## **Corporate Resources**

## **Assistant Director Katherine Steel**

The Corporate Resources teams are predominantly support services and contribute to the delivery of the Joint Strategic Plan by providing professional support and advice to all other service areas.

	Apr - Jun 2018	July - September 2018	October - December 2018	January - March 2019
Main Achievements	1. Following the closure of the Staff			
	Survey the results have been analysed in			
	detail and a series of briefing sessions for			
	staff and members have been held.			
	Following these sessions an action plan is			
	being developed.			
	2. Approximately 1 in 4 people in the UK			
	will experience a mental health problem			
	each year and in England 1 in 6 people			
	report experiencing a common mental			
	health problem (such as anxiety and			
	depression) in any given week. Babergh			
	and Mid Suffolk District Councils have			
	responded to this by holding a series of			
	events to promote positive mental health			
	during Mental Health Awareness week			
	and by providing managers with skills to			
	help promote positive mental health at			
	work and support people with their			
	mental health. They have also trained			
	their first cohort of Mental Health First			
	Aiders with further courses planned.			
	Mental Health First Aiders are trained to			
	identify, understand and help someone			
	who may be experiencing a mental health			
	issue.			
mpact on communities / the way we	1. The action plan will be monitored by			
work	the Senior Leadership Team, to ensure			
	that the survey results in positive actions			
	and change in the organisation.			
	2.Providing these skills can help people			
	talk about mental health more openly,			
	give people tools to help keep themselves			
	and others well, encourage people to			
	access support and enable people with			
	long term mental health issues or			
	disabilities to thrive in work.			

Key for trend graph: Key:

2015/16 n/a not applicable
 2016/17 n/av not available

2017/18 highlighted measure, further detail in

2018/19 main report

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## HR, Organisational Development, Health & Safety Corporate Manager Anne Conway

Performance measure	Period	Data	Target	Council	Trend	Comments
HR01 No: of days lost to sickness  Cabinet Member: John Whitehead  Data Owner: Magda Brauer	2017/18 Qtr.1 Qtr.2 Qtr.3 Qtr.4 2018/19 Qtr. 1 Qtr. 2 Qtr. 3 Qtr. 4	949 908 1191 1072 1128	Decrease	Both	1400  1200  1000  800  400  200  2017/18 2018/19	Overview and Scrutiny reviewed general staff absence and requested a further update in 3 months. SLT will be reviewing a range of measures covering health and wellbeing on a monthly basis with the identification of a number of actions. One of these actions is HR working with the Corporate Managers to understand underlying trends, sickness absence is subject to fluctuations. In addition a sickness absence lead is being recruited to target sickness and support the Corporate Managers. There are further positions that are being recruited within HR to increase capacity, this will present the opportunity to work on policy development and case work.
Performance measure	Period	Data	Target	Council	Trend	Comments
HR02 No: of staff on long term sickness (Absent for 4 or more weeks)  Cabinet Member: John Whitehead  Data Owner: Magda Brauer	2016/17 Qtr.3 Qtr.4 2017/18 Qtr.1 Qtr.2 Qtr.3 Qtr.4 2018/19 Qtr. 1 Qtr. 2 Qtr. 3 Qtr. 4	13 14 15 16 21 13		Both	25 20 15 10 5 0 2016/17 2017/18 2018/19	No comment

## Finance Corporate Manager Melissa Evans

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Performance measure	Period	Data	Target	Council	Trend	Comments	
F01 Tax base - No. of Band D equivalent	2016/17	35,336				This measure has been amended to enable	
properties	2017/18	36,109	35,756			tracking of the target base number on a	
AMENDED MEASURE	2018/19		36,337			quarterly basis. There are various factors	
	Qtr. 1	36,374				that can cause a fluctuation in these figures.	
Cabinet Member: John Whitehead	Qtr. 2			MSDC		However, we are seeing a steady increase	
Data Owner: Sue Palmer	Qtr. 3					year on year.	
	Qtr. 4						
Performance measure	Period	Data	Target	Council	Trend	Comments	
F02 £ Income generated from investing	2016/17					No comment	
cash £'000	Qtr. 1	71			140		
	Qtr. 2	70			120		
Cabinet Member: John Whitehead	Qtr. 3	73					
Data Owner: Edward Banyard	Qtr. 4	86			100		
ŕ	2017/18		112				
	Qtr. 1	130			80		
	Qtr. 2	129		MSDC	60 —		
	Qtr. 3	116					
	Qtr. 4	112			40		
	2018/19		n/av		20		
	Qtr. 1	119			20		
	Qtr. 2				0		
	Qtr. 3				2016/17 2017/18 2018/19		
	Qtr. 4						
Performance measure	Period	Data	Target	Council	Trend	Comments	
F03 % Council tax collected	2017/18		98.40%		100.00%	Slightly down at the same point as last year	
	Qtr1.	30.05%				(approximately £65k). This is down to	
Cabinet Member: John Whitehead	Qtr.2	57.68%			80.00%	cashflow rather than non-payment. This is	
Data Owner: Carl Dersley	Qtr.3	86.00%			60.00%	due to a combination of the following -	
Operations Manager: Andrew Wilcock	Qtr.4	98.65%			00.00%	changes in circumstances, changes to Counc	
	2018/19			MSDC	40.00%	Tax Reduction (all create future instalments)	
	Qtr. 1	29.94%	30.05%		20.00%	and more customers choosing to pay over 1	
	Qtr. 2		57.68%		20.00%	monthly instalments (there are now 5,513).	
	Qtr. 3		86.00%		0.00%		
	Qtr. 4	l	98.40%	1	2017/18 2018/19		

Performance measure	Period	Data	Target	Council	Trend	Comments
F04 % Business rates collected	2017/18		98.40%		100.00%	The target was missed by around £40k. This
	Qtr. 1	31.10%			_	is due to changes in circumstances
Cabinet Member: John Whitehead	Qtr. 2	60.45%			80.00%	(liability/rateable values) recalculating bills
Data Owner: Carl Dersley	Qtr. 3	85.89%			60.00%	and profiling instalments into the future
Operations Manager: Andrew Wilcock	Qtr. 4	98.97%		MSDC		rather than non-payment. As an example of
	2018/19			IVISDC	40.00%	this at the start of the year there was
	Qtr. 1	30.93%	31.10%		20.00%	£1,976,893 due to be paid in June, this
	Qtr. 2		60.45%		0.00%	reduced to £1,872,461 as changes were
	Qtr. 3		85.89%		2018/17 2018/19	processed and instalments reprofiled.
	Qtr.4		98.40%			
Performance measure	Period	Data	Target	Council	Trend	Comments
F05 Average time taken to process new	2016/17		24 days		35	No comment
Housing Benefit/Council Tax Reduction	Qtr. 1	22				
claims	Qtr. 2	22			30	
	Qtr. 3	22				
Cabinet Member: John Whitehead	Qtr. 4	22			25	
Data Owner: Carl Dersley	2017/18		24 days		20	
Operations Manager: Andrew Wilcock	Qtr. 1	23			20	
	Qtr. 2	30		MSDC	15	
	Qtr. 3	31				
	Qtr. 4	23			10	
	2018/19		24 days			
	Qtr. 1	25			5	
	Qtr. 2				0	
	Qtr. 3				2016/17 2017/18 2018/19	
	Qtr.4					
Performance measure	Period	Data	Target	Council	Trend	Comments
F06 Average time taken to process	2016/17		10 days		12 —	No comment
Housing/Council Tax Benefit Change of	Qtr. 1	9				
Circumstance requests	Qtr. 2	9			10	
	Qtr. 3	10				
Cabinet Member: John Whitehead	Qtr. 4	3			8 -	
Data Owner: Carl Dersley	2017/18		10 Days			
Operations Manager: Andrew Wilcock	Qtr. 1	7			6	
	Qtr. 2	7		MSDC	111   111	
	Qtr. 3	6			4	
	Qtr. 4	3				
	2018/19		7 days		2	
	Qtr. 1	6				
	Qtr. 2				0	
	Qtr. 3				2016/17 2017/18 2018/19	
	Qtr.4	I	I	I	11	I .

Performance measure	Period	Data	Target	Council	Trend	Comments
F07 Online housing new claims as a % of all	2016/17				100%	The target for 2018/19 is a short term
housing benefit new claims	Qtr. 1	71%				measure as the ambition is to get as close to
	Qtr. 2	66%			90%	100% as possible
Cabinet Member: John Whitehead	Qtr. 3	83%			80%	
Data Owner: Carl Dersley	Qtr. 4	83%			70%	
Operations Manager: Andrew Wilcock	2017/18				60%	
	Qtr. 1	79%			50%	
	Qtr. 2	85%		MSDC		
	Qtr. 3	83%			40%	
	Qtr. 4	80%			30%	
	2018/19		85%		20%	
	Qtr. 1	86%			10%	
	Qtr. 2				0%	
	Qtr. 3				2016/17 2017/18 2018/19	
	Qtr. 4					
Performance measure	Period	Data	Target	Council	Trend	Comments
F08 % of business rates payers using Direct	2017/18				60%	This measure for Q1 currently shows the % of
Debit	Qtr. 1	53%				Business rate payers using Direct Debit. We
	Qtr. 2	54%			50%	are in the process of obtaining the data
Cabinet Member: John Whitehead	Qtr.3	53%			40%	which will include all digital options. Once
Data Owner: Carl Dersley	Qtr.4	53%		MSDC	30%	this has been received this measure will be
Operations Manager: Andrew Wilcock	2018/19		n/av	IVISDC	20%	updated accordingly.
	Qtr. 1	53.85%			10%	
	Qtr. 2				0%	
	Qtr. 3				2017/18 2018/19	
	Qtr.4					
Performance measure	Period	Data	Target	Council	Trend	Comments
F09 % of council tax payers using Direct	2017/18				100%	This measure for Q1 currently shows the % of
Debit	Qtr. 1	78%			80%	council tax payers using Direct Debit. We are
	Qtr. 2	79%			80%	in the process of obtaining the data which
Cabinet Member: John Whitehead	Qtr.3	78%			60%	will include all digital options. Once this has
Data Owner: Carl Dersley	Qtr.4	77%		MSDC	40%	been received this measure will be updated
Operations Manager: Andrew Wilcock	2018/19		n/av	IVISDC	40%	accordingly.
	Qtr. 1	78.43%			20% — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	
	Qtr. 2				0%	
	Qtr. 3				2017/2018 2018/2019	
	Qtr.4				2017/2010 2010/2013	