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1	Issue: Awareness and compliance with Counc	cil processes/procedures		
				ouncil policy and key documents (e.g. Finance & Contract
			•	nd procedures supporting key Council policies needs to be
	communicated/reiterated to managers/staff a			
	The Constitution Committee has continued	Service Managers/CMT	July 2012	Constitution Committee reviewed the Constitution,
	to review the Council's Constitution on an			including the Finance and Contract Procedure rules at
	on going basis. The Committee considered a		To be reviewed	
	number of reports in 11/12 and made		by Corporate	
	recommendations to full Council, leading to		Governance	Procedure Rules to Council in December 2012.
	an update of the Constitution, including		Group (CGG)	An additional report to the serve Council recommended
	Finance and Contract Procedure Rules and		September 2012	An additional report to the same Council recommended
	Officer Schemes of Delegation.			changes to the Council's scrutiny structure and the establishment of new Policy Development groups.
	Corporate Management Team (CMT) to			establishment of new Folicy Development groups.
	ensure service managers familiarise			Service Schemes of Delegation (Officer and Financial)
	themselves with the Finance and Contact			were updated by 31st July 2012 as per CMT's request
	Procedure Rules, contained within the			following a report from CGG to CMT. A process will be
	recently updated Constitution.			introduced, through the Annual Governance Statement
	, ,			work, to prompt Managers to regularly review and
	As required by the Constitution, Managers			update their Schemes of Delegation.
	are to ensure that they are familiar with the			
	requirements of relevant delegated			A review of the content of and compliance with
	functions (Officer Schemes of Delegation),			Schemes of Delegation is being carried out by Internal
	and that any further sub delegations are set			Audit.
	out in a Local Scheme of Delegation.			
				Training and awareness-raising on financial, contract
	In addition, approval limits for financial			and procedure rules has taken place across the
	transactions should be documented within a			organisation through line managers and key services.
	Financial Scheme of Delegation. Delegated			Targeted advice has been delivered through the
	approval limits must be consistent with the			Procurement bulletins and an online training tool will be
	Oracle workflow limits, and these limits			developed. The interim Chief Executive has delivered
	should be complied with, even when			clear messages about the need for compliance and the

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	purchases are initiated outside of the Oracle system.			importance of accountability for decisions.	
				Following the implementation of the governance and	
	Service managers are asked to ensure such			monitoring framework and the guidance/training for	
	Schemes are in place, are kept up to date,			staff, clear sanctions will be instigated for non	
	and that compliance with approval limits			compliance. These form part of the existing staff	
	and delegated functions is monitored.			performance system and HR procedures and will be	
				exercised where there is non-compliance.	
				Delegated decision process has been in process since	
				May 2012 and continues to operate.	
2	Issue: Issues and actions arising from Lyme G	l reen		1	
	Area: In February 2012 a review of the Cour	ncil's proposal to build a v	vaste transfer stati	ion at Lyme Green Depot, Macclesfield commenced. This	
	followed cessation on 30th November 2011 of	all works in relation to the	construction of the	facility.	
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	itive and Leader followed	the resolution of th	ne Audit and Governance Committee on 31 January 2012	
	which stated:				
	"a thorough and robust investigation of all issues surrounding the expenditure incurred on the proposed waste transfer station at Lyme Green be added to the work plan; in particular to identify any governance issues and whether all financial and contractual regulations have been complied with."				
	·	to the Audit and Governan	ce Committee on 14	4 June 2012 indicated that whilst, in the main, appropriate	
	l · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			ompliance with Officer Delegations, Standing Orders, EU	
				vidence that officers failed to comply with many of these	
	arrangements. An Action Plan, detailing propo	sed actions to prevent reod	ccurrence has been	agreed and quarterly progress reports will be submitted to	
	the Audit and Governance Committee			T	
	As per the Action Plan agreed by the Audit		As per.	A progress report on the agreed Action Plan was	
	and Governance Committee at its special	Committee	Committee	presented to the Audit and Governance Committee on	
	meeting of 14 th June 2012.		timetable.	27 th September 2012.	
				A further progress report will be presented to this	
				meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee	
				(31//01/13).	

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	vision for the financial arrangements for			Work has also progressed on identifying new products
	Adults, explore future systems, banking			to support the replacement of Social Care systems,
	products and processes to simplify and			including a new Customer Records System, a
	standardise			Financial/Contract Management system and a Banking
				Product). It is anticipated that by using a Procurement
				Framework, replacement products will be implemented
				during 2013/14 on a phased basis.
				The financial and contract management system
				replacement is the first part of this process with tenders
				currently being evaluated and implementation taking
				place during 2013/14.
4	Issue: Care Provider Failure			
-		allenge ground fees naid, as	nd of provider susta	inability and or failure in the current economic climate, as
	demonstrated by the collapse of Southern Cros			
	The Council has commissioned a consultant		December 2012	The consultant support to develop a new Fees
	to assist in developing a Fees Framework for	Strategic Commissioning		Framework for Residential, Nursing, Domiciliary Care,
	Residential, Nursing, Domiciliary Care,	and Safeguarding		Support Living, including Quality Frameworks has been
	Support Living and Direct Payments. This			completed, and has been shared and consulted with
	work will also achieve the development of			providers.
	Quality Frameworks – to assist the Council in			i e
	raising standards of care, and to assure			The new structures will be implemented as contracts
	quality provision within the fees framework			are renewed during 2013/14. Due to the volume of the
	and affordability.			contracts the aim is to renew them on a phased basis,
	,			beginning with the residential and nursing contracts in
	By working with providers the aim will be to			the early part of 2013/14.
	establish a fee structure that is sustainable			
	for both the Council and providers over the			
	medium term.			

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5	Issue: Judicial Review			
	, ,	cial impact in 2011/12 is £ ents at Southern Cross, the	500,000.The risk of _l	he challenges involves the allocation of funding and provider failure in the care market has become a real ome provider until its demise in July 2011. A comprehensive review of the policies and supporting processes has been undertaken, along with training and support for the social work teams was completed during the Autumn of 2012, which has improved social work practice/documentation and reduced the risk of subsequent challenge and judicial review. There have been no further challenges during 2011/12, although the risk across Children's Families and Adults remains.
6	inflation, ambitious delivery and savings ta	rgets and higher than ar	nticipated levels of	 Ing out-turn pressures due to a range of factors, including f service demand. General economic pressures and the monisation package have added to the challenges. Monthly performance reports received by CMT on a regular basis Budgeting & Budgetary Control courses available in November 2012 and December 2013

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	Development of improved suite of financial management reports and self- serve portal (Financial Reporting Centre)			• Financial Reporting Centre went live in September 2012 launching a suite of five standard on-line reports for all budget managers. 268 out of target group of 290 budget managers have been trained and are being supported to use these reports. Further enhancements to the reporting suite are planned in 2013/14, this will extend the basic offering, which comprises a budget monitoring report and supporting payroll, general transactions, commitment and bad debt reports; to include forecasting reports, capital and summary debt reports.
	2012/13 budget adjusted to address permanent growth pressures (including Teachers Pensions, Placement costs for 16+ young people, Adults Care costs and undeliverable cross-cutting savings)			 Budget delivery pressures have continued in 2012/13. Impacts have been identified through the monthly and quarterly performance reporting cycle. Some pressures are on-going from previous years e.g. Adult Social Care, others are new, emerging issues. Programmes of remedial action have been put in place to partly mitigate these pressures, but additionally; base budget adjustments in order of £8m have been made as part of the 2013/14 business planning round to address savings targets which are now considered undeliverable, and other unbudgeted cost pressures; with a view to further de-risking delivery of a balanced outturn in 2013/14 and beyond.
	Monthly capital monitoring review meetings with main service directorates			 Regular meetings with all service directorates to review delivery of the capital programme and emerging issues are now taking place and are fully embedded.

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	Specific			
	 Children and Families Development of in-house residential provision to reduce out of borough placement costs 	Deputy Director of Children and Families	March 2013	Further provision is being established in the Macclesfield area, with a review of the provision required across the middle of the Borough.
	Adults Refinement of cost driver analysis	Strategic Director of Children, Families and Adults	December 2012	 Across Children, Families and Adults the cost drivers were discussed as part of developing the directorate plan and have been monitored through the review and monitoring of the plan and performance.
				 Further work as part of developing the budget for 2013/14 and later years has focussed on the care cost element and associated cost drivers.
	Targeted debt recovery action	Head of Business Management and Challenge	March 2013	 A programme of targeted debt recovery action has achieved £1m by December 2012. The Council's Deferred Debt policy is also being reviewed to tighten the controls in place where the Council offers a deferred agreement.
	Empower audit and review	Strategic Director of Children, Families and Adults and Director of Finance and Business Services	See Item 3 above.	See response to Action 3

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	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Head of Integrated Strategic Commissioning and Safeguarding	September 2012	 This work was completed during the summer 2012 and reported back to the officers of t Council.
	<u>ICT</u>			
	Rationalisation of Shared Service	Director of Finance and Business Services/ICT Strategy Manager		 A new Target Operating Model (TOM) has been implemented in April 2012. The new role bases structure has a total of 158 FTE. This is a reduction of approximately 72 roles since April 2011. should also be noted that the new structure includes a number of new skills and roles that we not previously performed in the old operation model.
		Director of Finance and Business Services/ ICT Strategy Manager		 A project team comprising representatives from In Shared Services, ICT West and ICT Eas Stakeholders; and Procurement, Finance and Leghas been setup. Five sourcing groups were set up reflect the whole of the ICTSS spend, headed by Core Group Lead. The Core Group Leads have betasked to identify and report: a) The contracts that can be terminated as suppliers to be contacted in accordance with t statutory notice; b) The contracts that can extended or allowed roll-on; c) The contracts that can be consolidated aggregated;

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				d) The contracts that will need to be procured: i) new developments ii) renewal of current arrangements e) Identification of potential savings. Reports will be presented to Joint Officer Board and Joint Committee in January/February 2013.
	Maximisation of partnership and third party income	Director of Finance and Business Services/ ICT Strategy Manager		Work has progressed on the Public Service Network procurement with a view to greatly reducing our operating spend on network provision. Tenders closed on the 02/01/2013 and are currently being evaluated. New contract to run from 01/04/2013. Partners named on the Cheshire and Merseyside PSN are: Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council Warrington Borough Council St. Helens Metropolitan Borough Council Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council Cheshire Police Authority Merseyside Police Authority Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service Cheshire and Wirral NHS Partnership Trust Central and Eastern Cheshire PCT Merseytravel

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	Waste Management Service outturn relating to Waste included the one off implementation costs of the new harmonised collection rounds and also redundancy costs. Certain cost pressures remain, attributable to pay harmonisation, fuel inflation and services contracts. Actions in progress include:			
	Review of waste fleet provision, including provision and maintenance	Head of Waste and Recycling/Strategic Fleet Manager	Sept 2012	There have been frequent Finance meetings with both Waste and Fleet to develop a detailed Waste & Recycling Fleet forecast, this is updated by Fleet on a monthly basis and feeds into the monthly financial monitoring information reported to Waste & Recycling Service. In addition, Fleet Management is represented at monthly Waste Team meetings to share information on assets and budget implications. Cost pressures have been reported in year through CORVU and quarterly financial monitoring reports to Cabinet and ongoing pressures have been built into 2013-14 business planning.
	Review of waste structure, particularly use of agency support	Head of Waste and Recycling	Sept 2012	 An exercise to review the current front-line structure costs including cover for sickness and holidays was undertaken in August 2012 and this identified that cover costs could be reduced if a core pool of drivers/loaders were employed on a permanent basis with a lower reliance on external Agency support.

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				With alternative options for service delivery being considered by the Council, including the possible need for TUPE transfer of staff, any change in staffing provision was put on hold until a clearer picture emerged. This exercise identified a current budget shortfall in the 2012-13 which has been reported as part of in year financial reporting and reflected in the 2013-14 business planning.
	 Review of third party spend, contract provisions and revised tonnage forecasts Community Services 	Head of Waste and Recycling	Sept 2012	 Waste disposal contracts (Landfill and HWRC) are reviewed on a monthly basis in liaison with the Joint Waste Team/Waste/Finance, including both tonnage and financial forecasts – this has been completed since 2009-10. The Waste Strategy team provide a monthly update on both Recyclable material contract tonnage and income and Green Waste tonnage/costs to enable forecasting.
	Increased car park tariffs and alternative payment options	Head of Community Services	March 2013	 Parking Fees have not been increased following a Scrutiny review and in agreement with the Environment Portfolio Holder. Introduction of RingGO (Payment by mobile phone) into 20 car parks across the Borough during 2012 and piloting Card Acceptance Pay and Display machines in Wilmslow and Macclesfield railway station car parks. A further 6 Credit / Debit card machines have been procured for installation during January 2013 helping to reduce cash collection costs.

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	Further action proposed			
	Roll out of Financial Reporting Centre to 250 budget managers, and development of capital and payroll forecasting reports.	Director of Finance and Business Services	Dec 2012	The majority of managers have been trained. (See response to Development of Financial Reporting Centre under Action 6, General)
	Implementation of revised operating model for client finance	Strategic Director Children, Families and Adults and Director of Finance and Business Services	April 2013	See response to Action 3.
	Development of fully costed product/service catalogue for HR and Finance and ICT Shared Service	Director of Finance and Business Services	December 2012	 A joint exercise has been undertaken with Cheshire West and Chester Council, and external support, to draw up a detailed client specification and statement of business requirements to formalise the commissioning of services from the HR and Finance and ICT Shared Service. This has included a review of respective roles, responsibilities and service boundaries. This has been shared with Shared Service Managers to help inform development of their product/service catalogues. This work has taken longer than originally anticipated, but should be substantially complete by March 2013.
	Capital training module to be added to Corporate Training programme.	Finance Manager	December 2012	Completed (Training events held in November 2012, and scheduled for March 2013)
	Strengthening of capital programme governance and monitoring arrangements in accordance with	Director of Finance and Business Services	September 2012	Introduction of Executive Monitoring Board and Technical Enabler Group (Project Gateway).

option of a Shared Service SLE.

• A report to the Shared Services Joint Committee on

30th November outlined the timelines for the

2011/12 AGS Action Plan - Progress at January 2013

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140.	Lyme Green Waste Transfer Station project.	Responsibility	ruiget bute	Further details are available in the Lyme Green update reports to Audit and Governance Committee 27 th September 2012 and this meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee (31 st January 2013)			
	5 year capital programme planning being developed to ensure affordability and deliverability of medium term investment programme.	Director of Finance and Business Services	September 2012	Incorporated into revised Business Planning process and Project Gateway process.			
7	Issue: Shared Services Separate Legal Entity (SLE)		<u> </u>			
	Area: The Council has a range of shared services. Of these, it is proposed that the ICT and HR and Finance shared service be set up as a separate legal						
	entity (SLE) to enable greater collaboration and potential increased trading. This arrangement would also allow for employees in those services to be						
	employed on a single set of terms and conditions.						
	address performance issues and to stabilise infrastructure						
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	and systems. Another outcome was the development of a fit for purpose Target Operating Model to move the services into a company situation. Recruitment to the TOM is currently underway to enable a transition to shadow mode in anticipation of the move to an SLE as it is believed that this						
	will help to minimise risk of failure.	the patient of the move to an 322 as it is believed that this					
It is anticipated that the SLE Business Case will be approved by Shared Services Joint Committee in the autumn to enable new arrangement							
	in place from 1 April 2013. Existing governance will be reviewed to ensure that this continues to be appropriate to this new way of working.						
The latest Business Case will be subject to Director of Finance and On going – to be • A joint workshop was held in							
	informal discussion by the Joint Committee		monitored by	,			
	in June 2012. Should Members informally		Corporate	Shared Services SLE. A Strategic Options Appraisal			
	endorse the Business Case, it will then be		Governance	and revised High Level Business Case were			
	subject to the formal decision making		Group during	presented to the workshop, along with a detailed			
	processes of both Cheshire East and		2012/13	Market Analysis. Members from both Authorities			
	Cheshire West and Chester Councils. This			reaffirmed their commitment to the preferred			
	Chestine West and Chester Councils. This			l carmined their communities to the preferred			

will include formal consideration by the

appropriate scrutiny committees of each

authority.

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				 decision making process. Cheshire East Cabinet (7th January 2013) deferred the report on the Shared Services SLE to February 2013 Cabinet pending the receipt of further information and the arrangement of an All Member Briefing. Cheshire West and Chester Executive (9th January 2013) agreed to the Shared Service Joint Committee's recommendations subject to the agreement of Cheshire East Council.
8	Issue: Data Protection breach			
	·	lowing an incident reported nber of improvements to prove	d in May 2011, whe rocesses have subse	A Paper Records Policy has been developed and

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	Training delivered to managers and			
	members			
	E-learning modules introduced.			
	Mandatory training for all members of			
	staff as part of Personal Development			
	Plan.			
	Establishment of Data Protection Liaison			
	Officer within services.			
	Concerted communications campaign			
	including Team Talk articles, refresh of			
	intranet pages, separate DP e-mail address etc.			
	Actions in progress			
	 Development of Data Sharing Policy, 			
	Paper Record Policy, Personal Data			
	Definition leaflet, standard paragraphs			
	to be used by services restricting further			
	distribution of information etc.			
	Further training for members planned.			
	 Other targeted training, awareness sessions planned. 			
	 Continued establishment of DP Liaison Officers. 			