

Cheshire East Council

Cheshire West and Chester Council

Shared Services Joint Committee

Date of Meeting: 12 March 2021

Report Title: Shared Service Business Plans 2021/22

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1. Report Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an overview of the business plans for 2021/22 for the eight shared services. The business plans offer assurance to the Shared Services Joint Committee (SSJC) that plans, resources and adequate risk controls are in place to deliver the shared services.
- 1.2 The report sets out:
- High-level summaries across each of the key areas in the business plans - the planned budget position, priorities and objectives, key performance indicators (KPIs) and any identified risks.
 - Highlights from each service business plan
 - Full individual service business plans in appendix 1.
 - An overview of all identified risks in appendix 2.
- 1.3 As reported at the meeting on 19 February 2021, both Councils have commissioned a strategic reviews of all shared services. These reviews will ensure both councils are assured that shared services are meeting their objectives and delivering the best possible value for money in the medium term. The reviews will be completed in stages from March to September, commencing with ICT. The outcomes of the reviews will be taken into consideration in updates on the business plans throughout the year.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Members agree and note:
- i) the shared service business plans for 2021/2022.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 The Shared Service Administrative Agreement requires the Joint Committee to be assured that shared service business plans are in place, are adequately resourced and that the service has plans in place to manage risks.

4. Background

- 4.1 Currently there are eight Shared Services arrangements. Five are shared services, set out below, where total costs are split against an agreed percentage cost share agreement as set out in formative Legal Agreements:
- Farms Estate (Management)
 - Archives and Local Studies
 - Emergency Planning
 - ICT
 - Transactional Services
- 4.2 The remaining three Shared Services, set out below, are subject to revised joint arrangement services where CEC pay a fixed contribution to CWAC:
- Cheshire Rural Touring Arts (Grant funded)
 - Archaeological Planning and Advisory Services (Transfer Agreement)
 - Libraries Shared Service (Transfer Agreement)
- 4.3 The agreed performance management approach for shared services sets out that:
- Business plans are developed and agreed by both the shared service managers' line managers and client managers. They are then reviewed by the Joint Officer Board (JOB) before submission to SSJC.
 - Day-to-day delivery of the business plans is monitored by each shared service manager and through line-management and client manager arrangements.
 - Business Plan Review Reports are produced and reviewed, on a quarterly basis, by the JOB before submission to SSJC for endorsement.
 - An end of year review of the delivery of the business plans, together with outturn information, is produced and reviewed by the JOB before submission to SSJC.
- 4.4 This report provides an overview of the proposed business plans for the eight shared services, for 2021/22. The business plans comprise of:
- budget information
 - staffing information
 - key priorities/objectives
 - key performance indicators
 - risks considered to be high risk and scoring 9 or more
 - issues that have arisen

5. Summary of the Shared Service Business Plans 2021/22.

- 5.1 During 2021/22, the review of shared services will take place, the results of which may impact on the delivery of the business plans dependant on the recommendations. Therefore, all plans are subject to change with any such changes being reported in the quarterly business plan review reports.

The following sections set out a summary narrative overview for all shared services including:

- budget information
- key priorities/objectives
- key performance indicators
- risks scoring higher than 9

Full Business Plans for each individual shared service are in appendix 1.

5.2 Budget

5.2.1 The table below sets out a summary of the budgets for the eight shared services for 2021/2022 and compares to the 2020/21 budgets.

Service	2021/22 Budget £	2020/21 Budget £
Archaeology Planning & Advisory Service	159,844	159,844
Archives and Local Studies Service	470,616	470,616
Cheshire Farms Estate Management	225,847	225,847
Cheshire Rural Touring Arts	84,000	88,603
ICT Shared Service	tbc	18,240,000
Joint Emergency Planning Team	302,575	296,394
Libraries Shared Service	425,734	425,734
Transactional Services	5,267,934 gross 121, 756 net	5,267,934 gross 121,756 net

5.2.2 Commentary

Broadly speaking, for the forthcoming year, 2021/22, the budgets are similar to 2020/21. However, most will need to allow for pay inflation which is not yet reflected in budgets. This will be added to budgets when the pay inflation is known.

The ICT budgets are still being developed as chargeable income and related expenditure targets have not been agreed in full by each authority. Overall spending will remain within the budget framework of each Council and full detail of the ICT budget will be reported to a later committee when work on the potential scenarios is complete.

5.3 Objectives and Key Performance Indicators

5.3.1 The table below sets out an overview of the number of objectives, performance indicators and risks for each shared service for 2021/22

Service	Number of objectives	Number of KPIs	Total number of Risks	Number of risks 9>
Archaeology Planning & Advisory Service	5	5	5	0
Archives and Local Studies Service	6	5	5	0
Cheshire Farms Estate Management	2	10	10	2
Cheshire Rural Touring Arts	3	3	3	2
ICT Shared Service	21	4	7	0
Joint Emergency Planning Team	8	5	5	2
Libraries Shared Service	9	11	11	0
Transactional Services	7	4	16	0

5.3.2 Commentary

In the 2020/21 business plans, some KPIs needed to be deferred as it was not possible to achieve them due to the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. Some services have been developing new KPIs to reflect the changes to service delivery that have been made as a result of the impact of the pandemic.

The achievement of KPIs may still be impacted by Covid-19 in 2021/22. This will be kept under review by each service manager.

In total there are 62 risks, a full risk log is in appendix 2, with 4 risks assessed as high-risk and rated 9 over by the service manager. They are:

Service	Risk	Rating	Comments
Farms Estate Management	Impact of reducing income as a result of disposals	9	
Farms Estate Management	Delays in delivery, performance failure due to programmed business critical systems changes i.e. Atrium property records, document management system and ArcGIS.	9	
Emergency Planning	Failure to deliver agreed objectives as a result of team responding to a medium to long-term major incident, e.g. influenza pandemic.	9	Consequence of ongoing C-19 pandemic response and recovery efforts. Ratings will likely stay steady for these risks as the year progresses with the team continuing to be involved in C-19 pandemic work-streams long-term. Capacity risks for the team would increase should we see a major surge in pandemic response combined with concurrent incidents; mitigation would be through requests for redeployed staff from both Councils and re-prioritising of objectives.
Emergency Planning	Failure to deliver agreed objectives as a result of team responding to significant number of Major Incidents/ Major Incident Standbys throughout year.	9	

The general risk of “Impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic” is being managed by each service manager through regular monitoring of the impacts on service delivery.

6. Individual Service Summaries

Highlights from the new business plans, for each service, are below. The full individual business plans are in Appendix 1.

6.1 Archaeology Advisory Planning Service (APAS)

- APAS work to an agreed 5-year plan.
- The focus continues to be on the Cheshire Historic Environment Record and statutory requirements. However, it is planned to continue to develop continuous improvement activities when the service is able.
- There are no current identified high risks.

6.2 Archives and Local Studies Service

- The Archives Project is continuing – separate reports are submitted to SSJC on a regular basis.
- It is planned to begin an 18-month digitisation programme in Spring 2021.
- It is intended to restart the onsite volunteer programme later in 2021. This was suspended in 2020/21 due to the Covid-19 restrictions.
- Achieving the Archives Accreditation Standard by November 2021 may be delayed but the service is awaiting confirmation of this.
- There is a new KPI for 2021/22 – the number of enquiries and digitisation requests fulfilled within 10 working days, with a 90% target.
- There are no risks rated as high.

6.3 Cheshire Farms (Estate Management) Service

- There is a policy review, examining the value that is associated with land assets, taking place in Cheshire West and Chester Council and it is possible that the business plan may look different in 2022/23, dependant on the outcome of the policy review.
- The service is implementing new systems this year, which may impact on service delivery, this is highlighted as a high-level risk and will continue to be monitored.

6.4 Cheshire Rural Touring Arts

- All CRTA activity is in response to the new landscape of arts delivery as a result of the impact of Covid-19.
- A business plan and a core funding bid will be submitted to Arts Council England in 2021. The results of the bid are expected in mid 2022. The CRTA business plan will be reviewed once the Arts Council England Business Plan is agreed.

- Digital and alternative performance and engagement activity will be explored during 21/22.
- There are no risks rated as high-level risks.

6.5 ICT Shared Service

- The budget for ICT has not yet been agreed and scenarios are being modelled.
- ICT, as the largest shared service, has the largest number of objectives which are grouped into five key areas – Continuous improvement, Culture, Strategy and Design, Governance, Financial Sustainability.
- There is a focus on replacement activity and decommissioning legacy systems.
- Schools income has decreased and there has been a reduction in capital demand by about 50%. Consideration will be given in 2021/22 to the impact of declining demand.
- Accommodation changes and any staffing changes may impact on the budget.
- Financial/cost modelling improvements will take place as a result of the Apptio work.
- The service has one issue – There appears to be differing demand from Councils at a time when organisations are absolutely dependent on ICT. This is challenging the existing funding model for the ICT shared service and there will need to be further work to understand any changes in demand and the impact on the budget and capacity/resourcing.

6.6 Joint Emergency Planning Team

- 2020/21 has been an unprecedented time for the Emergency Planning service and objectives and KPIs in 2021/22 remain the same as 2020/2021 with the focus on continuing to respond to the Covid-19 pandemic. It is also planned to deliver the objectives from 2020/2021 that were unable to be delivered due to the emergency response to Covid-19 pandemic, including the major incident and reservoir response plans.
- Training and statutory work is on track which will help to ensure high preparedness for any future incidents arising. The training programmes will continue in 2021/2022.
- Three new officers have started with the team which will help to deliver the objectives and achieve KPIs.
- There are two risks that have been rated as high risk and they are in section 5.1.

6.7 Libraries Shared Services

- There is a new objective relating to the re-procurement of stock contracts.
- Key Performance Indicators remain the same as 2020/21 with the addition of a new KPI – Respond to the Libraries enquiries mailbox within one working day. However, the service has been impacted by the Covid- 19 pandemic and the key performance indicators are being reviewed to sense check them.
- The service does not have any high rated risks

6.8 Transactional Services

- From April 2021 the emphasis will be on bedding in the new Unit 4 ERP system and preparing for the Unit 4 go live 2 - HR and Payroll.
- As a result of the Unit 4 ERP implementation, the focus will be on developing a revised school offer for 2022/2023, rewriting the service catalogue and restructuring the service.
- The outcome of any reviews including the CWaC Policy review and the shared services strategic review will be considered in the future years business plan.

7. Implications of the Recommendations

7.1. Legal Implications

- 7.1.1 The Shared Services Administrative Agreement sets out the overall arrangements in relation to the manner in which the sharing Authorities will work together.

Individual Shared Service Agreements require that Business Plans are regularly refreshed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of both authorities going forward and that performance is reported on a regular basis. Operationally, this is managed on a day-to-day basis by the service managers and their line managers within each Council as part of the operation and management of each of the services. Additionally, each service has client managers in place who are also consulted in the development and monitoring of business plans.

7.2. Finance Implications

- 7.2.1 The Financial Implications are set out in main body of the report.

7.3. Policy Implications

- 7.3.1. There are no direct Policy implications

7.4. Equality Implications

- 7.4.1. There are no direct Equality implications

7.5. Human Resources Implications

- 7.5.1. There are no direct Human Resources implications

7.6. Risk Management Implications

- 7.6.1. There is a risk that the plans for each service do not deliver the required outcome for each Council regarding meeting the operational and financial expectations. This risk is managed by the commissioning client, and service managers within each Council, as part of the operation and management of each of the services. Risks are included in each organisations risk register as appropriate.

7.7. Rural Communities Implications

- 7.7.1. There are no direct implications for Rural Communities.

7.8. Implications for Children & Young People/Cared for Children

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

7.9. Public Health Implications

- 7.9.1. There are no direct implications for Public Health.

7.10. Climate Change Implications

- 7.10.1. There are no direct Climate Change implications

7.11. Ward Members Affected

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

8. 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

9. Contact Information

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

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**SHARED SERVICE
BUSINESS PLANS
21/22**

SERVICE DETAILS

Service Name	Archaeology Planning Advisory Service
Service Manager	Mark Leah
Client Managers	Ian Hesketh (CWAC), Ian Dale (CE)

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Total Planned Budget £	End of year forecast Q1 £	Q1 Variance (+ or -) £ and %	End of year forecast Mid-year £	Mid -year Variance (+ or -) £ and %	End of year forecast Q3 £	Q3 Variance (+ or -) £ and %	End of Year Outturn £	End of year Variance (+ or -) £ and %
Service Budget	159,844 (annual)								
Comments									

See appendix A for the budget detail.

STAFFING

Type	Total Number of FTE	CEC FTE	CW&C FTE	£	Notes
Permanent	4.3	0	4.3		
Total	4.3	0	4.3		

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A Staffing Structure is in appendix B.

KEY PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

No	Service Priorities/ Objectives	Date due for completion	Quarter 1 Review RAG rated	Mid-Year Review RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Review RAG rated	End of Year RAG Rated	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.	31.3.22 and recurring at end of financial year					
2	Respond efficiently to general enquiries to the Cheshire Historic Environment Record	31.3.22 and recurring at end of financial year					
3	To advise on development by statutory undertakers and environmental management schemes.	31.3.22 and recurring at end of financial year					
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.	31.3.22 and recurring at end of financial year					
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	31.3.22 and recurring at end of financial year					

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KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)

NO	Key Performance Indicator Description	Previous Year Actual	Current Year Target	Quarter 1 Position RAG rated	Mid-year Position RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Position RAG rated	End of year Position RAG rated	Comments
1.1	% number of records reviewed in the Cheshire Historic Environment Record per annum	Suspended due to Covid 19	5%					
2.1	% of general inquiries to the Cheshire Historic Environment Record responded to within 15 working days per annum	Achieved (despite being technically suspended due to Covid 19)	90% response within 15 days target					
3.1	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	Achieved	100% response within 15 days target					
4.1	% 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	Achieved	100% response within 15 days target					
5.1	Delivery of annual APAS Report	Achieved	Annual report delivered by end of April 2022					

KEY RISKS

Number	Key Risk Description	Q1 Rating	Mid-year Rating	Q3 Rating	End of year Rating	Comments
1	none					

ISSUES SUMMARY

Number	Key Issues Description	Date issue arose	Date issue closed	Comments
1	none			

APPROVAL

Approval	Name	Job title	Date Agreed
Service Manager	Mark Leah	Development Management Archaeologist and Team Leader (APAS)	2.8.21
Client Manager CEC	Ian Dale	Manager, Heritage and Design	2.8.21
Client Manager CW&C	Ian Hesketh	Manager, Total Environment	2.8.21
Head of Service/Director	Gemma Davies	Director – Economy, Housing & Planning (CW&C)	

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ANNUAL PLANNED BUDGET DETAIL (2021-22)

Only available in draft at present

EXPENDITURE	ITEM	Total 2122 £	% change from previous year
	CW&C Clerical	184,222	
	Travel Budgets	4,570	
	Office Equipment, Public, Printing, Telephones	2,930	
	Hired and Contracted Services	7,500	
	Computer Equipment and Software	12,028	
	Professional Fees	62,293	
INCOME	ITEM	£	% change from previous year
	Shared Service re-charge	-93,140	
	Joint Arrangements-Warrington	-12,250	
	Joint Arrangements-Halton	-8,309	
NET BUDGET		£	
		159,844	

Staffing Structure

ARCHAEOLOGY PLANNING ADVISORY SERVICE (APAS)

Total Environment Manager
0.3 FTE Grade 12

Total Environment Team Leader
(Archaeology Planning Advisory Service)

1 x FTE Grade 10

**Development Planning
Archaeology Officer**

1 x FTE Grade 8

**Historic Environment
Record Officer**

1 x FTE Grade 8

**Historic Environment
Record Officer**

0.6 x FTE Grade 8

**Historic Environment
Record officer**

0.4 x FTE Grade 8

SERVICE DETAILS

Service Name	Archives and Local Studies
Service Manager	Paul Newman
Client Managers	Rachel Foster (CWaC)/Helen Paton (CEC)

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Total Planned Budget £	End of year forecast Q1 £	Q1 Variance (+ or -) £ and %	End of year forecast Mid-year £	Mid -year Variance (+ or -) £ and %	End of year forecast Q3 £	Q3 Variance (+ or -) £ and %	End of Year Outturn £	End of year Variance (+ or -) £ and %
Service Budget	£470,616								
Comments									

See appendix A for the budget detail.

STAFFING

Type	Total Number of FTE	CEC FTE	CW&C FTE	£	Notes
Total	17.8	0	17.8	621,565	Includes 1.5 FTE externally funded temporary staff (to May and Nov 2021)

A Staffing Structure is in appendix B

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KEY PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

Number	Service Priorities/ Objectives	Date due for completion	Quarter 1 Review RAG rated	Mid-Year Review RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Review RAG rated	End of Year RAG Rated	Comments
1	<p>Fulfill the statutory duty of Councils under the 1972 Local Government Act to make proper provision for the archives in their care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to receive Council records which are required to be preserved permanently Finalise solution with resources requirements for long term digital storage of and access to corporate memory 	Ongoing					
2	<p>Meet the needs of residents and businesses and deliver services at a local level: provide a high-quality onsite service for researchers and volunteers; support community history projects and activities and deliver services through libraries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training programme for library staff in CEC and CWaC Reopen searchroom service when Covid pandemic allows Provide remote research, enquiry and digitisation service Develop remote volunteer programme 	Ongoing					Restart of onsite volunteer programme is anticipated later in 2021 but will depend on Covid situation

Number	Service Priorities/ Objectives	Date due for completion	Quarter 1 Review RAG rated	Mid-Year Review RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Review RAG rated	End of Year RAG Rated	Comments
3	<p>Continue to develop project to secure new premises for the service and new ways of delivering services to bring the collections closer to more people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid point review of National Lottery Heritage Fund project due June 2021 • Funding bid to be submitted Nov 2021 (decision due Mar 2022) 	Spring 2025					Delivery of project contingent on securing delivery phase funding March 2022. This would enable the delivery phase of the project to begin in Summer 2022.
4	<p>Work with partners to secure income for the service and improve access to collections through digitisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin new digitisation programme with commercial partner, for launch Autumn 2022 • Renew contract with existing commercial partner Oct 2021 	Oct 2021, Autumn 2022					Plan as it stands is to begin new digitisation Spring 2021, running for up to 18 months
5	<p>Ensuring excellence in service delivery through securing the Archives Accreditation standard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reaccreditation by Nov 2021 	Nov 2021					Process may potentially be delayed. Awaiting confirmation.
6	<p>Continue to be innovative in extending and improving access to its services: developing online services and digital means of engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete digital strategy for service to identify priorities and resources/skills requirements 	Ongoing					

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)

Number	Key Performance Indicator Description	Previous Year Actual	Current Year Target	Quarter 1 Position RAG rated	Mid-year Position RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Position RAG rated	End of year Position RAG rated	Comments
1	Enquiries and digitisation requests fulfilled within 10 working days	New	90%					Annual national survey of customer services in archives currently on hold
2	Pass NLHF Mid-Point Review		Pass					Due June 2021
3	Reaccreditation achieved	Maintained	Pass					Due November 2021
4	Levels of engagement with service	Est 2 million	2 million					Includes digital engagement, enquiry count, onsite visitors
5	Percentage of new collections of archives made accessible to service users within 1 month of receipt	95%	85%					Numbers of accessions received in 2020/21 were down 200% on a normal year
								Further PIs being developed as part of NLHF project to measure success of digital engagement and remote volunteering. Baselines to be established April/May 2021.

KEY RISKS

Number	Key Risk Description	Q1 Rating	Mid-year Rating	Q3 Rating	End of year Rating	Comments
1	none					

ISSUES SUMMARY

Number	Key Issues Description	Date issue arose	Date issue closed	Comments
1	Fewer than expected volunteer hours are committed as volunteers are unable to work at Record Office	March 2020	Feb 2021	This issue cannot be resolved in current circumstances and a new measure of the success of the remote volunteer programme will be put in place over the course of Spring/Summer 2021

APPROVAL

Approval	Name	Job title	Date Agreed
Service Manager	Paul Newman	Archives and Local Studies Manager	5/2/2021
Client Manager CEC	Helen Paton	Cultural Economy Manager	
Client Manager CW&C	Rachel Foster	Head of Communities, Culture and Libraries	5/2/2021
Head of Service/Director	Rachel Foster	Head of Communities, Culture and Libraries	5/2/2021

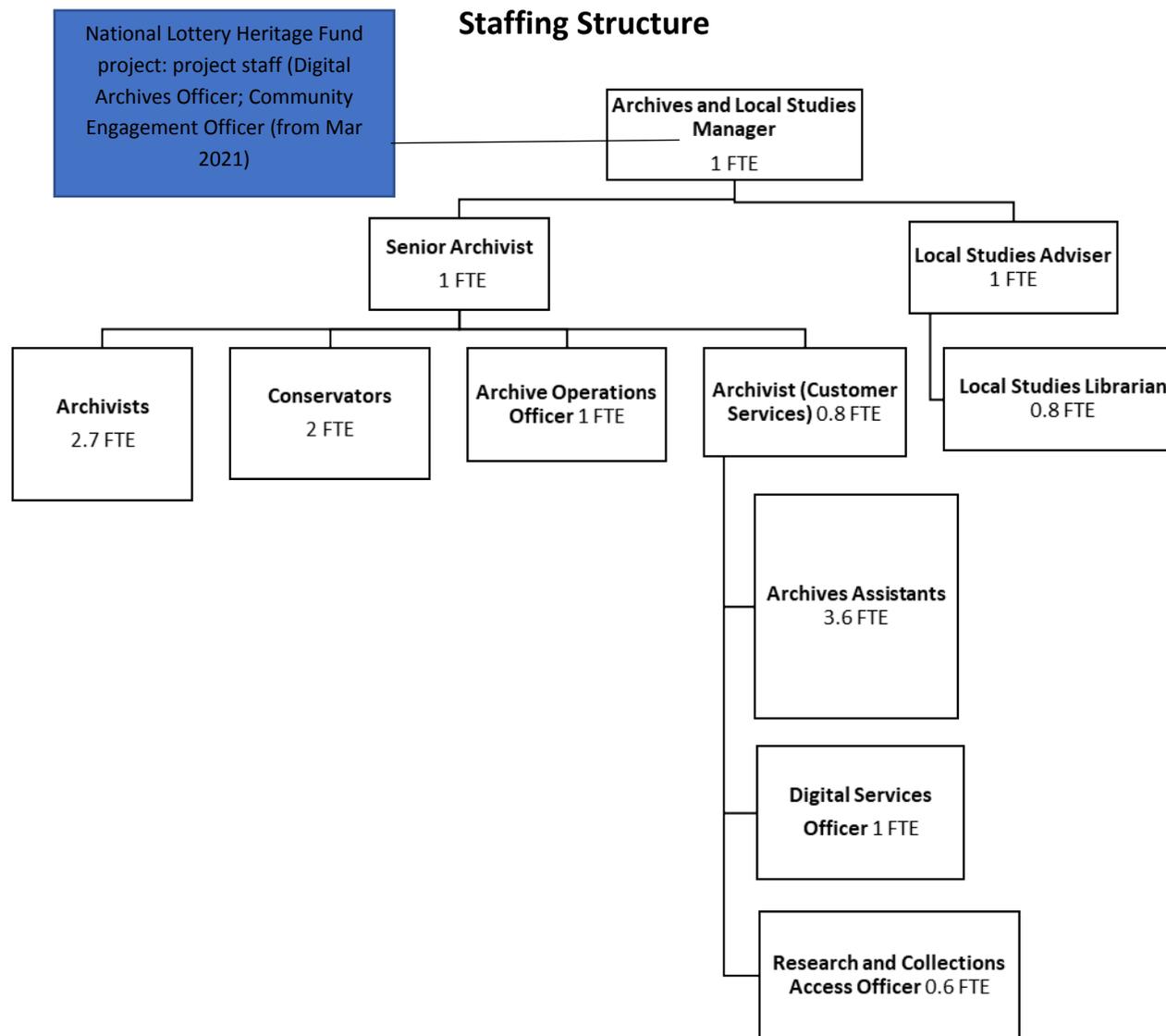
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Appendix A

Budget Detail

EXPENDITURE	ITEM	Total 21/22 £	% change from previous year
	Staffing	614,008	0
	Premises	61,840	0
	Transport	2,050	0
	Supplies and services	39,649	0
	GROSS COSTS	717,547	0
INCOME	ITEM	£	% change from previous year
	Joint arrangements - SLA (Warrington BC and Halton BC)	148,608	0
	Royalties - via agreement with commercial partner, Find My Past	64,323	0
	Fees and charges - e.g. for research, conservation work, certification	19,500	0
	Sales - copies from collection	14,500	0
	INCOME	246,931	0
NET BUDGET		£	% change from previous year
		470,616	0

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SERVICE DETAILS

Service Name	Cheshire Farms (Management Costs)
Service Manager	David Job
Client Managers	Andy Kehoe (CEBC) & Andrew Playfer (CW&CBC)

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Total Planned Budget £	End of year forecast Q1 £	Q1 Variance (+ or -) %	End of year forecast Mid-year £	Mid -year Variance (+ or -) %	End of year forecast Q3 £	Q3 Variance (+ or -) %	End of Year Outturn £	End of year Variance (+ or -) £
Service Budget	£225,847								
Comments	CWAC Budget £98711 (same as 20/21) CEBC budget not available yet - as per 20/21								

Full budget details are in appendix 1.

STAFFING

Type	Total Number of FTE	CEC FTE	CW&C FTE	£	Notes
Permanent (Assistant Land Agent & Business Support Officer)	1.6	1.6			Cheshire Farms Shared Service Salary Budget - £209201 East Budget £112450 (Forecast £62623). West £96751 (Forecast £90397)
Secondment (County Land Agent & Clerical Officer)	1.7		1.7		Seconded west to east
Total	3.3	1.6	1.7		

KEY PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

Number	Service Priorities/ Objectives	Date due for completion	Quarter 1 Review RAG rated	Mid-Year Review RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Review RAG rated	End of Year RAG Rated	Comments
1	Both Authorities - Provide effective and efficient property management function for the farms estate and other rural property	Continuous					Whilst most elements of the management function are being provided and the team has responded well to working from home, Covid 19 has interrupted the delivery of the annual property maintenance programme and the extent of physical oversight of property.
2	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.	Continuous					Efforts have been focused on maintaining client outputs, evolving management practices, and planning ahead for the delivery of lettings to ensure that prospective customers are served appropriately.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)

Number	Key Performance Indicator Description	Previous Year Actual	Current Year Target	Quarter 1 Position RAG rated	Mid-year Position RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Position RAG rated	End of year Position RAG rated	Comments
Cheshire West & Chester BC								
1	Regular Reporting / Good Financial management		Monthly reporting					
2	Completion of Management Policy Review	New	Completion					
3	Value of property identified for and/or marketed for disposal.	£1.585m	To be agreed					
4	Planning potential investigations	All disposals	All disposals					
Cheshire East BC								
5	Revenue & Capital Budgets - Quarterly reporting cycle	Completed	As and when required					
6	Report progress upon estate reorganisation plan	Submitted	End Year submission to CIPFA					
7	Value of property identified for and/or marketed for disposal.	£1.55m identified £1.22m marketed.	£1.65m identified and marketed for sale.					
8	Planning potential investigations	All disposals	All disposals					
10	Contribution to the delivery of the Councils carbon management plan	One site identified	Contribute to ongoing evaluations & project adoption.					

KEY RISKS

Number	Key Risk Description	Q1 Rating	Mid-year Rating	Q3 Rating	End of year Rating	Comments
1 (West)	Impact of reducing income as a result of disposals					
5	Delays in delivery, performance failure due to programmed business critical systems changes i.e. Atrium property records, document management system and ArcGIS.					

ISSUES SUMMARY

Number		Key Issues Description	Date issue arose	Date issue closed	Comments
1	None				

APPROVAL

Approval	Name	Job title	Date Agreed
Service Manager	David Job	County Land Agent	
Client Manager CEC	Andy Kehoe	Head of Estates	
Client Manager CW&C	Andrew Playfer	Senior Manager – Asset Management and Development	04.02.2021
Head of Service/Director	Andy Kehoe	Head Of Estates	

Appendix 1

PLANNED BUDGET DETAIL

EXPENDITURE	ITEM	Total 21/22 £	% change from previous year
	00010 – Employee Costs	211161	+1.135
	25010- Vehicle Allowances	2,510	0
	31200 – Equipment & Furniture	2,494	0
	34100 – Office Expenses	1,250	0
	36010 – Communications & Computing	1,000	0
	38010 – Grants & Subscriptions	4,590	0
	35010 – Supplies & Services	2,842	0
	Total Costs	225,847	
INCOME	ITEM	£	% change from previous year
	This analysis does not detail the income generated or expenditure incurred through the management of the physical assets which is separately reported and monitored corporately.	0	0
NET BUDGET		£	% change from previous year
		225,847	+

Staffing Structure

Staffing Structure	
County Land Agent (CLA)	1.0fte
Assistant Land Agent (ALA)	1.0fte
Busines Support Officer (BSO)	0.6fte
Clerical Officer (CO)– Yvonne Iball	0.7fte

SERVICE DETAILS

Service Name	Cheshire Rural Touring Arts (CRTA)
Service Manager	Jen Henry
Client Managers	Carmel Clapson CWAC Helen Paton CE

BUDGET SUMMARY – For Year 2021/22 to be updated annually and via quarterly reporting

	Total Planned Budget £	Q1 Forecast £	Q1 Variance (+ or -) %	Mid Year Forecast £	Mid-Year Variance (+ or -) %	Q3 Actual spend £	Q3 Variance (+ or -) %	End of Year Actual Send £	End of year Variance (+ or -) £
Service Budget	84,000								
Comments	CRTA has NPO funding from Arts council until March 2022. Funding bids and detailed planning for 22-25 will begin at the end of 2021								

The budget detail is in appendix 1.

STAFFING

Type	Total Number of FTE	CEC FTE	CW&C FTE	£	Notes
Scheme manager	0.5		0.5	21,651.50	
Scheme manager	0.5		0.5	21,651.50	
Administrator	0.4		0.4	12,897.86	
Total	1.4		1.4	56,200.86	Salary figures for 2021+ are tbc with finance (yearly increases in on costs need to be known and budgeted for)

A Staffing Structure is in appendix 2.

KEY PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES 21/22

Number	Service Priorities/ Objectives	Date due for completion	Quarter 1 Review RAG rated	Mid-Year Review RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Review RAG rated	End of Year RAG Rated	Comments
1	Risk and Resilience: Manage risk and respond to challenges to our business and programming practice and changing landscape due to COVID-19.	31/03/2022					We are revising all CRTA activity in response to the new landscape of arts delivery due to the effects of C19. We will be revising our business planning for Arts Council England in 2021, to implement in 21/22 and beyond. The impact of COVID on the arts will be felt for many years, in terms of funding, artists available and audience and volunteer confidence to return to live events. We will be able to plan further for 2022-2025 once we know the outcome of an ACE NPO application for core funding for the CRTA for 2022-2025, the result of which is expected in early 2022.

Number	Service Priorities/ Objectives	Date due for completion	Quarter 1 Review RAG rated	Mid-Year Review RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Review RAG rated	End of Year RAG Rated	Comments
2	The CRTA will support artists, venues, and promoters' communities to rebuild a programme of live events in rural communities in Cheshire.	31/03/22					As we reopen our venues to live events in 21/22, our priorities will be to help our venues and volunteers as they host live events and look to build up their audiences again. We will work with artists and companies to ensure there is confidence in touring work again into rural communities.
3	Bid to Arts Council England for National Portfolio core funding for 2022-2025						The bid will be submitted at the end of 2021 with the result known in early-mid 2022.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)

Number	Key Performance Indicator Description	Previous Year Actual	Current Year Target	Quarter 1 Position RAG rated	Mid-year Position RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Position RAG rated	End of year Position RAG rated	Comments
1.1	CRTA finances are regularly monitored and reported to our partners and ACE. Any suitable fundraising streams are explored and applied to when necessary.							CRTA finances are monitored and reported on quarterly for Arts Council England, CWAC finance admin and for shared services.

Number	Key Performance Indicator Description	Previous Year Actual	Current Year Target	Quarter 1 Position RAG rated	Mid-year Position RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Position RAG rated	End of year Position RAG rated	Comments
1.2	CRTA is able to programme quality, diverse and engaging artistic activity during the year.							We will explore a range of live programmes and work with promoters to programme and promote the work. We will continue to explore digital and alternative performance and engagement activity that we trialed and learn from during the closure of our live events in 2020/21.
2.1	Promoters are supported and are able to continue with CRTA as they wish. If we have spare venue capacity, we will also look at engaging new venues/volunteer promoters.							Some promoters may not return to CRTA in 21/22 after closure of their venues or lack of activity during lockdown. We may need to explore new venues and bring in new promoters in 2022 – 2025. We already have a model on how we would approach this, having CRTA for nearly 20 years and any new venues would be in response to the volunteers' interest, geographic spread of venues and funding requirements at the time of recruitment. We will also support existing promoters as they rebuild their venues audiences and seek to find new ones.

KEY RISKS (taken from the shared services risk log and score 9 or above)

Number	Key Risk Description	Q1 Rating	Mid-year Rating	Q3 Rating	End of year Rating	Comments
1	Reduction in ticket income, Ace funding and Local authority sources.					Managing changes income through financial modelling and external funding applications. New NPO funding (our core funding stream) will be applied for in 2022.
2	Losing volunteer and audiences confidence to return to hosting live events in 21/22.					We will build on the work we did in 2020 to keep promoters engaged and to support them in opening their venues again if they wish to do so. We will seek out new venues and promoters if we find we have space in our capacity for new members of the CRTA.

ISSUES SUMMARY

Number	Key Issues Description	Date issue arose	Date issue closed	Comments
1				

APPROVAL

Approval	Name	Job title	Date Agreed
Service Manager	Jen Henry	Rural Arts Officer (job share)	
Client Manager CEC	Helen Paton	Cultural Economy Manager	
Client Manager CW&C	Carmel Clapson	Cultural Strategy Development Officer	
Head of Service/Director	Rachel Foster	Head of Communities, Culture and Libraries	

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Appendix 1

PLANNED BUDGET DETAIL 21/22

A 3-year indicative budget for 2022-25 will be available when we know the result of our NPO funding bid from ACE in 2022.

EXPENDITURE	ITEM	Total 21/22 £	% change from previous year
	Salaries	£56,000.00	+5.6% (due to additional on costs now accounted for in our budget as of end of 20/21 year)
	Artists fees core network (activity and development)	£15,500	No change
	Printing and distribution	£5000	+1566%
	Subscriptions (Nrtf)	£535.00	No change
	Training for staff/promoters	£1000	+100%
	Website/digital dev	£2,000.00	No change
	Promoter go and see fund	£500	+100%
	Office costs(phone/postage)	£200	+100%
	Mileage	£3000	+200%
	Total exp	£83,735.00	
INCOME	ITEM	£	% change from previous year
	ACE	£44,503	No change
	Local authority	£24,800	No change
	Box office income	£ 8000	+900%
	Other grants and General Contributions	£1000	-95%
	Income from partnership projects	£500	+100%
	Private donations/sponsorship/income to find	£4000	+100%
	Carry over core and cultural recovery funds for programme delivery to 21/22	£9000	n/a new line
	Total income	£83,803	
NET BUDGET		£68	0% change from previous year

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Staffing Structure

CRTA staff – Jen Henry and Anne Crabtree (jobshare each 0.5)

Maria Owen – CRTA administrator (0.4)

All report to Carmel Clapson CWAC

SERVICE DETAILS

Service Name	ICT SERVICES
Service Manager	GARETH PAWLETT
Client Managers	Peter Lloyd / Valda Williams

BUDGET SUMMARY

The business plan has 2 major caveats

- (i) it will need to take into account the outcome of the shared services review
- (ii) there will need for further work to understand any changes in demand and the subsequent impact on the budget and capacity/resourcing.

	Total Planned Budget £	Q1 Actual Spend £	Q1 Variance (+ or -) %	Mid Year Actual Spend £	Mid Year Variance (+ or -) %	Q3 Actual spend £	Q3 Variance (+ or -) %	End of Year Actual Spend £	End of year Variance (+ or -) £
Service Budget	£??m – net to nil								
Comments									

The budget detail is in appendix 1.

STAFFING

Type	Total Number of FTE	CEC FTE	CW&C FTE	£	Notes
Permanent	122.29	122.29	-	8,260,141	Total Permanent Budget
Fixed Term Contract	18.40	18.40	-	758,311	Total FTC Budget
Secondment*	10.61	10.61	-	571,308	Total Secondment Budget
Agency					Total Agency Staffing Budget
Total					

*Staff who have a status of secondment are occupying roles other than their substantive but both roles are within the Shared Service i.e. there are no staff seconded in or out of the department. There are no staff seconded to the B4B programme. All work for B4B takes place within the department and is time recorded as business change. This work normally contributes towards an income target but is classed as unrecoverable in this instance.

A Staffing Structure is in appendix 2.

KEY PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

Number	Service Priorities/ Objectives	Date due for completion	Quarter 1 Review RAG rated	Mid Year Review RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Review RAG rated	End of Year RAG Rated	Comments
1	Continuous Improvement – delivery of a jointly agreed service 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; and an associated Performance Management Framework (PMF).						
1	Service Improvement Plan to drive continuous improvement in operations	31/03/2022					<p>Build a standard approach to working practices across the service</p> <p>Reduce estate complexity and increase standardisation</p> <p>Reduce risk of system failure due to age or non-compliance</p> <p>Ensure clarity in governance and asset control</p> <p>Improve service continuity arrangements</p> <p>Increase information management maturity</p> <p>Increase engagement with business areas in both Councils</p> <p>One PMO managing gateways, process, transition and finance</p>

Number	Service Priorities/ Objectives	Date due for completion	Quarter 1 Review RAG rated	Mid Year Review RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Review RAG rated	End of Year RAG Rated	Comments
2	Customer Satisfaction Survey	31/10/2021					
3	Implement changes to Performance Management Framework	31/03/2022					
4	Implementing the recommendations of the shared services strategic review	Tbc					
2	Culture - To ensure all senior managers are highly visible and 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 Brighter Futures cultural standards, values and behaviours that employees of CEC strive to achieve which will be beneficial to our shared service partners.						
1	Extended Leadership Programme five initiatives driving cultural and operational change (Time Management, Front Door, Collaboration, communications and Flexible Working)						
2	Support Champion Networks in both Councils – to improve staff engagement, innovation and visibility	31/03/2022					

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Number	Service Priorities/ Objectives	Date due for completion	Quarter 1 Review RAG rated	Mid Year Review RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Review RAG rated	End of Year RAG Rated	Comments
3	Undertake a Skills Audit of the service to ensure the organisation has the right skills and capabilities now and for the future (including talent management)	30/09/2021					
4	Undertake roadshows and workshops in both Councils – to improve visibility and awareness of ICT across the Councils	31/03/2022					
5	Develop strong relationships with both Councils their ICT Client teams and the wider business						
6	Ensure all staff have access to PDRs, 1-2-1s and Team Meetings	31/03/2022					
3	Strategy and Design - To explore strategic partnerships and promote how ICT can be utilised effectively and efficiently as an enabler in the delivery of the Councils and other customers business objectives. To define the technical architecture and roadmaps to support Council business objectives.						
1	Refresh of Strategic Roadmaps (Infrastructure / Applications) to improve business planning processes and product support.	30/06/2021					

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Number	Service Priorities/ Objectives	Date due for completion	Quarter 1 Review RAG rated	Mid Year Review RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Review RAG rated	End of Year RAG Rated	Comments
2	Review of Technical Debt Register to inform business planning and to assist with simplification and cost optimisation work	30/06/2021					
3	Deliver Essential Replacement activity to ensure ICT Services are performant and compliant	31/03/2022					
4	Support the Councils (Joint Business Design Authority) to enable exploitation of existing ICT investment or design of new services	31/03/2022					
5	Strategic partnerships to exploit ICT Investment and support transformation	31/03/2022					

Number	Service Priorities/ Objectives	Date due for completion	Quarter 1 Review RAG rated	Mid Year Review RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Review RAG rated	End of Year RAG Rated	Comments
4	Governance - To provide a framework of governance to ensure the provision of robust information, intelligence and business cases to support effective decision-making.						
1	Provide effective decision-making support to operational services through Joint Strategic Board, Joint Service Improvement Board, Joint Business Design Authority	31/03/2022					
2	Technical Design Authority to ensure all new ICT capabilities follow appropriate design process and adhere to strategic principles of Simple, Standard, Share and Self Serve	31/03/2022					
3	Establish Business Management Function with responsibility for Financial Reporting, Project Management Office, Vendor Management and Sourcing and Resourcing within ICT Services	30/05/2021					

Number	Service Priorities/ Objectives	Date due for completion	Quarter 1 Review RAG rated	Mid Year Review RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Review RAG rated	End of Year RAG Rated	Comments
4	Ensure all technical change is managed through the formal change process including ICT Change Advisory Board (CAB)	31/03/2022					
5	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. To create a sustainable ICT Shared Services structure to support the Councils and its partners.						
1	Development of a sustainable financial strategy (balancing customer demand and growth pressures) with the need for an affordable cost model	Tbc					
2	Agree a new ICT Service Product Catalogue	Tbc					
3	Recruitment of/New staffing structure for ICT Services	Tbc					
4	Regular Financial reporting through JSB	01/04/2021					

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KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)

Number	Key Performance Indicator Description	Previous Year Actual	Current Year Target	Quarter 1 Position RAG rated	Mid year Position RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Position RAG rated	End of year Position RAG rated	Comments
1	Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey covering full range of services		75%					
2	Delivery of projects to time, cost and quality milestones		70%					
3	Customer Satisfaction (Project Delivery)	N/A	70%					
4	Availability of basket of critical systems and services		99%					

KEY RISKS

No risks rated as 9 or over

Number	Key Risk Description	Q1 Rating	Mid year Rating	Q3 Rating	End of year Rating	Comments

ISSUES SUMMARY

Number	Key Issues Description	Date issue arose	Date issue closed	Comments
1	Appears to be differing demand from Councils at a time when organisations are absolutely dependent on ICT. This is challenging the existing funding model for the ICT shared service.	01/02/2021		There will need to be further work to understand any changes in demand and the impact on the budget and capacity/resourcing.

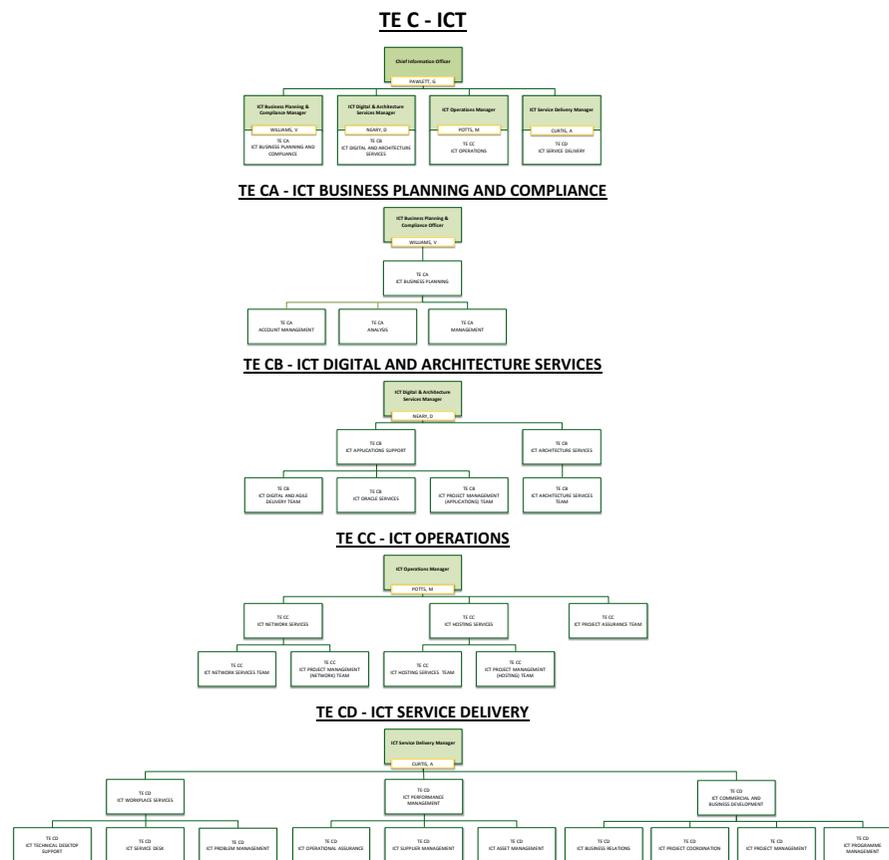
APPROVAL

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 CW&C	Peter Lloyd	Head of Change and Technology	
Head of Service	Jane Burns	Executive Director of Corporate Services	

PLANNED BUDGET DETAIL

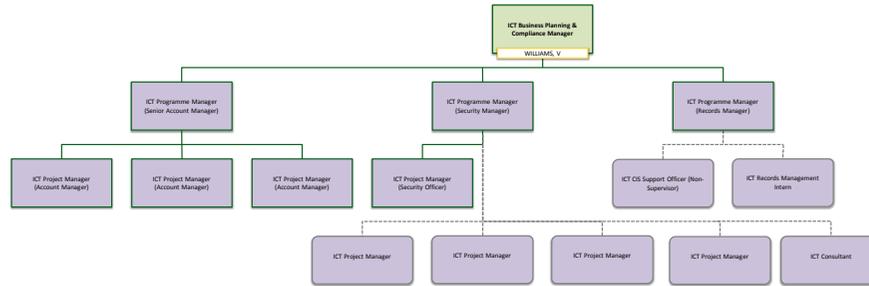
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Staffing Structure

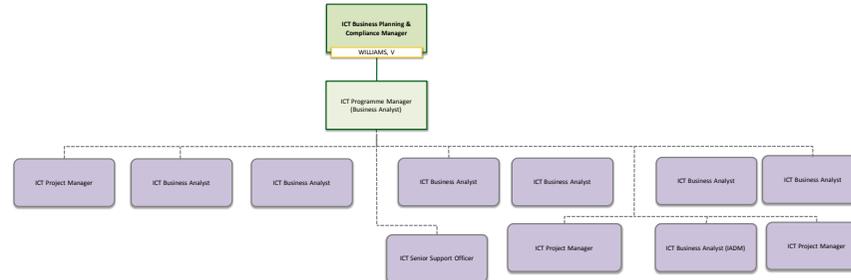


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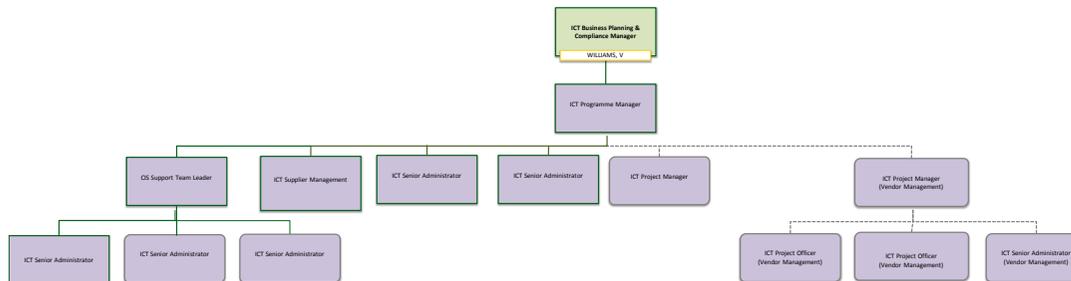
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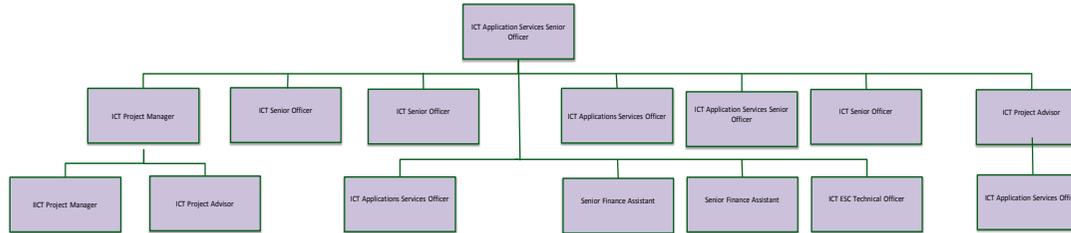
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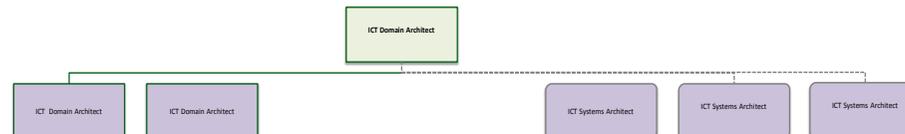


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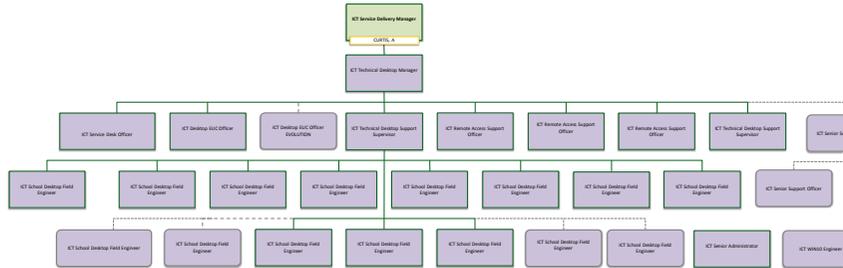




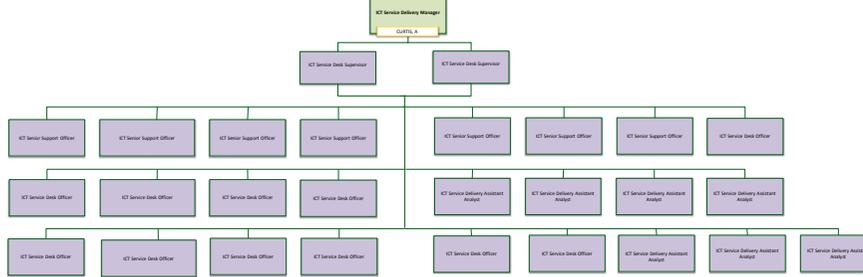
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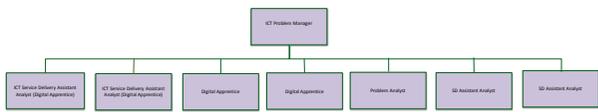
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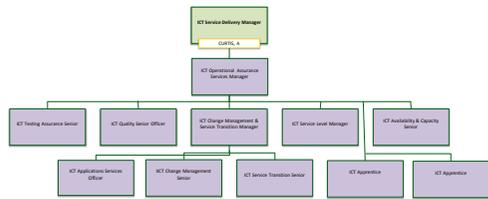


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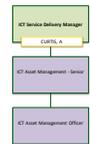


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TE CD - OPERATIONAL ASSURANCE



TE CD - ASSET MANAGEMENT



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SERVICE DETAILS

Service Name	Joint Cheshire Emergency Planning Team (JCEPT)
Service Manager	Chris Samuel
Client Managers	Vanessa Whiting (CWAC)/ Paul Bayley (CE)

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Total Planned Budget £	End of year forecast Q1 £	Q1 Variance (+ or -) £ and %	End of year forecast Mid-year £	Mid -year Variance (+ or -) £ and %	End of year forecast Q3 £	Q3 Variance (+ or -) £ and %	End of Year Outturn £	End of year Variance (+ or -) £ and %
Service Budget	302,575								
Comments									

See appendix A for the budget detail.

STAFFING

Type	Total Number of FTE	CEC FTE	CW&C FTE	£	Notes
	7	3	4	£355,358	Current staffing is 7 FTE.
Total	7	3	4	£355,358	

A Staffing Structure is in appendix B

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KEY PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

Number	Service Priorities/ Objectives	Date due for completion	Quarter 1 Review RAG rated	Mid-Year Review RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Review RAG rated	End of Year RAG Rated	Comments
1	Continue implementation of the Emergency Management Training & Exercise Programme.	31/03/2022					
2	Continue implementation of the off-site planning and exercise regime to ensure that both authorities meet their statutory emergency planning obligations under the COMAH, REPPiR, PSR, and Flood & Water Management legislation.	31/03/2022					
3	Ensure relevant On-Site and Off-Site Response Plans for CWAC and CE Reservoirs (as per Flood & Water Management Act, 2010) are revised and tested.	31/03/2022					
4	Increase community resilience and emergency preparedness levels by continuing the implementation of medium and long-term projects.	31/03/2022					
5	Increase levels of emergency preparedness across both authorities generally.	31/03/2022					
6	Undertake and participate in appropriate incident debriefs internally and at a multi-agency level for Major Incidents in CWAC and CE.	31/03/2022					
7	Continue participation in and co-ordination of Cheshire Resilience Forum (CRF) projects, planning, training, and exercises.	31/03/2022					
8	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.	31/03/2022					

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)

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

KEY RISKS

Number	Key Risk Description	Q1 Rating	Mid-year Rating	Q3 Rating	End of year Rating	Comments
1	Failure to deliver agreed objectives as a result of team responding to a medium to long-term major incident, e.g. influenza pandemic.	9				Consequence of ongoing C-19 pandemic response and recovery efforts. Ratings will likely stay steady for these risks as the year progresses with the team continuing to be involved in C-19 pandemic work-streams long-term. Capacity risks for the team would increase should we see a major surge in pandemic response combined with concurrent incidents; mitigation would be through requests for redeployed staff from both Councils and re-prioritising of objectives.
2	Failure to deliver agreed objectives as a result of team responding to significant number of Major Incidents/ Major Incident Standbys throughout year.	9				

ISSUES SUMMARY

Number	Key Issues Description	Date issue arose	Date issue closed	Comments
1	none			

APPROVAL

Approval	Name	Job title	Date Agreed
Service Manager	Chris Samuel	Team Manager – Emergency Planning	04/02/2021
Client Manager CEC	Paul Bayley	(Director, Environment and Neighbourhood Services, Cheshire East Council)	08/02/2021
Client Manager CW&C	Vanessa Whiting	Director, Governance, Cheshire West, and Chester Council)	08/02/2021
Head of Service/Director	Vanessa Whiting	Director, Governance, Cheshire West, and Chester Council)	08/02/2021

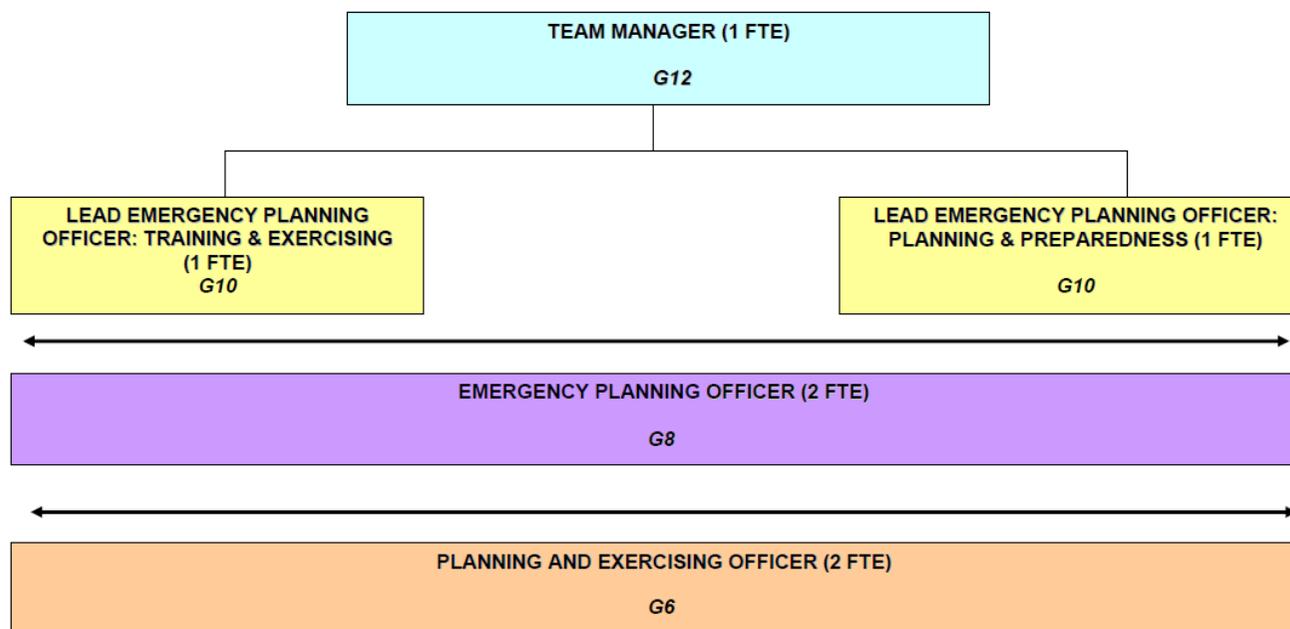
Budget Detail

EXPENDITURE	ITEM	Total 21/22 £	% change from previous year
	Salaries	355,358	+3.97%
	Training	6,075	-
	Transport	12,164	-
	Supplies & Services	22,553	-
	3rd party agency costs for exercises	20,000	-
	Accommodation - Cheshire East only	6,425	-
INCOME	ITEM	£	% change from previous year
	Annual COMAH and REPIR Charge	-100,000	+6.26%
	Reimbursements for 3rd party agency costs	-20,000	-
NET BUDGET		£	% change from previous year
		302,575	+2.08%

Staffing Structure



JOINT CHESHIRE EMERGENCY PLANNING TEAM



(14/10/2020)

SERVICE DETAILS

Service Name	Libraries Shared Services (LSS), Education Library Service (ELS) and Bookstart
Service Manager	Lexa Farthing and Ann Cowsill
Client Managers	Rachel Foster (CWC); Joanne Shannon (CEC)

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Total Planned Budget £	End of year forecast Q1 £	Q1 Variance (+ or -) £ and %	End of year forecast Mid-year £	Mid -year Variance (+ or -) £ and %	End of year forecast Q3 £	Q3 Variance (+ or -) £ and %	End of Year Outturn £	End of year Variance (+ or -) £ and %
Service Budget	372,734								
Comments									

See appendix A for the budget detail.

STAFFING

Type	Total Number of FTE	CEC FTE	CW&C FTE	£	Notes
ELS Permanent & LSS Permanent	15.8 & 16.5		15.8 & 16.5	1,013,178	All employed by CWC, SLA with CE for LSS and direct contract with schools for ELS
Bookstart Temporary	1.411		1.411	34,779	Funded by Starting Well Cheshire West and Early Years Cheshire East. Rolling contract so at present it is until 31 st March 2021.
Total			33.71	1,047,957	

A Staffing Structure is in appendix B

KEY PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

No	Service Priorities/ Objectives	Date due for completion	Quarter 1 Review RAG rated	Mid-Year Review RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Review RAG rated	End of Year RAG Rated	Comments
1	Upgrade and enhance library management system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead and deliver Library Management System upgrade Development of OPAC front end Review communication solutions to library users Respond to B4B impact on library systems and services 	Ongoing Sept 2021 March 22 March 22					
2	Digital services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote and develop e-lending services work with ICT and library services to implement Peoples Network review Support library service initiatives 	Ongoing March 22					
3	Stock: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reprocure stock contracts for public libraries and ELS 	March 2022					
4	Service review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivering policy options and contributing to wider Shared Services review Ensuring service resillience 	Ongoing					
5	Service Level Agreement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain and review 	Ongoing					
6	ELS Buy back <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and implement new 3 year subscription offer 	Jan 2022					

No	Service Priorities/ Objectives	Date due for completion	Quarter 1 Review RAG rated	Mid-Year Review RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Review RAG rated	End of Year RAG Rated	Comments
7	ELS library systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use data to demonstrate value and support advocacy • Respond to B4B impact on library systems and services 	Sept 2021					
8	ELS Virtual offer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver increased training and support virtually • Further development of social media to maximise engagement with schools 	Phase 1 April 2021					
9	BookTrust initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with clients to secure ongoing commitment for Booktrust initiatives • Delivery of universal early years offers to families across both authorities • Delivery of targeted resources including resources for vulnerable and cared for children. • Support library services in accessing initiatives including the new planned BookTrust library offer 	Ongoing					

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)

No	Key Performance Indicator Description	Previous Year Actual	Current Year Target	Quarter 1 Position RAG rated	Mid-year Position RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Position RAG rated	End of year Position RAG rated	Comments
1	Orders from Cheshire East libraries are submitted to the supplier within 3 working days	Stock orders submitted in under 1.1 days	3 days					
2	New stock arriving at LSS, processed and despatched to the correct library within 5 working days	New stock supplied to services within 3 days	3 days					
3	ILU - Search for item, place request and respond to library within 5 working days	5 days	5 days					
4	Libraries enquiries mailbox – Response and resolution to all public and staff enquiries	Respond within 1 working day Resolution or progression to third party within 1 working day	100% 95%					
5	Deliveries - Adherence to routes and timetable as defined in schedule B	n/a	Route Completion					
6	Ensure that ELS is providing level of service outlined in service specification to schools and within agreed budget	Service delivered to agreed level and on budget 274 schools subscribed	On target					

No	Key Performance Indicator Description	Previous Year Actual	Current Year Target	Quarter 1 Position RAG rated	Mid-year Position RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Position RAG rated	End of year Position RAG rated	Comments
7	Send 6 Letterbox packs to targeted children between ages of 5-13	100% CWC CE opted out of Letterbox	100% - all eligible children					
8	Number of additional needs resources gifted to target	N/A	100% (BookTrust allocation - 270 resources)					
9	Number of Dual Language resources gifted to set target	CE - 262 books gifted (allocation 300) 87% CW&C - 307 books gifted (allocation 300) 102% 95% overall *2019/20 figures	100%					
10	Increase under 5s membership	CE – 2537 new u5 members CW&C – 2065 new U5 members *2019/20 figures	2% increase on previous year					
11	Number of Universal packs gifted to BookTrust quality standards set target	CW&C Baby packs 2878 (85%) Treasure packs 4229 (100%) CE Baby packs 3677 (100%) Treasure packs 4688 (100%) *2019-20 figures	95%					

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KEY RISKS

Number	Key Risk Description	Q1 Rating	Mid-year Rating	Q3 Rating	End of year Rating	Comments
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ISSUES SUMMARY

Number	Key Issues Description	Date issue arose	Date issue closed	Comments
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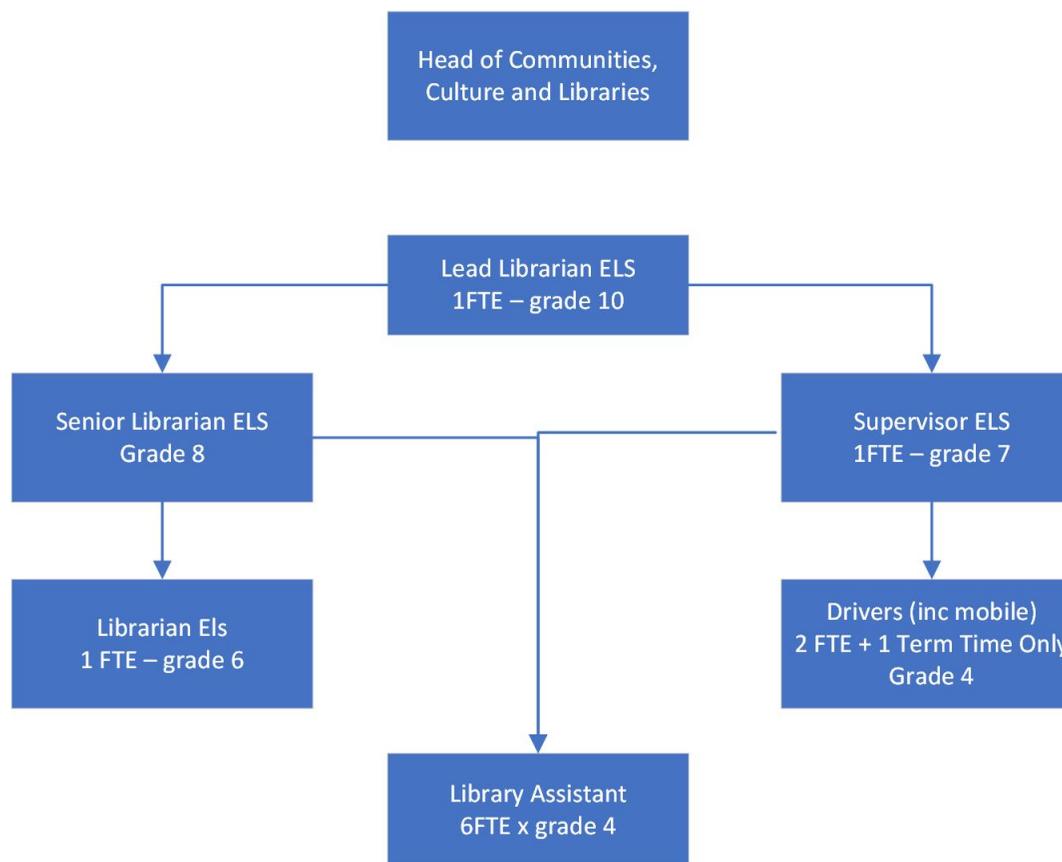
Approval	Name	Job title	Date Agreed
Service Manager	Lexa Farthing & Ann Cowsill	Bibliographical Services Manager & Lead Librarian ELS	25.02.21
Client Manager CEC	Joanne Shannon	Library Services Manager	Sent 25.02.21
Client Manager CW&C	Rachel Foster	Head of Communities, Culture and Libraries	25.02.21
Head of Service/Director	Rachel Foster	Head of Communities, Culture and Libraries	25.02.21

Budget Detail

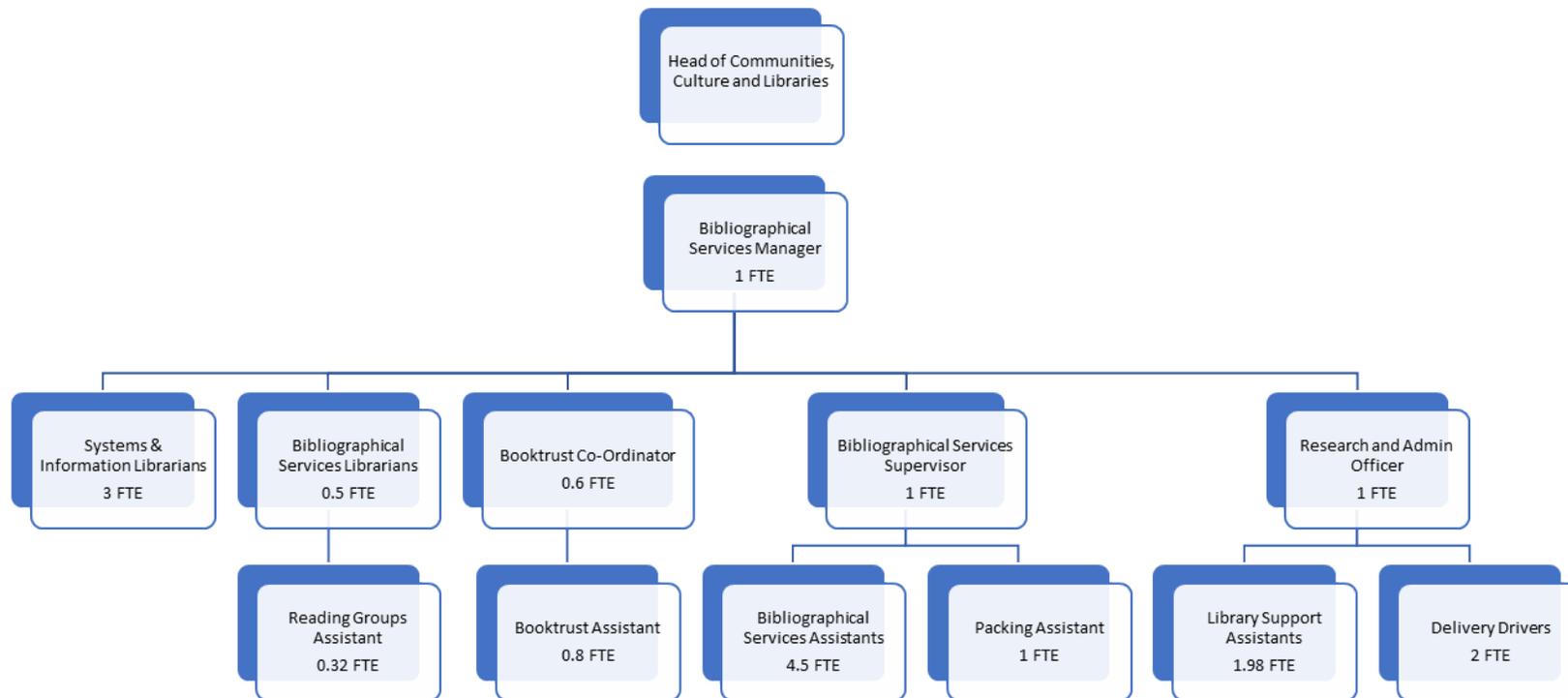
EXPENDITURE	ITEM				Total 21/22 £	% change from previous year
	LSS	Direct Employee Exps	572,312	-3% tbc		
		Premises	65,126	0%		
		Transport	30,583	0%		
		Supplies and Services	97,051	0%		
			765,072			
	ELS	Direct Employee Exps	465,931	-4% tbc		
		Premises	68,747	0%		
		Transport	30,800	0%		
		Supplies and Services	337,556	-4% tbc		
		Indirect Employee Exps	1,500	0%		
			904,534			
Gross Costs					1,669,606	

INCOME	ITEM				£	% change from previous year			
	LSS	Book start contributions	-45,000	0%					
		General Fees + Charges	-35	0%					
		Income	-2,325	0%					
		Reimb Re Pan Ches Sh Serv	-350,454	8%					
			-397,814						
	ELS	General Fees + Charges	-100	0%					
		General Sales	-78	0%					
		Joint Arrangements	-165,250	0%					
		School Recharges	-733,630	0%					
			-899,058						
							-1,296,872		
	NET BUDGET						£	% change from previous year	
					372,734	-12 tbc			

Staffing Structure



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SERVICE DETAILS

Service Name	Transactional Services
Service Manager	Jude Green
Client Managers	Heather Grove

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Total Planned Budget £	End of year forecast Q1 £	Q1 Variance (+ or -) £ and %	End of year forecast Mid-year £	Mid -year Variance (+ or -) £ and %	End of year forecast Q3 £	Q3 Variance (+ or -) £ and %	End of Year Outturn £	End of year Variance (+ or -) £ and %
Service Budget	121,756 net 5,267,934 Gross								
Comments									

See appendix A for the budget detail.

STAFFING

Type	Total Number of FTE	CEC FTE	CW&C FTE	£	Notes
Permanent	126.9	2	124.9	4,308,761	
Agency	5		5	93,000	Backfilling B4B secondments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 based in R&P - 1 based on B4B programme - 1 based in P&I
Total	131.9	2	129.9	4,401,761	

A Staffing Structure is in appendix B.

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KEY PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES

Number	Service Priorities/ Objectives	Date due for completion	Quarter 1 Review RAG rated	Mid Year Review RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Review RAG rated	End of Year RAG Rated	Comments
1	To support the councils delivery of UNIT4 ERP (GL2) ensuring transactional services is change ready	Summer 2021					
2	To review KPI targets, contractual arrangements and SLAs in line with functionality of UNIT4 ERP.	June 2021					
3	To maintain and manage an efficient and effective shared service delivering key financial services	March 2022					
4	To undertake a review of Transactional Services Service Offer in line with new functionality of UNIT4 ERP	31 January 2022					
5	To analyse the reduction in demand on services following the implementation of UNIT4 ERP	December 2021					
6	To lead on the implementation of a Cashless/Paperless strategy phasing out the use of cash/paper	March 2022 (phase 1)					
7	To meet service policy options implementing a new structure for the shared service following the implementation of Unit4 ERP	June 2021					

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (KPI)

Number	Key Performance Indicator Description	Previous Year Actual	Current Year Target	Quarter 1 Position RAG rated	Mid year Position RAG Rated	Quarter 3 Position RAG rated	End of year Position RAG rated	Comments
1	Payment to suppliers within terms	TBC	90%					
2	Timely and accurate creation of income related transactions based on client request	TBC	99%					
3	Delivery of efficient and effective recruitment processes	TBC	85%					
4	Delivery of effective payroll system and service	TBC	99%					

KEY RISKS

Number	Key Risk Description	Q1 Rating	Mid year Rating	Q3 Rating	End of year Rating	Comments
	No risk over 9					

ISSUES SUMMARY

Number	Key Issues Description	Date issue arose	Date issue closed	Comments
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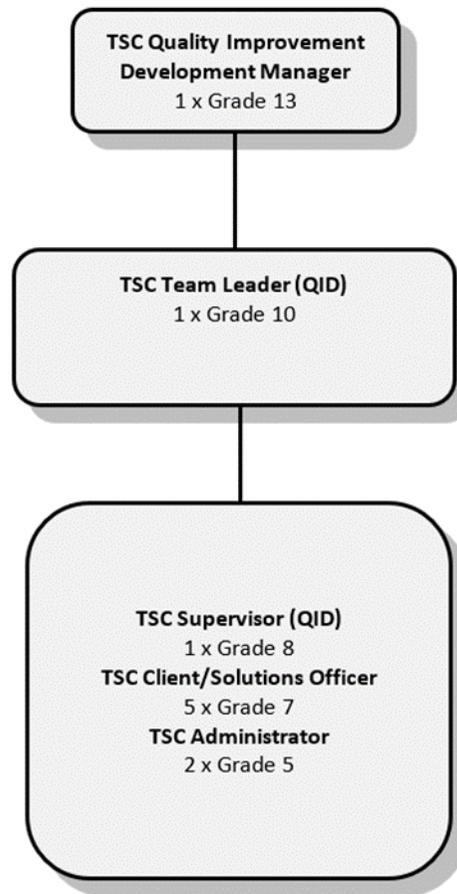
Approval	Name	Job title	Date Agreed
Service Manager	Jude Green	Head of Transactional Services	03/03/2021
Client Manager CEC	Heather Grove	Senior Manager: Business Development, Assurance and Collaboration	03/03/2021
Client Manager CW&C	Sandra Cunliffe	Transactional Service Manager (QIT&D)	03/03/2021
Head of Service/Director	Debbie Hall	Director of Finance	03/03/2021

Budget Detail

EXPENDITURE	ITEM	Total 21/22 £	% change from previous year
	Employees	3898761	4.1%
	Other	6000	0.0%
	Rent and Service Charge	359890	0.0%
	Mileage Claim	4822	0.0%
	Office Equipment and Printing	220099	0.0%
	Corporate Services Buyback	101201	0.0%
	Oracle Lease	618319	0.0%
	Other Computer	24000	0.0%
	Telephony	12342	0.0%
	Postage	8500	0.0%
	Apprentice Levy	14000	0.0%
INCOME	ITEM	£	% change from previous year
	CWAC income	-1572003	16.9%
	CEC income	-1547989	17.2%
	CEC companies income	-106107	0.0%
	Other companies	-355136	-20.2%
	Schools	-1521525	-12.1%
	Various	-43418	0.0%
NET BUDGET		£	% change from previous year
	Shared service higher pension contributions	121756	0.0%

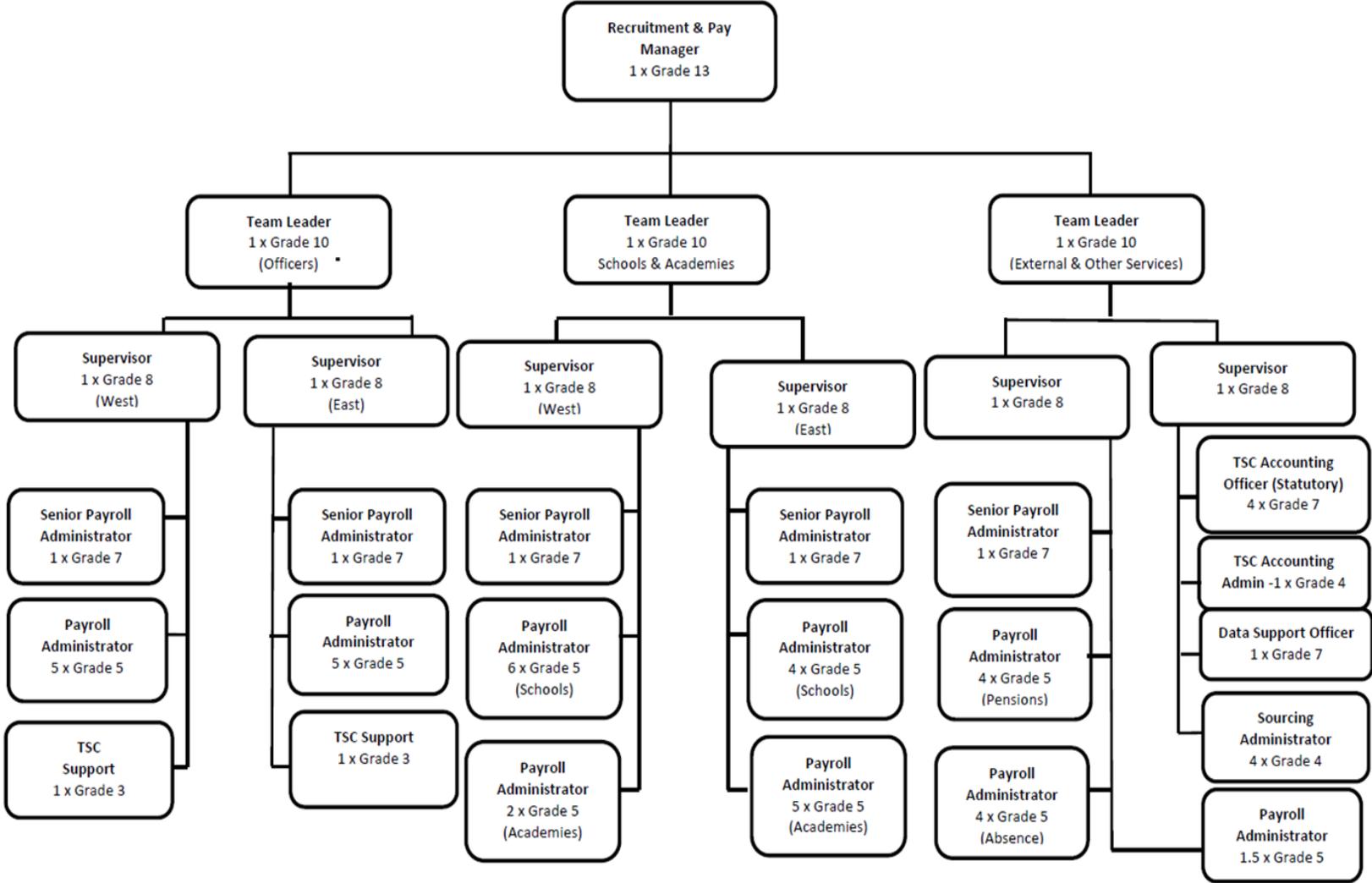
Current Staffing Structure

Quality Improvement Development – As Is Structure



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Recruitment & Pay As Is Structure



**Finance Billing and Debt
Manager**
1 x Grade 13

**Payment and Income
Team Leader**
2 x Grade 10

P & I Supervisor
3 x Grade 8

P & I Supervisor
3 x Grade 8

**Payments & Income
Administrators**
18.5 Grade 5

Payments & Income Administrator
4 x Grade 5
Payments & Income General Assistant
20 x Grade 3

Governance & Support
Manager
G13

ICT Technical Lead

Finance Functional
Support
G10

Finance Development
Support
G10

HRP Functional Support
G10

HRP Development
Support
G10

Shared Services Risk Log

Service	Risk Description	Planned Actions	New Business Plan 2021/22			Further Comments
			Likelihood	Impact	Total Score	
GENERAL	The impacts of Covid-19 pandemic on being able to achieve the business plan and agreed KPIs	JOB to review the specific Covid-19 impacts for each service as part of the mid-year review	4	2	8	Each service will manage their own Covid-19 impacts and risks. Most services have adjusted delivery in 2020/21 to take account of the impacts. This will continue into 2021/22 and will be set out in individual business plans
Archives	Failure to pass NLHF project mid-point review		2	4	8	Due May/June 2021. Covid impact has required detailed work on updating programme and activities. Complexities of programme leading to challenges in aligning project work strands. Some difficulties in recruiting some project staff and consultants.
Archives	New online shopping web pages do not function as expected	ICT Strategy to explore existing online payment systems in use by Councils to establish whether these will meet service needs	1	4	4	Due to be launched Feb 2021
Archives	Damage to archive collections	Continue to deliver programme	2	4	8	Ongoing conversation/monitoring helps to mitigate risk, but relocation project will address this in the long term
Archives	Fewer than expected volunteer hours are committed as volunteers are unable to work at Record Office	Continue to review volunteer programme to ensure it's working for service and volunteers; interesting and worthwhile remote (online) projects being devised to keep volunteers motivated	4	2	8	Need to establish new measures for success of this objective in terms of impact on people. Onsite volunteer programme suspended
Archives	New activities fail to engage new audiences as unable to run them in the community	further discussions with partners; engage activity planning consultants who specialise in creative consultation	1	4	4	

APAS	Long-term sickness of any member of staff would have a serious impact on the ability of the service to fulfil its contractual obligations with regard to all objectives.	Allow HER staff to gain experience of development planning procedures to allow some flexibility in the event of both short term and long-term absence. However, this would not be an ideal solution over the long term, as this would impact on other aspects of service delivery.	2	2	4	
APAS	Failure of the IT systems, either as a result of a general failure of systems or if Exegesis were to cease to function would mean that the Service could not fulfil its contractual obligations.	Maintain current procedures	2	2	4	
APAS	One or another of the partner authorities withdraws from the Shared Service for financial or policy reasons.	Revise and renew Shared Service legal agreement with extended term.	1	2	2	
Cheshire Farms	Impact of reducing level of income as a result of disposals	Continued reviews and regular reporting to client corporate finance teams	3	3	9	Impact to be considered in annual budget setting process.
Cheshire Farms	Time delays due to title, planning or market conditions	Regular programming meetings with Legal services	2	3	6	Some residual Title issues from LGR and pre-disposal activity
Cheshire Farms	Inability to negotiate agreements to surrender tenancies	Discussions with tenants	2	3	6	Organic process triggered by activity on individual estates.
Cheshire Farms	Delivery of management objectives delays as strategic direction evolves to accommodate corporate objectives and particularly climate emergency and the role that land assets should play.	Continue with existing controls	1	3	3	Regular access to SMT meetings of each Asset Management Service
Cheshire Farms	Delays in delivery, performance failure due to programmed business critical systems changes i.e. Atrium property records, document management system and ArcGIS.	Enhance input into Project development. New system training.	3	3	9	Expected to remain a significant continuing concern during the first half of the year.

Cheshire Farms	Customer / client expectations exceeding realistic achievable outcomes.	Continue with existing controls plus prospective tenant feedback review	1	2	2	
CRTA	Reduction in ticket income, Ace funding and Local authority sources in 2021/22	Fundraising opportunities were successful for cultural recovery and NRTF funds in autumn 2020. Regular meetings with funders and partners take place.	2	2	4	Managing changes income through financial modelling and external funding applications. We received some additional funding from the cultural recovery fund in Sept 2020
CRTA	Losing volunteer and audiences confidence and a reputational risk to CRTA is significant if CRTA cannot produce some sort of creative work during this time	Audience and volunteer surveys planned before activity begins. Regular conversations with artistic partners to develop a strategy to deliver activity again. 1-1 support to volunteers and their communities to set up activity again. Variety of hybrid activity took place in autumn 2020	2	3	6	Some live , digital, and alternative activity has already been delivered in autumn 2020 and more is planned in 2021. No live activity will take place till summer 2021 at the earliest but digital and alternative offers will be available. Contact has been made will all promoters in Dec 2020 to help us with our future plans and manage /plan for the expectations for our venues and volunteer promoters.
Emergency Planning	Failure to deliver agreed objectives and income target as a result of team responding to a medium to long-term major incident, e.g. influenza pandemic, Bosley.	Consequence of ongoing C-19 pandemic response and recovery efforts. Ratings will continue to rise for these risks as the year progresses with the team involved in C-19 pandemic work-streams long-term.	3	3	9	These ratings will escalate further if the pandemic surges and/or it continues long-term. Priorities will be those objectives that are (a) statutory, (b) related to High Risk hazards, (c) related to income/ cost recovery and (d) have the greatest impact on the Councils' capability, preparedness for and resilience to future incidents.
Emergency Planning	Failure to deliver agreed objectives and income target as a result of team responding to significant number of Major Incidents/ Major Incident Standbys throughout year.	Actions at (I) already in place; recruitment underway to fill vacancies asap; will seek redeployed staff if pandemic escalates again; Mgr. has asked for administrative support funding from CRF; will continue to liaise with Client Mgrs. re: status of Business Plan objectives and mitigatory actions possible.	3	3	9	These ratings will escalate further if the pandemic surges and/or it continues long-term. Priorities will be those objectives that are (a) statutory, (b) related to High Risk hazards, (c) related to income/ cost recovery and (d) have the greatest impact on the Councils' capability, preparedness for and resilience to future incidents.
Emergency Planning	Failure to deliver agreed objectives as a result of team responding to significant number of non-incidents throughout year.	JCEPT to liaise with Customer Centres in each authority to raise awareness of service role.	1	2	2	

Emergency Planning	Loss of permanent staff	Ensure jobs are graded competitively, where possible. Consider succession planning for future retirements.	2	4	4	Ensure jobs are graded competitively, where possible including introduction of career Grade 6 posts . Consider succession planning for future retirements.
Emergency Planning	Loss of office premises	All staff have access to laptops and 3G, home working or hot desking facilities.	1	1	1	All staff have access to laptops and 4G for WFH.
Emergency Planning	Failure of LAEC IT and communications systems	Increase LAEC checks to monthly.	1	3	3	
Emergency Planning	Failure of Duty EPO system	No further action required.	1	4	4	
Emergency Planning	Failure of officers to attend training events impacting on preparedness levels.	Communicate mandatory training requirements annually to Tier 1-4 managers at CWAC, and M1 to M5 managers at CE.	1	3	3	Communicate mandatory training requirements annually to Tier 1-4 managers at CWAC, and M1 to M4 managers at CE - completed. Several courses taken place in Q2&3 with more planned for Q4.
Emergency Planning	Failure of industrial site operators to provide necessary information impacting upon team meeting statutory planning timescales.	Where appropriate team can request assistance from HSE in obtaining necessary information from site operators.	1	1	1	Where appropriate team can request assistance from HSE in obtaining necessary information from site operators.
Emergency planning	Town and Parish Councils choose not to participate in Community Resilience Programmes.	Speak at parish and town council meetings/ attend Parish and town councils conferences/ target specific councils based on risk/ design and implement alternative approaches where required.	2	2	4	Speak at parish and town council meetings/ attend Parish and town councils conferences/ target specific councils based on risk/ design and implement alternative approaches where required.
Emergency Planning	COMAH and REPIR operators refuse to pay Annual Charge due to C-19 impacts leading to loss of income	Letter to operators going out in October with charge details/ officers to make contact with all sites, checking with those sites that are not priorities in 2020-21/ continue to ensure deadlines are met for plans and exercises.	1	3	3	Positive steps are being taken to reduce this risk: letters to operators re: new charge sent; officers checking in with operators , especially those not a priority in 2020-21; ensuring exercises completed within timescales.

ICT	<p>There are a number of services and applications that are sourced through 3rd party suppliers. Any lack of clarity in contracts, product lists, catalogues, service levels, governance, and operating procedures may result in poor performance, breaches, and failure to achieve value for money.</p>	<p>Following the implementation of our new Service Management Tool - Halo, there is a focus on the refresh of the Configuration Management Database (CMDB) to ensure that we take into account the ongoing migration to multiple hosting arrangements and the need for additional scope/components. This has also been driven by the implementation of Apptio to which the CMDB is a key source of provision of data.</p> <p>Close working with the Vendor Management Office (VMO) to include the introduction of KPIs into new contracts. Ongoing development of the Product Catalogue and Apptio Cost Model</p>	2	3	6	
ICT	<p>Any lack of clarity in funding, sourcing, skills, inventory, service levels, governance, and operating procedures may result in failure to provide adequate end user support within reasonable time frames with potential loss of credibility. Failure to keep infrastructure, systems, and solutions in a compliant state. Ageing infrastructure which is either EOL and non-compliant or has a significantly greater risk of failure.</p>	<p>Further revision of service levels under Performance Management Framework</p> <p>Develop user self-service knowledge base and self-service requests.</p> <p>Further development of the Product Catalogue.</p> <p>Further develop monitoring processes and information flows. Refine reporting structures.</p> <p>Continue to develop and monitor the compliance of the estate to ensure there are no non-compliant equipment on the infrastructure. A significant amount of remediation has been achieved under the Evolution Programme.</p>	2	4	8	

ICT	<p>Current ICT procurement/development provision for CEC and CWaC is through ICT Services and other suppliers. Any lack of clarity in inventory, service levels, and governance procedures may result in failure to resolve conflicting development and implementation requirements. Competing demands for the scarce resources may result in work programme delays and the inability to meet key deadlines.</p>	<p>Further develop commissioning/monitoring processes and information flows.</p> <p>Refine reporting - dashboard of information</p> <p>Further development of alternative hosting strategies to build on the implementation of Azure and VMC in AWS achieved through the Evolution Programme.</p> <p>Promote workforce procurement skills</p>	2	3	6	
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<p>ICT</p>	<p>The current ICT service continuity arrangements are based on elements of the legacy authorities' provision and arrangements for the Data Centre in Minerva Ave, Chester. Diverse equipment and application arrangements give resourcing challenges for scarce skill sets, which may result in prolonged system outage in the event of a significant failure.</p>	<p>Further develop service continuity strategy for the Infrastructure, consolidating the move from a disaster recovery approach to a more integrated service continuity approach (e.g. investigation of options for DR sharing agreements with neighbouring agencies e.g. Police)</p> <p>Continue with harmonisation activities and system interdependency mapping</p> <p>Continue with server consolidation, virtualisation and SAN technologies Continue with IP Telephony implementation</p> <p>Implement and promote new service wide capabilities for monitoring and management, for example, through the new SaaS Solarwinds product.</p> <p>A Business Continuity Plan for the ICT Shared Service was signed off in April 2019 by both clients. This has been uploaded into ClearView. Disaster Recovery strategy has been developed and was signed off by ICTSS in March 19. Both will be reviewed as part of the ICT Service Improvement Plan with a focus on the development of a specific Cyber Plan for both councils.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>8</p>
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ICT	Progress in delivering technical solutions to support the business will not realise front line service savings without full business engagement and motivation to change the way people work. Lack of understanding of "the art of the possible" may limit the ability of front-line services to make best use of technologies to streamline delivery and realise savings.	Ongoing review and re-prioritisation of work programme priorities with key departmental stakeholders. Working closely with Council Recovery teams following Covid 19. Regular review within ICT and with other suppliers to review provision to date and flow of new work requests. Provision of support to both councils for Adoption and Change Management activity (ACM) to ensure a basic level of user competency moving to adoption of the new technologies to support business transformation. ICT Shared Service (ICT SS) Agreement (SSA) and governance models agreed - Joint Strategic Group, Joint Service Improvement Board, Joint Business Design Authority and Technical Design Authority.	2	4	8	
ICT	Lack of accommodation facilities management, critical components not under a planned preventative maintenance regime (PPM); existing PPM ineffective.	Joint procurement completed (CeC/CWaC) to have single, all-encompassing FM/PPM agreement with a data centre competent/qualified service provider. Remediation work underway. Up to date schematics for all systems - electrical, cooling, fire suppressant etc inclusive of H&S SSOW (safe system of working instructions)	2	3	6	

ICT	<p>With the increasing pace of development of technologies, it is difficult for management and staff to be aware of emerging tool sets and the possibilities they present. As a result, the organisation is unable to effectively exploit these technologies to assist in the achievement of all the corporate objectives.</p>	<p>On-going training for ICT Services staff. Vendor specific learning resources such as the Microsoft Service Hub provides a wealth of tools and resources to support knowledge and understanding of current and emerging capabilities.</p> <p>Adoption and Change Management Support (ACM) for both councils - guides, videos, training, drop ins, signposting to native Microsoft resources. Assist in development of champion networks - Bright Sparks (CEC) and Tech Champions (CWC). Promotion and guidance for new feature releases for Windows and M365. Development of case studies in conjunction with the clients for good practice and new ways of working.</p> <p>Promote the investment in ICT training and adoption, both at a corporate and business specific level</p> <p>TOM will enable staff to focus on R&D activities so that technical opportunities are not missed.</p>	2	3	6	
Libraries	Failure to deliver against service level agreement	Continue to report performance through Shared meetings and JOB.	4	2	8	Service Level agreement from April 1, 2020 pending final agreement in revised template. Now agreed that will continue on existing documentation pending SS review in 2021/22.
Libraries	Performance targets not met because of systems or supplier failure	Maintain effective supplier relationship management and continue to report performance through Shared meetings	1	2	2	Communication maintained virtually with suppliers and both services.
Libraries	LSS/ ELS exceeds the agreed budget	Maintain monthly monitoring of income and expenditure and maximise opportunities to increase and decrease both as appropriate	1	2	2	Currently monitoring monthly and forecasting balanced budget

Libraries	Lack of agreement regarding way to proceed with suppliers/ procurements	Early discussion regarding any supplier/ procurement requirements to understand and resolve challenges in advance of any processes	2	3	6	Procurement documents scheduled for end of Sept.
Libraries	System faults identified in new module/ upgrade requiring supplier modifications	Maintain regular and honest communication with supplier to manage expectation and effective implementation	1	2	2	The service is working closely with supplier to ensure where possible any faults are rectified prior to upgrade. Moved to 21/22 with agreement
Libraries	Pressures from unexpected demand on staff resources elsewhere	Maintain and review regularly programme plan for all priority workstreams	2	3	6	Covid-19 has created more demand on the system team's time during the summer. Moved to 21/22 with agreement
Libraries	Delays in ICT strategy input	Maintain input from ICT strategy through implementation process	2	3	6	Covid-19 has created more demand on the system team's time during the summer. Moved to 21/22 with agreement
Libraries	Very tight window of rollout being affected by unforeseen circumstances	Maintain and review regularly programme plan for all priority work streams	2	3	6	The current emphasis on working from home may be of benefit when working with the schedule of rollout. Moved to 21/22 with agreement
Libraries	Delays in procurement affecting goodwill of existing suppliers	Early clear and concise communication and engagement with existing suppliers and realistic and efficient timescale to implementation	2	3	6	Effective communication maintained
Libraries	Budget for resources restricting performance of new services	Agreement for consistent, equitable funding in early stage of allocation of suppliers	2	3	6	Budgets monitored and reported monthly
Libraries	Liaison between existing and new suppliers impeding implementation	Early clear and concise communication and engagement with both suppliers and realistic and efficient timescale to implementation	2	3	6	Effective communication maintained
Libraries	Loss of usage owing to need for borrowers to register for new product	More comprehensive Communications Campaign to highlight imminent changes and provide support online and in sites to mitigate any user challenges	2	2	4	Pending implementation

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Libraries	Peoples Network Review outcome impacts on revenue budgets and staff capacity	To form small working group of Cheshire East and Cheshire West representatives to inform, shape and influence process	2	2	4	Review still in early stages, potential impacts still to be identified
Libraries	Problems with partnership working jeopardising delivery	Maintain effective reporting mechanisms and visible presence for both commissioners	1	2	2	Maintained effective communication and engagement
Libraries	Funding reduced or withdrawn	Maintain annual review of Service Level Agreements and regularly evidence costs associated with delivery	2	3	6	No current reduction
Libraries	Buyback levels drop significantly affecting viability of service	Increase frequency of monitoring and maintain effective engagement with schools, and decision makers	2	2	4	Currently down by 5 schools overall. Still some pending. Schools very positive about service in current situation.
Transactional Services	Long-term absence of any member of staff would have a serious impact on the ability of the service to fulfil its contractual obligations.	Allow staff to gain experience of development planning procedures to allow some flexibility in the event of long-term absence. However, this would not be an ideal solution over the long term	2	2	4	no change
Transactional Services	Teething problems following the implementation of Business World would impact the shared service being able to deliver business.	Ensure sufficient training is undertaken by all staff, prepare comms for service users in the event of teething problems ensure expertise is spread throughout the service	1	2	2	GL1 Hypercare worked well to address teething issues
Transactional Services	One or other of the partner authorities withdraws from Shared Service for financial or policy reasons	Continue to work to the expired shared service agreement and deliver objectives as required	2	2	4	no change
Transactional Services	Failure to be able to deliver policy option savings due to UNIT4 ERP not delivering the expected benefit realisation.	Work through the delivery through benefit realisation workshops to identify any areas of concern	1	1	2	no change
Transactional Services	UNIT4 ERP (HR) go live date is further delayed.	Ensuring enough resources are available for the programme, involved in the planning work	1	1	2	GL1 successful and on time

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Transactional Services	Failure of the IT systems, either as a result of a general failure of systems or Oracle/UNIT4 ERP were to cease to function would mean that the Service could not fulfil its contractual obligations.	Regular review of BDR plan for any new threats identified	2	2	4	no change
Transactional Services	Lack of capacity to deliver objectives due to resources directed to other priority work.	Resource review and quick back fill where necessary	2	2	4	no change
Transactional Services	Unable to formalise service offer in time for contract renewal would impact delivery of shared service.	Continue with current review of difference in established service offer and compare to business world	1	2	2	no change
Transactional Services	Different policies adopted by councils impacting ability to deliver a shared service.	Challenge differences through governance	1	2	2	no change
Transactional Services	Services not adopting new processes, which impacts service delivery due to unnecessary demand. T	Continue with current process of demand management visits	2	2	4	no change
Transactional Services	Service users not adopting electronic communication process.	Continue with current process of updating records	1	1	1	no change
Transactional Services	Councils not able to agree share service agreement for future delivery of transactional services.	Work with two legal teams to ensure reviewed agreement is acceptable to the two councils	1	1	1	no change
Transactional Services	Cost of delivering cashless policy outweighs benefit for delivery of strategy.	Plan and resource, ensure the best solution is adopted and delivers the requirements of the policy	3	2	6	no change
Transactional Services	Inability to identify or procure hardware to support cashless strategy.	Undertake site visit to cashless councils, ensure baselining is accurate and consider only suitable alternatives	3	2	6	no change
Transactional Services	Continued loss of income from schools/academies impacts income for the shared service	When Business World is live the shared service will be able to support onboarding new academies	3	1	3	no change

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Transactional Services	COVID restrictions continue into 21/22 impacting service delivery					
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