Cheshire East Council Cheshire West and Chester Council

Shared Services Joint Committee

| Date of Meeting: | 30 th June 2023 |
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| Report Title: | Shared Service Business Planning – 2023/2024 |
| Senior Officer: | Alex Thompson, Director of Finance and Customer Services, Corporate Services, Cheshire East Council Laurence Ainsworth, Director of Public Service Reform, Cheshire West and Chester Council |

1 Report Summary

- 1.1 The Shared Service Joint Committee Administrative Agreement sets out that the Joint Committee is responsible for approving business plans for shared services including targets and objectives relating to service quality, performance, and efficiency.
- 1.2 This report presents the business plans for 2023/2024 for the five shared services:
 - 1. Archaeology Planning Advisory Service
 - 2. Archives and Local Studies
 - 3. Emergency Planning
 - 4. ICT Shared Services
 - 5. Transactional Services
- 1.3 The business plans for the five shared services are set out, in full, in the appendix

2 **Recommendations**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members:
 - i) Approve the new business plans for the shared services for 2023/2024.

3 Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 The Shared Service Joint Committee Administrative Agreement sets out that Joint Committee is responsible for approving the Business Plans, or

specifications for any Services, including objectives and targets for service quality, performance, and efficiency.

4 Background

- 4.1 In accordance with the overarching Shared Services Administrative Agreement, all shared services are required to have a business plan in place which is approved by both the host authority and the receiving authority.
- 4.2 The new template introduced last year has been successful and provides for more narrative explanation if needed.
- 4.3 In accordance with the recent shared services review recommendation about reducing the reporting burden, ICT and Transactional Services will have a midyear review and all other services will have an annual review. This will avoid disproportionate reporting pressures for the smaller shared services. However, should risks arise, more frequent reporting will take place, and services can submit update reports throughout the year as necessary.

5. 2023/2024 Business Plans

| plans. | | | | |
|---------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Service | Budget 23/24 | Number of objectives | Number of KPIs | Number of high-level |
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| 5.1 | The table below gives a summary overview of each of the services' business |
|-----|--|
| | plans. |

| | 23/24 | objectives | KPIs | high-level risks |
|-------------------------------|--|------------|------|---------------------|
| APAS | 177,879 (provisional) | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Archives and Local Studies | 529,000 | 7 | 6 | 1 |
| Emergency Planning | 330,810 | 8 | 5 | 0 |
| ICT | 16,621,000 (gross) Net - £0 | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| Transactional Services | 501,000 (gross) 220,000 (net) | 6 | 14 | 4 |

Full business plans for each service are in appendix 1.

- 5.2 The main priorities for 2023/24 are:
 - For all services, to implement the recommendations from the recent shared service review.
 - For the Archaeology Advisory Planning Service, to develop, maintain and manage a comprehensive public information resource, the Cheshire Historic Environment Record (HER), in accordance with national standards and benchmarks, and to advise on archaeological implications of developments.
 - For the Archives and Local Studies Service, to deliver the projects and improve digital access, whilst continuing to fulfil statutory requirements. This risk is in relation to the renegotiation of SLA with Warrington and Halton, and this has been referred to the Joint Officer Board (JOB) for further advice.
 - For the Joint Emergency Planning Service, to continue to ensure managers are trained, community resilience is increased, and there is participation in and co-ordination of Cheshire Resilience Forum (CRF) projects, planning, training, and exercises.
 - For ICT, to deliver continuous improvement, achieve financial stability, and deliver the ICT review programme.
 - For Transactional Services, to reduce service demands, deliver continuous initiatives in Unit 4, and to implement the Transactional Services review.

6. Implications of the Recommendations

6.1 Legal Implications

The business planning process is compliant with the Administrative Agreement requirement for the Shared Service joint Committee to oversee the services business plans.

6.2 **Finance Implications**

The financial implications are contained within each business plan.

6.3 **Policy Implications**

There are no direct policy implications.

6.4 Equality Implications

There are no direct Equality implications at this stage.

6.5 Human Resources Implications

The HR implications are contained within each individual service business plan.

6.6 Risk Management Implications

The risk implications are set out in the business plans. All high-level risks are fed into service and corporate risk registers.

6.7 **Rural Communities Implications**

There are no direct implications for Rural Communities.

6.8 Implications for Children & Young People/Cared for Children

There are no direct implications for Children and Young People/Cared for Children.

6.9 **Public Health Implications**

There are no direct implications for Public Health.

6.10 **Climate Change Implications**

There are no direct Climate Change implications

6.11 Ward Members Affected

This report relates to Shared Services that operate across both CEC and CWAC, therefore all wards are affected in both Councils.

7. Access to Information

Documents are available for inspection at:

Cheshire East Democratic Services Westfields, Middlewich Road Sandbach CW11 1HZ or: Cheshire West & Chester Democratic Services HQ Building, Nicholas Street, Chester, CH1 2NP

8. Contact Information

8.1 Any questions relating to this report should be directed to the following officer:

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Appendix 1

SHARED SERVICE BUSINESS PLANS 2023/2024

SERVICE DETAILS

| Service Name | Cheshire Archaeology Planning Advisory Service |
|-----------------|--|
| Service Manager | Mark Leah |
| Client Managers | Ian Hesketh (CW&C), Tom Evans (CE) |

OVERVIEW

The Archaeology Planning Advisory Service (APAS) is a sub-regional service which provides advice on the archaeological implications of development to Cheshire West and Chester Council and Cheshire East Council. It also maintains the Historic Environment Record for the two authorities. The service operates as a shared service between Cheshire West and Chester and Cheshire East councils. It also provides these services to Halton Borough and Warrington Borough councils via bespoke agreements.

BUDGET SUMMARY

| 2023/2024 Planned Budget £ | £177,879.00 (provisional) | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Comments | Acting on the advice of finance, the provisional budget has been increased by 10% to cover the 2022-23 pay award and a budgeted increase in 2023-24 of a further 5% | | | | | |
| Mid-Year Forecast £ | | | | | | |
| Comments | | | | | | |
| End of Year outturn £ | | | | | | |
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KEY PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

| No. | Service Priorities/ Objectives | Date due for completion | Mid-Year Review Comments | End of Year Comments |
|-----|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | To develop, maintain and manage a comprehensive public information resource – the Cheshire Historic Environment Record (HER) in accordance with national standards and benchmarks, to inform all policy and development planning decisions and for the better understanding and enjoyment of the historic environment by all. | 31.3.24 | | |
| 2 | Respond efficiently to general enquiries to the Cheshire Historic Environment Record | 31.3.24 | | |
| 3 | To advise on development by statutory undertakers and environmental management schemes. | 31.3.24 | | |
| 4 | To advise on the archaeological implications of development, in line with national guidance, from pre-determination to post- determination, including the prospective impacts of minerals, waste disposal, highways, and other infrastructure proposals on the archaeological resource. | 31.3.24 | | |
| 5 | Develop and apply initiatives to drive continuous improvement in operations to enable clients to achieve their outcomes thereby increasing customer satisfaction and providing value for money | 31.3.24 | | |
| 6 | To try and secure the outstanding shared service review recommendations: 1. Consideration of corporate funding within both CW&C and CE to secure the digitisation of further elements of the HER (NB in the meantime APAS continues to address d the digitisation challenge with its own resources) | 31.3.24 | | |

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)

| No. | Key Performance Indicator | Previous Year | Current | Midyear | End of year | Comments |
|-----|--|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------|-------------|----------|
| | Description | Actual | Year Target | Actual | Actual | |
| 1 | % number of records reviewed in the Cheshire Historic Environment Record per annum | 8% | 5% | | | |
| 2 | % of general inquiries to the Cheshire Historic Environment Record responded to within 15 working days per annum | 100% | 90% | | | |
| 3 | Respond to 100% of Countryside Stewardship inquiries to the Cheshire Historic Environment Record within 20 working days (as required by the National Service Standard) each year | 100% | 100% | | | |
| 4 | % of archaeological development management advice to the partner authorities (Cheshire West and Chester Council, Cheshire East Council, Warrington Borough Council, Halton Borough Council) responded to within 15 working days per annum | 100% | 100% | | | |
| 5 | Delivery of annual APAS Report | Achieved | Delivery of report by May 2024 | | | |

KEY RISKS

| Number | Key Risk Description | Initial Risk Rating | Midyear Rating | End of year Rating | Comments |
|--------|---|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1 | No key risks scoring 9 or over identified | | | | |

ISSUES SUMMARY

| Number | Issue Description | Date issue arose | Date issue closed | Comments |
|--------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------|
| 1 | No issues identified | | | |

APPROVAL

| Approval | Name | Job title | Date Agreed |
|--------------------------|--------------|--|-------------|
| Service Manager | Mark Leah | Team Leader APAS | 27/04/2023 |
| Client Manager CEC | Tom Evans | Interim Environmental Planning Manager | 10/05/2023 |
| Client Manager CWC | lan Hesketh | Manager, Total Environment | 27/04/2023 |
| Head of Service/Director | Rob Charnley | Acting Director, Economy, and Housing | 10/05/2023 |

SERVICE DETAILS

| Service Name | Archives and Local Studies |
|-----------------|---|
| Service Manager | Paul Newman |
| Client Managers | Rachel Foster (Cheshire West and Chester)/Helen Paton (Cheshire East) |

OVERVIEW

Cheshire Archives and Local Studies (CALS) is an Accredited Archive service based at the Cheshire Record Office in Chester, with an extensive digital presence. It is a shared service and part of a nationwide network of statutory archive provision. CALS identifies, collects, and cares for archives and publications that are the evidence of Cheshire communities' lives past and present. It delivers access for all archives and local studies collections for information, learning and enjoyment and work to make sure archives survive so that future generations will be able to do the same.

The service is responsible for:

• acting as the corporate memory for its parent bodies and their predecessors

• collecting and providing access to a comprehensive range of original records and archives to reflect the development of the County of Cheshire and its communities

• maintaining a comprehensive collection of local studies materials and ensuring the supply of appropriate materials to libraries across the County

• promoting and developing interest in all aspects of the history of the County

• providing advice and guidance on all aspects of record-keeping and local and family history

The service also provides core archive provision to Halton and Warrington Borough Councils under a single Service Level Agreement.

CALS' priority at present, other than continuing to deliver high quality public services, is its project – 'Cheshire's archives: a story shared' - to relocate the service and engage a wider audience with archives across Cheshire. In November 2022 its application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for £4.5m was successful and the project to relocate the service is within the capital programmes of both councils. The project will begin in Q1 2023/24 and run until Spring 2027, with new centres for the service opening in Winter 2024/25.

BUDGET SUMMARY

| 2023/2024 Planned Budget £ | £529,000 |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Comments | |
| Mid-Year Forecast £ | |
| Comments | |
| End of Year outturn £ | |
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KEY PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

| No. | Service Priorities/ Objectives | Date due for | Mid-Year Review | End of Year |
|-----|------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | | completion | Comments | Comments |
| 1 | Deliver year 1 of the 'Cheshire's | March 2024 | | |
| | archives: a story shared' project | | | |
| | Activity Plan (community | | | |
| | engagement plan), including | | | |
| | ongoing evaluation | | | |
| 2 | Complete year 1 of the | March 2024 | | |
| | 'Cheshire's archives: a story | | | |
| | shared' project Collections | | | |
| | Conservation Plan, preparing the | | | |
| | collections for their move to the | | | |
| | new centres | | | |
| 3 | Continue to improve digital | March 2024 | | |
| | access to services and collections | | | |
| | Complete year 1 of the | | | |
| | 'Cheshire's archives: a | | | |
| | story shared' project | | | |
| | Digital Plan | | | |
| | Work with Ancestry to | | | |
| | complete their | | | |
| | digitisation programme | | | |

| No. | Service Priorities/ Objectives | Date due for | Mid-Year Review | End of Year |
|-----|---|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | | completion | Comments | Comments |
| 4 | Continue to fulfil the statutory duty of Councils under the 1972 Local Government Act to make proper provision for the archives in their care • Design and implement new digital preservation solution for the long-term preservation of digital records | Autumn 2024 | | |
| 5 | Provide a high-quality service for researchers and volunteers Deliver volunteer programme as identified in year 1 of 'Cheshire's archives: a story shared' Researchers (on-site and remote) receive a high-quality service | March 2024 | | |
| 6 | Deliver access to services through libraries Deliver part of relocation project Activity Plan with/in libraries Library staff training | March 2024 | | |
| 7 | Develop and deliver year 1 of staff training programme as identified within the Cheshire's archives: a story shared' project | March 2024 | | |

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)

| Number | Key Performance Indicator Description | Previous Year Actual | Current Year Target | Midyear Actual | End of year Actual | Comments |
|--------|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1 | Percentage of enquiries and digitisation requests fulfilled within 10 working days | 99% | 95% | | | |
| 2 | Accredited Archive status maintained | Maintained | Maintained | | | |
| 3 | Satisfaction with Activity Plan events | NEW | 90% | | | Detailed Evaluation Plan to be developed as part of project during summer 2023 |
| 4 | Levels of engagement with service | 1.536 million | 1.75 million | | | Includes use of CALS collections on partner website (Find My Past) |
| 5 | Percentage of volunteers who would recommend volunteering to their friends | 100% | 95% | | | Held each June, to coincide with Volunteers' Week |
| 6 | Percentage of new collections of archives made accessible to service users within 1 month of receipt | 82% | 90% | | | |

KEY RISKS

| Number | Key Risk Description | Initial Risk Rating | Mid-year Rating | End of year Rating | Comments |
|--------|--|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1 | Renegotiation of SLA with Warrington and Halton not concluded successfully, resulting in missing opportunities to support respective priorities and inability to deliver new service model | 9 | | | Way forward to be discussed at JOB 7/6 |

ISSUES SUMMARY

| Number | Issue Description | Date issue arose | Date issue closed | Comments |
|--------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------|
| 1 | None identified | | | |

APPROVAL

| Approval | Name | Job title | Date Agreed |
|--------------------------|---------------|--|-------------|
| Service Manager | Paul Newman | Archives and Local Studies Manager | 24/5/23 |
| Client Manager CEC | | | |
| Client Manager CWC | Rachel Foster | Head of Communities, Culture and Libraries | 24.05.23 |
| Head of Service/Director | Rachel Foster | Head of Communities, Culture and Libraries | 24.05.23 |

SERVICE DETAILS

| Service Name | Joint Cheshire Emergency Planning Team (JCEPT) |
|-----------------|---|
| Service Manager | Chris Samuel |
| Client Managers | Vanessa Griffiths (CW&C)/ Tom Shuttleworth (CE) |

OVERVIEW

The overarching aim of the Shared Emergency Planning Service is to ensure that both Cheshire West and Chester Council, and Cheshire East Council, have the capability to respond effectively and efficiently to any major emergency in support of their communities, and the multi-agency response. Key objectives for the 2023-24 Business Plan are as follows: consolidation of foundation emergency management tasks; catching up on objectives put on hold from 2022-23; learning lessons from a range of incidents including the pandemic; getting ready for the new Martyn's Law; and a number of subject and site-specific plans and exercises. This work is set against a background of a need to bolster future team capacity and resilience; this includes the proposed implementation of career grades for junior officers, and the formalisation of the swift redeployment of additional staff from both Councils should the team need reinforcing during future, long-term incidents – a feature of recent years.

BUDGET SUMMARY

| 2023/2024 | £330,810 |
|-----------------------|---|
| Planned Budget £ | |
| Comments | This budget includes estimated uplift budgets subject to confirmation of pay awards later on this year. |
| Mid-Year Forecast £ | |
| Comments | |
| End of Year outturn £ | |
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KEY PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

| No. | Service Priorities/ Objectives | Date due for | Mid-Year Review | End of Year |
|-----|---|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| | | completion | Comments | Comments |
| 1 | Continue implementation of the Emergency | 31/03/2024 | | |
| | Management Training & Exercise Programme. | | | |
| 2 | Continue implementation of the off-site planning | 31/03/2024 | | |
| | and exercise regime to ensure that both authorities | | | |
| | meet their statutory emergency planning | | | |
| | obligations under the COMAH, REPPIR, PSR, and | | | |
| | Flood & Water Management legislation. | | | |
| 3 | Ensure relevant On-Site and Off-Site Response | 31/03/2024 | | |
| | Plans for CW&C and CE Reservoirs (as per Flood & | | | |
| | Water Management Act, 2010) are revised and | | | |
| | tested. | | | |
| 4 | Increase community resilience and emergency | 31/03/2024 | | |
| | preparedness levels by continuing the | | | |
| | implementation of medium and long-term projects. | | | |
| 5 | Increase levels of emergency preparedness across | 31/03/2024 | | |
| | both authorities generally. | | | |
| 6 | Undertake and participate in appropriate incident | 31/03/2024 | | |
| | debriefs internally and at a multi-agency level for | | | |
| | Major Incidents in CW&C and CE. | | | |
| 7 | Continue participation in and co-ordination of | 31/03/2024 | | |
| | Cheshire Resilience Forum (CRF) projects, planning, | | | |
| _ | training, and exercises. | | | |
| 8 | Develop and apply initiatives to drive continuous | 31/03/2024 | | |
| | improvement in operations to enable clients to | | | |
| | achieve their outcomes thereby increasing | | | |
| | customer satisfaction and providing value for | | | |
| | money. | | | |

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)

| Number | Key Performance Indicator Description | Previous Year Actual | Current Year Target | Mid-year Actual | End of year Actual | Comments |
|--------|--|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1 | Overall delegate satisfaction with training events provided, i.e., Very Good, Good or Satisfactory. | 100% | 100% | | | |
| 2 | All CEC Senior Managers (M5 and above) have attended an Emergency Management (EM) Workshop within last 24 months. | 97% | 100% | | | |
| 3 | All CW&C Senior Managers (Tiers 1 to 4) have attended an EM Workshop within last 24 months. | 97% | 100% | | | |
| 4 | Statutory plans and exercises delivered within agreed timescales | 100% | 100% | | | |
| 5 | Major Incidents/ Major Incident Standbys responded to by Duty Emergency Planning Officer within appropriate timescales. | 100% | 100% | | | |

KEY RISKS

| Number | Key Risk Description | Initial Risk Rating | Mid-year Rating | End of year Rating | Comments/ Mitigation |
|--------|--|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | No high risks (scoring 9 or over) have been identified risks | | | | |

ISSUES SUMMARY

| Number | Issue Description | Date issue arose | Date issue closed | Comments |
|--------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------|
| | N/A | | | |

APPROVAL

| Approval | Name | Job title | Date Agreed |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---|-------------|
| Service Manager | Chris Samuel | Senior Manager – Emergency Planning | 23/05/2023 |
| Client Manager CEC | Tom Shuttleworth | Interim Director, Environment and Neighbourhood Services, Cheshire East Council | 25/05/2023 |
| Client Manager CW&C | Vanessa Griffiths | Head of Public Protection Service, Cheshire West, and Chester Council | 25/05/2023 |
| Head of Service/Director | Vanessa Griffiths | Head of Public Protection Service, Cheshire West, and Chester Council | 25/05/2023 |

SERVICE DETAILS

| Service Name | ICT Shared Services |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Service Manager | Gareth Pawlett |
| Client Managers | Peter Lloyd, Valda Williams |

OVERVIEW

- ICT Shared Service is a shared service managed by Cheshire East (CEC) Council on behalf of both Councils. It currently manages multiple diverse devices, infrastructures and application sets belonging to the two Councils and related partner organisations.
- The shared service provides:
 - Devices Core IT End User Computing (EUC) Platform, Microsoft365,
 - Infrastructures A single managed service for the provision of network and communications,
 - Hybrid data platform A hybrid EUC and applications platform, co-located across Microsoft's Azure platform and the Datacentre in Kelly House,
 - User support services comprising of the IT Service Desk and three levels of support in line with well recognised service management standards (ITIL v3) covering devices, infrastructure, and applications,
 - IT security, architecture and change management, project management and applications development and,
 - IT for several other organisations across Cheshire, comprising schools, wholly owned trading companies and strategic partnerships/joint ventures.

BUDGET SUMMARY

| 2023/2024 Planned Budget £ | £16,621,000 Gross £0 net |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Comments | |
| Mid-Year Forecast £ | |
| Comments | |
| End of Year outturn £ | |
| | |

KEY PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

| No. | Service Priorities/ Objectives | Date due for | Mid-Year Review | End of Year |
|-----|--|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| - | | completion | Comments | Comments |
| 1 | Implement the recommendations from the Shared Service Review for | 31/03/2025 | | |
| | ICT. | | | |
| | - Mobilisation - June 23 | | | |
| | - Design Phase – Sept 23 | | | |
| | - Technology Change - Sept 24 | | | |
| | Workforce alignment - Oct 24 | | | |
| | - Soft Launch & Disaggregation - Mar 25 | | | |
| 2 | Continuous Improvement – delivery of a jointly agreed service | 31/03/2024 | | |
| | improvement plan based on the following key themes: New Business, | | | |
| | Delivery on commitments, new metrics (security and compliance), User | | | |
| | experience, Process improvement and Operational Strategy; with an | | | |
| | associated Performance Management Framework (PMF). | | | |
| 3 | Culture - To ensure all senior managers are highly visible and | 31/03/2024 | | |
| | consistently display the positive behaviours of the council. To ensure all | | | |
| | staff have the skills, support, and frameworks to enable them to be | | | |
| | successful and to deliver effective services. To ensure the service | | | |
| | embraces change and champions the cultural standards, values and | | | |
| | behaviours which will be beneficial to our shared service partners. | | | |
| 4 | Strategy and Design - Refresh of Strategic Roadmaps (Infrastructure / | 31/03/2024 | | |
| | Applications) to improve business planning processes and product | | | |
| | support. Review of Technical Debt Register to inform business planning | | | |

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| and to assist with simplification and cost optimisation work. Deliver | | |
|---|--|--|
| Essential Replacement activity to ensure ICT Services are performant | | |
| and compliant. Strategic engagement with suppliers to exploit ICT | | |
| Investment and support transformation. | | |

| No. | Service Priorities/ Objectives | Date due for completion | Mid-Year Review Comments | End of Year Comments |
|-----|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5 | Governance - To provide a framework of governance to ensure the provision of robust information, intelligence, and business cases to support effective decision-making. | 31/03/2024 | | |
| 6 | Financial Sustainability - To ensure the ICT Shared Service operates at the optimal cost base to support the Councils, challenging existing service delivery models whilst maximizing resource utilisation. | 31/03/2024 | | |

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)

| Number | Key Performance Indicator | Previous Year | Current | Midyear | End of year | Comments |
|--------|-------------------------------|---------------|---------|---------|-------------|----------|
| | Description | Actual | Year | Actual | Actual | |
| | | | Target | | | |
| 1 | Annual Customer | 75% | 75% | | | |
| | Satisfaction Survey covering | | | | | |
| | full range of services | | | | | |
| 2 | Delivery of projects to time, | 87.2% | 75% | | | |
| | cost, and quality milestones | | | | | |
| 3 | Availability of basket of | 99.6% | 99.0% | | | |
| | critical systems and services | | | | | |

KEY RISKS

| Number | Key Risk Description | Initial Risk Rating | Midyear Rating | End of year Rating | Comments |
|--------|--|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 1 | Information management, data security (including Cybersecurity) Corporate policies, protocols, tools, and technologies for the authority continue to be developed, with information management maturity and staff understanding and working practice The lack of a consistent approach to information management may result in security and safety breaches, leading to the loss of confidentiality and potential disclosure of sensitive personal information. This lack of consistency may also result in difficulties in timely access to key information. Decisions based on poor or absent data may result in a failure in service delivery. In conjunction, ineffective data security measures may lead to the inappropriate use of data, data protection issues and fraud resulting in loss of reputation and financial penalties. | 16 | | | The threat level is as high as ever, supply chain attacks have significantly increased, Council examples include Mobisoft/Capita etc. National Cyber Security Centre warning of attacks on managed service providers. |

ISSUES SUMMARY

| Number | Issue Description | Date issue | Date issue | Comments |
|--------|---|------------|------------|--|
| | | arose | closed | |
| 1 | The original budget is based on the business model of | 01/04/2023 | 31/03/2024 | All parties are reviewing the demand plan with initial estimates |
| | 100,000 commissioned hours. Any reduction in | | | that there will be between 75,000 and 80,000hrs commissioned |
| | commissioned hours will reduce income and put | | | demand for 2023/24. NOTE: This includes the demand from |
| | pressure on the outturn position. | | | implementing the due diligence recommendations. |
| | | | | The Shared Service will work hard to mitigate the loss of income |
| | | | | as far as possible (by reducing agency hours etc). However, the |
| | | | | extent of the loss of income (yet to be determined) could be |
| | | | | such that it has been difficult to offset further without |
| | | | | impacting BAU services. Cost pressures from contracts are |
| | | | | expected to continue with suppliers indicating a continued |
| | | | | increase in costs in coming months. |
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APPROVAL

| Approval | Name | Job title | Date Agreed |
|--------------------------|----------------|---|-------------|
| Service Manager | Gareth Pawlett | Chief Information Officer/ Head of ICT Services | |
| Client Manager CEC | Valda Williams | ICT Business Planning and Compliance Manager | |
| Client Manager CWC | Peter Lloyd | Head of Change and Technology | |
| Head of Service/Director | Alex Thompson | Director of Finance and Customer Services | |

SERVICE DETAILS

| Service Name | Transactional Services |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Service Manager | Jude Green |
| Client Managers | Paul Goodwin |

OVERVIEW

| Transactional Services is a shared service managed by CWAC on behalf of both Cheshire East (CEC) and Cheshire West and Chester (CWAC) councils. It consists of multiple |
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| diverse teams providing services to both councils, council businesses, schools, academies and Cheshire Pension Fund |
| The shared service provides: |
| Payment and Income |
| Recruitment and Pay |
| Functional Governance and Support for UNIT4 |

BUDGET SUMMARY

| 2023/2024 Planned Budget £ | £5.01m (gross) offset by £4.79m income target = £0.22m (net) |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Comments | The budget is currently being reviewed as part of the Pay Mechanism work which is reviewing all the transactions being processed to ensure the correct information is being captured that reflects the work of the service and this is apportioned fairly between the Councils. In recognition of the implementation of UNIT4, reduction in income from schools buying back services and to mitigate staffing overspends for 23/24 a service review across Transactional Services was undertaken. The budgeted policy option was to reduce staffing budgets by £0.506m and has been achieved predominately through the deletion of vacancies and voluntary redundancy. |
| Mid-Year Forecast £ | |
| Comments | |
| End of Year outturn £ | |
| | |

KEY PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

| Number | Service Priorities/ Objectives | Date due for completion | Mid Year Review Comments | End of Year Comments |
|--------|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Develop and apply initiatives to reduce demand on all areas within Transactional Services working with clients to achieve the outcomes thereby increasing capacity within the shared service | 31.03.24 | | |
| 2 | Ensure Transactional Services operates at the optimal cost base to support the Councils, reviewing the existing pay mechanism model whilst maximizing resource utilisation, creating a sustainable Shared Services structure to support the Councils and their partners. | 31.03.24 | | |
| 3 | To complete the outstanding shared service review recommendations | 31.03.24 | | |
| 4 | Continue implementation of the Transactional Services service review | 30.06.23 | | |
| 5 | Ensure all senior managers are visible and consistently display the positive behaviours of the council enabling all staff to have the skills, support, and frameworks to be successful and deliver effective services. To ensure the service embraces the cultural standards, values and behaviours which will be beneficial to our shared service partners. | 31.03.24 | | |
| 6 | Develop and apply initiatives to drive continuous improvement in the use of UNIT4 to realise the potential of the system and enable clients to achieve their outcomes thereby increasing customer satisfaction and providing value for money. | 31.03.24 | | |

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)

| Payment & Income | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|-------------|
| КРІ | 22/23 | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | TARGET | OUTTU RN |
| Payment to Supplier within terms | 98.85 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 90% | |
| Timely and accurate resolution of unallocated income | 87.42 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 85% | |
| Timely and accurate Direct Debits Collected | 100 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 90% | |
| Resolving issues at first point of contact schools | 93 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 90% | |
| Resolving issues at first point of contact Services | 91.58 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 90% | |
| volume of invoices | 69271 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| Recruitment & Pay | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|-------------|
| KPI | 22/23 | Apr | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | TARGET | OUT TURN |
| Confirmation and Final Contractual Documents of Employment provided for each new employee within 5 working days of complete and accurate information being received (exc schools) | 74 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 95% | |
| Confirmation and Final Contractual Documents of Employment provided for each new employee within 5 working | 74.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 90% | |

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| days of complete and accurate information being received | | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|-----|--|
| Percentage of pay made accurately and on time (EXC Schools/Users) | 98.72 | | | | | | | 99% | |
| Percentage of pay made accurately and on time | 98.33 | | | | | | | 98% | |
| Issues Resolved at first point of contact | No data | | | | | | | 90% | |

| Governance & Support | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-------|-----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|-------------|
| КРІ | 22/23 | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | TARGET | OUTTU RN |
| Percentage of INCIDENT halo tickets received within 5 working days of receipt | 69.07 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 90% | |
| Percentage of INTERNAL SERVICE request halo tickets closed within 5 working days | 65.60 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 85% | |
| Percentage of fully completed POSITION ADMINISTRATION FORMS actioned within 5 working days | 93.67 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 90% | |
| Percentage of HELPDESK calls answered | 90 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 95% | |

KEY RISKS

| Number | Key Risk Description | Initial Risk Rating | Mid year Rating | End of year Rating | Comments |
|--------|--|------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------|
| 1 | Continued loss of income from schools | 10 | | | |
| 2 | Capacity within service to continue to bed in UNIT4 developments | 10 | | | |
| 3 | Health and Wellbeing of officers within shared service due to significant work pressures | 10 | | | |
| 4 | Ability to deliver within budget given additional demands being placed on the team due to Unit 4 still not being embedded. | 10 | | | |

ISSUES SUMMARY

| Number | Issue Description | Date issue arose | Date issue closed | Comments |
|--------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------|
| 1 | | | | |
| 2 | | | | |

APPROVAL

| Approval | Name | Job title | Date Agreed |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Service Manager | Jude Green | Head of Transactional Services | |
| Client Manager CEC | Paul Goodwin | Head of Finance | 20/06/2023 |
| Client Manager CWC | | | |
| Head of Service/Director | Debbie Hall | Director of Finance | |

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