	Budg	get Fa	orecast	Status	Trend
Finance Revenue totals CU	Financial Reporting for FQ1 2019				
Capital forecasts - current year CU Capital forecasts - total project CU	is covere	· ·	al repo	ort	
Asset management red risks 4	On	track	3	G	•

IMPROVEMENT							Status	
Improvement Plan		Total N	١o	Off track	On track	Complet	e	
Outcomes CU	Actions	30		15	9	6		
Customer Services Audit		Ove	rdue	Due	in future	Future	- off tar	get
Recommendations		0	=	7	Î	0	Ť	
Customer Service CU			Cu	istomer sat	isfaction	94 %		t
Customer Charter		St	age 1 Com	plaints	0 %	G	ŧ	
Number of consultatio	ns	0	St	age 2 Com	olaints	0 %	G	1

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	epartmental Performance Report for: Strategic Finance	Period: April to June 2019
	y Successes	
Bu	siness Outcome BO28 – Our processes and business procedures are efficient, cost effective a	and compliant.
1.	Unaudited Accounts prepared by 30 June deadline.	
2.	Annual Efficiency Statement reported to Council advising that we exceeded the 3% target, se	
3.	The 2018-19 outturn position was finalised in June 2019 and the performance against budge	
	was an underspend of £2.009m. (Note the Council had to provide additional funding to the H	
	an overall overspend of £1.118m but the Social Work element was largely outwith the control	. ,
	underspend included savings as a result of diligent management around vacancy savings, en	0
	borrowing, an underspend of fleet as a decision was made to delay the replacement of vehic	cles, as well as increased Council Tax Income collection
	over budget and a one-off refund of overpaid VAT.	
4.		
	with the target of 7 day LIBID (London Interbank Bid Rate – the rate which banks are willing the rate of the second secon	to borrow from other banks) which was 0.570% for the
F	period.	dition the first constinut review under the new constinu
э.	Six audits were completed and a further four were in progress by the end of quarter 1. In ad	
	framework was completed, scrutiny panels were held to advance the second review and the scrutiny plan which will feature reviews of the Council's Economic Strategy, Strategic Housin	
	Audit also completed their review of organisational culture and agreed a joint action plan wh	
	identified by the Council's 2019 staff survey.	incli combined the midings nom that review with those
6.	From 1st April the treasury team began using the online Public Service Treasury Managemer	ot (PSTM) system as a method of recording up to date live
0.	cash flows as opposed to recording historical data after the event. Currently this is still done	,
	is running smoothly with the anticipation that within the coming months spreadsheets will n	
	more efficient data recording with up to date live information available.	
Bu	siness Outcome BO05 – Information and support are available for everyone	
7.	The Money Skills Argyll project has continued to deliver services to the public during the qua	arter with audit and payments continuing effectively.
	Plans are in place to recruit a new contract manager during Q2 to keep the project moving a	nd increase the volume of activity coming through and
	we are continuing to engage with our delivery partners and the Big Lottery Community Fund	l in relation to case compliance and service improvement.
Ке	y Challenges and Actions Completed In Previous Quarter	

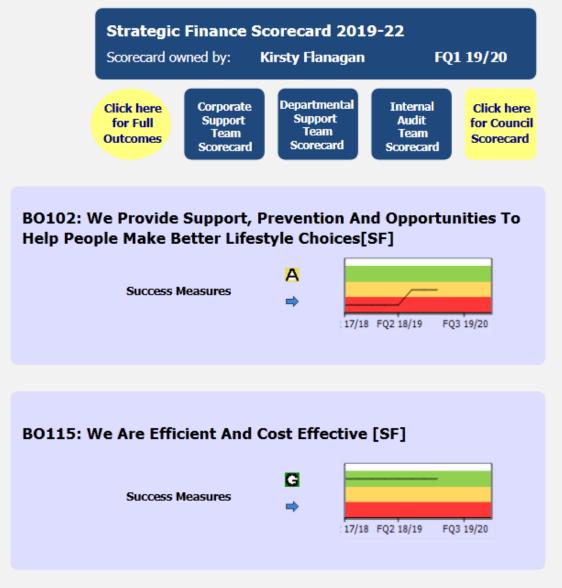
None to report at this stage. During the first quarter of the year the focus of attention for many staff within finance is on the production of the Unaudited Accounts.

Short-term Operational Challenges

- 1. Recruit a new contract manager to the money Skills Argyll Project and leverage the redesigned financial framework to increase the number of clients supported by the project partners.
- 2. The revenue forecast outturn position as at the end of June is a forecast overspend of £2.384m. This is made up of an overspend on Council Services of £0.077m as well as an overspend of £2.307m on Social Work Services within the Health and Social Care Partnership.
- 3. Building Resilience as part of the restructuring some staff will be undertaking new tasks, learning new areas of work and as well as making sure

•	• •	ire that we have enough resilience across the service in
place to cover any future vacancies or period		
		Best Value 3 theme and this will create additional eparation work in line with the Council's internal
timetable.	inicant progress has been made on the bys pre	eparation work in line with the council's internal
Key Challenges and Actions to address the C	`hallenges	
Business Outcome BO05 – Information and supp		
	-	Argyll Project now that the financial structure of the
project has been redesigned to meet the cos		
	•	tners, publicize the service and increase service activity.
Carried Forward From Previous Quarter – Y/N	Completion Due Date:	Responsible Person
Yes	New contract manager in place by 30 June	David Forshaw, Principal Accountant
	2019. This was rescheduled to 30 July 2019	
	as the post required to be re-advertised.	
Key Challenges and Actions to address the C		
Business Outcome BO28 – Our processes and bu	siness procedures are efficient, cost effective	and compliant.
	outturn position to bring any forecast overspen	d position within budget or as close to within budget as is
possible.		
• • •		spend. Liaison with the Chief Financial Officer of the IJB
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	d assistance to reduce the forecast overspend p	
Carried Forward From Previous Quarter – Y/N	Completion Due Date:	Responsible Person
Yes	Ongoing throughout the year.	Kirsty Flanagan, Head of Financial Services
Key Challenges and Actions to address the Chall	enges	
Business Outcome BO28 – Our processes and bus	siness procedures are efficient, cost effective ar	nd compliant.
3. Challenge: Building resilience within the serv	ice.	
		e documents are in place to support service delivery.
Carried Forward From Previous Quarter – Y/N	Completion Due Date:	Responsible Person
Νο	31 March 2020	Kirsty Flanagan, Head of Financial Services
Key Challenges and Actions to address the Chall	enges	
Business Outcome BO28 – Our processes and bu	usiness procedures are efficient, cost effective	and compliant.
4. Challenge: Best Value 3 work		
	are able to prioritise the work required on Best	Value 3. Project team within Finance in place to support
the financial management theme.		

Carried Forward From Previous Quarter – Y/NCompletion Due Date: 30 September 2019		Responsible Person
No	30 September 2019	Laurence Slavin, Chief Internal Auditor
		Anne MacDougall, Finance Manager



Management Information

RESOURCES People	Benchmark	Target	Actual	Status	Trend
Sickness absence SF			3.8 Days		Ť
PRDs SF		90 %	97 %	G	1
Financial	Budg	et Fo	precast		
Finance Revenue totals SF					
Capital forecasts - current year SF					
Capital forecasts - total project SF					

IMPROVEMENT					Status
SF Service Improvements 2017-20 Actions	Total No 9	Off track 9	On track	Complete	
Strategic Finance Audit Recommendations	Overdu 0	Je Due ➡ 4	e in future 👢	Future - 0	off target
Health & Safety Service H&S Plan Actions H&S Investigation Actions	Overdue	Reschedu	led Action	s in Plan	Complete
Customer Service SF	Customer satisfaction				
Customer Charter Number of consultations	Stage 2 Complaints 0 Stage 2 Complaints				G G