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# **West Devon Borough Council**

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NAME OF COMMITTEE	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
DATE	29 October 2013
REPORT TITLE	Performance Report
Report of	Head of ICT & Customer Services
WARDS AFFECTED	All Wards

# **Summary of report:**

To provide Members with information on Key Performance Indicators at the end of quarter 1 for 2013-14. The information is set out with the Balanced Scorecard showing broad performance levels. Further information for those indicators at 'red' status is provided along with a standard information report giving background information and context to workload.

# **Financial implications:**

There are no financial implications directly related to this report.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that:

- 1. Members note the Key Performance Indicators for Quarter 1 and consider the action detailed to improve future performance; and,
- 2. Members consider any appropriate action for Indicators at 'Red' status for two consecutive guarters as detailed in 2.4 of this report.

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#### 1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The current set of indicators came from a review of all performance indicators, which was undertaken by a Task and Finish Group in 2011/12. Since then changes have been made by both Members and Officers to ensure that the indicators are meaningful and useful.

## 2. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

2.1 Appendix A contains the Balanced Scorecard Report to display the high level performance information.

- 2.2 Appendix B relates to data only performance indicators and is the background report that contains the information that sits behind the Balanced Scorecard for context.
- 2.3 The exception report towards the end of appendix B shows all indicators currently 'Red' and also the performance status for the last quarter along with the management response to explain the current level of performance.
- 2.4 There are three indicators that are 10% or more below target with the first two at red status for two consecutive quarters, therefore requiring a minuted response of the action required:
  - Average time to process change of circumstances benefit claims
  - Average time to process new benefit claims
  - Number of Major Applications determined within the statutory time frame
- 2.5 To assist Members with actions that may be required to address performance of the above, Appendix C provides a list of suggested responses. This list is not exhaustive and merely provides examples for reference.
- 2.6 As requested by Members, Appendix D shows the Balanced Scorecard for the same period at South Hams.

#### 3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Within the Constitution, the Overview and Scrutiny Panel oversees performance management at the authority to ensure that poor and deteriorating performance is addressed.

## 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications directly related to this report.

## 5. RISK MANAGEMENT

5.1 The Risk Management implications are shown at the end of this report in the Strategic Risks Template.

#### 6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Corporate	Community; Economy; Environment; Housing
priorities engaged:	
Statutory powers:	Local Government Act 2000
Considerations of	There are no equality implications as a result of this
equality and	report.
human rights:	
Biodiversity	There are no biodiversity implications as a result of this
considerations:	report.
Sustainability	There are no sustainability implications as a result of this
considerations:	report
Crime and	There are no crime and disorder implications as a result
disorder	of this report.
implications:	
Background	

papers:						
Appendices	Appendix A – Balanced Scorecard					
attached:	Appendix B – Background and Exception Report Appendix C – Actions available to address performance Appendix D – South Hams Balanced Scorecard Appendix E – Balanced Scorecard Q4 2012/13					

			Inherent risk status					
No	Risk Title	Risk/Opportunity Description	Impact of negative outcome	Chance of negative outcome			Mitigating & Management actions	Ownership
G11- 05	Poor performance leading to poor service delivery and damage to Council's reputation	Failure to adequately monitor and report on Local Performance Indicators.  Managers not accepting/paying lip service only to best practice and improvement initiatives or failure to engender an improvement and performance management culture will increase the risk to the Council and it's reputation.	3	2	6	<b>\$</b>	Performance monitored by senior management and actions taken to address poor performance and react to downward trends.	SMT
G11 -06	Failure to effectively manage change	There will be a need to ensure that any change within the organisation (whether imposed internally or externally) is effectively managed.	4	2	8	<b>\$</b>	Review of improvements and management actions in response to failing performance should increase the effectiveness of change management within the organization. More visible responsiveness to failing performance should reduce the resistance to change making management easier.	SMT
CX1 1 - 03	Leadership & Management	Ineffective Leadership and management	2	1	2	<b>⇔</b>	Emphasis placed on middle managers responding to operational issues and drive performance whilst Heads of Service monitor and take action when needed	CX & SMT