

## **INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT**

**Cabinet Member** Cllr Neal Davey  
**Responsible Officer** Audit Team Leader

**Reason for Report:** To update the Committee on the work performed by Internal Audit in the 2013/14 financial year to date.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):** The Committee notes the contents of this report.

**Relationship to Corporate Plan:** Effective Internal Audit plays a fundamental role in assisting the Council to deliver its corporate and improvement plan.

**Financial Implications:** None

**Legal Implications:** None

**Risk Assessment:** None

### **1.0 Introduction**

1.1 The four-year strategic audit plan for 2013/14 to 2016/17 and annual work plan for 2013/14 were presented to the Audit Committee at its meeting on 19 March 2013, where they were approved

1.2 The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with a progress report on performance against the 2013/14 Internal Audit work plan for the period from 1 April to 31 August 2013.

### **2.0 Progress to date and scope of audit activities**

2.1 The Audit Plan is split into the following sections:

- Core Audits
- Systems Audits
- Other Work (including fraud/ irregularity/ consultancy/contingency)

#### **2.2 Core Audits**

2.2.1 The Core Audits are given priority as they cover the Council's key financial controls and also the areas where the level of income is material in the context of the Council's annual accounts. These audits are required to be carried out on an annual basis as part of the risk based audit process.

2.2.2 The Core Audits will commence in September 2013 and are scheduled for completion by the end of January 2014.

#### **2.3 Systems Audits**

2.3.1 Systems Audits have been completed for Grounds Maintenance, Private Sector Renewal Grants, Procurement, Elections & Electoral Registration,

Corporate Health & Safety and Travel & Subsistence. We have also commenced work on Development Control and Housing Homeless Persons.

## 2.4 Other Work

- 2.4.1 The Internal Audit team continue to administrate Spar and write and present the quarterly corporate performance and risk reports to PDGs and committees.
- 2.4.2 Data quality checks are carried out on committee and other reports as requested.
- 2.4.3 All the Internal Audit Team have now had job evaluation training and 2 have sat on job evaluation panels since April. One Auditor has continued to provide some cover for the Finance Systems Administrator role; a replacement member of staff has finally been recruited. The Audit Team Leader carried out an investigation for HR.

## 3.0 **Audit Opinions**

The following opinions have been issued so far this year:

### 3.1 **Grounds Maintenance**

- 3.1.1 During the previous Audit in 2006/07, it was identified that there was an inadequate number of Grounds Maintenance operatives who had received any Emergency First Aid Training. Since then 12 of the 17 Operatives have now received this training which is a significant improvement.
- 3.1.2 The Grounds Maintenance Service has endeavoured to make savings by changing the planting arrangements of some ornamental beds in order to reduce or eliminate on-going maintenance costs. Also the wood chippings made from tree felling are used to put onto the flower beds which has some beneficial effects, and saves the costs of having to dispose of the chippings. There has also been a slight reduction in scheduled grass cutting.
- 3.1.3 At the time of the Audit, there did not appear to be sufficient documentation concerning the arrangements that the Grounds Maintenance Service had for invoicing third parties; e.g. both the DCC Website and the MDDC website state that MDDC will cut the grass in DCC owned areas 6 times per year. This has been reduced to 4 cuts per year, and DCC are invoiced for that amount plus any ad-hoc work but there was no written contract to reflect this change. However, this has now been resolved as an order and specification for work has now been received for 2013 -14.
- 3.1.4 Although invoices to all third parties are raised promptly based on a scale of charges for the GM services, it is unclear as to whether the service is actually covering its costs adequately.
- 3.1.5 It is the overall opinion of the auditor that the system is well controlled.

## **3.2 Private Sector Renewal Grants**

- 3.2.1 It is acknowledged that there has been a conscious move away from discretionary grants towards loans via Wessex Reinvestment Trust. This particular policy has in addition to the risk identified at 5.2.iii caused the problem that the loans need to be repaid in order for the money to be recycled as intended under the scheme. This is outside MDDC's control but an audit on Wessex itself is due soon so this would then be looked at.
- 3.2.2 Success has been had in getting Empty Homes back into use, MDDC has targeted both the private sector and its own hard-to-let properties, and succeeded in getting 33 homes back into use against a target of 15 for the year.
- 3.2.3 As regards Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) there are a number of weaknesses that need to be addressed; it would appear that these are caused partly by lack of resource as the section has only 2 full-time members of staff out of 5 and admin support has been affected by maternity leave. As a result application packs are not being sent out on a timely basis to applicants and applications can take a very long time once received.
- 3.2.4 There is also the difficult task of allocating limited funds to urgent cases over the entire year because once the money is spent no more is available. This could result in failure to allocate DFG money to those most in need which could mean vulnerable people suffering needlessly in their homes.
- 3.2.5 It is the overall opinion of the auditor that the Private Sector Renewal Grants system is adequately controlled.

## **3.3 Procurement**

- 3.3.1 The procurement SharePoint pages are well equipped, have lots of information for users and are kept up to date and relevant. However there are a lot of requisitioners and authorisers who use the eProcurement system therefore there is always going to be a certain amount of user error e.g. users don't use the system very much or aren't aware how to "under receive" etc. The Corporate Procurement Manager has recently carried out training for all users in line with the upgrade and took the chance to address these issues as well.
- 3.3.2 One area of weakness in Procurement is contracts. It was identified that there are suppliers where annual spend is exceeding the £50,000 value and a contract should be in place but is not. The Corporate Procurement Manager is aware of this situation and has taken on another member of staff on a 12 month fixed term contract to help address this situation.
- 3.3.3 Another weakness is that some employees are not aware of the existence of the Financial Regulations which include requirements for procurement let alone their content. Lack of training appears to remain a problem despite recent attempts to address this. During testing it was found that although the correct procedures are not always followed the majority of users were found to be pro-active in finding/using suppliers who can provide value for money.

It was encouraging to find that employees are trying their best to achieve value for money.

3.3.4 It is the overall opinion of the auditor that the Procurement system is adequately controlled.

### **3.4 Elections & Electoral Registrations**

3.4.1 The Elections and Electoral Registration Team were found to be very efficient and performing well. For the Electoral duties, testing was carried out to see if, after an election, any issues which were highlighted as errors on the register had been followed up and actioned. The issues were followed up and actioned as required, this had been a weakness last time an audit was carried out on this area so this was an improvement. Elections fall in most years and the Team appear to be very competent in running a smooth operation and are vigilant in carrying out checks for areas such as mileage claims etc.

3.4.2 An area of concern is that currently the accounting for the elections has been an integral part of Mid Devon District Council's accounts. The accounting of elections falls under the remit of the Returning Officer and not Mid Devon District Council it is therefore vital that accounting procedures are robust to ensure transparency and negate any separation of duty concerns.

3.4.3 The Electoral Registration Officer has made the decision not to run house to house canvassing due to the financial cost, which he has every right in deciding. Mid Devon does have a high percentage of forms that are returned without the house to house canvassing so this may not be an issue, however due to this the Electoral Commission have reported the Electoral Registration Officer for Mid Devon District Council as underperforming in this area.

3.4.4 It is the overall opinion of the auditor that the Elections and Electoral Registration system is well controlled.

### **3.5 Corporate Health & Safety**

3.5.1 The area of Corporate Health & Safety is held within the Environmental Health Services Section. The duties for Corporate Health & Safety are covered by one of the Environmental Health Officers who spends 50% of his time dedicated to Corporate Health and Safety in his capacity as the Health and Safety Advisor. The Health and Safety Advisor reports to the Environmental Health Services Manager and it is felt that this could be a difficult situation at times due to the Environmental Health Services Manager also being responsible for 3 high risk operational areas across the Council and there could be separation of duty issues and reporting difficulties.

3.5.2 There were some areas of good practice and procedures in place. These being:

- There are processes and procedures in place with regard to health and safety for sub-contractors and as part of the tender process.

- There are procedure notes in place highlighting what to do in the case of a fire or bomb alert.
- The Council has adequate procedures in place to cover out of hour's emergency calls, although the cover for the Facilities and Corporate Buildings Manager as regards alarms (including fire) is weak.

3.5.3 Currently the Health and Safety Advisor covers updating of all Corporate Health and Safety Policies, deals with any Health and Safety enquiries, although logs of these are not retained, and focuses on addressing high risk areas of the Council as much as is possible in the time available. There is currently no job description or business plan for the post of Corporate Health and Safety Advisor which causes a lack of direction, aims and goals for the post and the Council. Putting this in place will help to create transparency for the post.

3.5.4 However, there are a number of weaknesses in the systems of internal check and control that need to be addressed. At present there is a lack of Health and Safety Unison representatives and this does not appear to be a situation that is going to be resolved in the short term. It is felt that this needs to be addressed as a matter of urgency to enable the Council to fulfil its obligations under the HSE guidelines and to arm itself with strong Health and Safety ethics which will be beneficial in the long term. Other areas of concern are:

- Health and Safety awareness throughout the Council – there was very mixed views from employees about whether there is enough awareness, some feel that as they have completed the e-learning modules they have enough but did say that it is not a topic that is discussed at team meetings. Whereas, others feel that there is a lack of awareness. Health and Safety is not actively promoted by way of Link or the Senior Officer Forum and it was not found to be discussed regularly at Management Team.
- The Council has a Health and Safety Committee in place in line with HSE guidelines. Whilst relevant topics are discussed it appears that this is as far as it goes and that discussions are not being actioned and in some cases the topics are not revisited after an action was agreed to ensure that everything has been addressed appropriately.
- Currently, there are only 2 qualified Unison Health & Safety Representatives instead of the 3 required for a quorum. Despite attempts by Unison to encourage more representatives, this has not been successful. Under HSE guidelines, it is possible to have non-union representatives who are suitably trained to ensure that the Council comply with HSE law and the Health & Safety Committee Constitution.

3.5.5 Thankfully no serious accidents have happened at MDDC. The number of reported accidents for 2009/10 when the audit was last carried out was 15, for 2012/13 it was 61. However the Health and Safety Advisor believes this to be at least partly due to improved reporting of accidents.

- 3.5.6 The Council has developed the bones of a framework that can be used to address all the issues mentioned above (i.e. a Health and Safety Committee and risks now being addressed on the Spar system). There is still a long way to go, but it is felt that what is in place can be built upon very easily to develop a strong Health and Safety ethic and which comply with the HSE guidelines.
- 3.5.7 It is the overall opinion of the auditor that MDDC is insufficiently proactive about Corporate Health & Safety at present.

### 3.6 **Travel & Subsistence**

- 3.6.1 Testing established that expense claims are paid accurately by the Payroll Section in accordance with the authorised claims received.
- 3.6.2 At present although the Payroll Manager cannot check all the expense claims he does spot and correct some errors as he goes along. When the self-service phase of the new HR/Payroll system is introduced there will be extra resource for spot checks going forward as manual inputting of expense claims by the Payroll section will cease.
- 3.6.3 However, responsibility for the approval of expense claims lies with Service Managers at present and will remain so with the new system, there are weaknesses in this which are identified below.
- 3.6.4 The main issue is existing procedures, policies and rules are not being followed or enforced as well as they should be.
- 3.6.5 It is the overall opinion of the auditor that the authorisation of Travel and Subsistence claims is poor.

## 4.0 **Conclusion**

- 4.1 Where a poor opinion has resulted from our review (3.5 and 3.6 above) steps have already been taken to improve controls. In both cases the framework of a good system is in place but procedures need to be enforced and awareness and information improved.
- 4.2 The first three post audit surveys for systems audits were sent out, starting in July 2013, and resulted in two "very satisfied" and one "satisfied" response.
- 4.3 Outstanding Recommendations

Summary audit reports for the various areas showing progress to date for outstanding recommendations follow.

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**Circulation of the Report:** Management Team and Cllr Neal Davey  
**List of Background Papers:** None

## Audit Report - ICT

Annual report for 2013-2014

Arranged by Service

For Christina Cross

For MDDC - Services

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| Service: I C T         |                         |  | Head of Service: Christina Cross |                  |                      |   | Portfolio: n/a |  |                  |
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| On / ahead of schedule | A - 2012 - IC - 1.1 - M | <u>Policy Review Programme</u>             |                                  | 31/07/2013 (due) | 13/09/2013           | Policy roll out continues with Member training taking place in September  |                |  | Christina Cross  |
| No Data available      | A - 2012 - L 1.7 - H    | <u>Reconciliation</u>                      |                                  | 31/07/2012 (due) | 13/12/2012 (overdue) | Mick reported discrepancies with November's reports. He has been analysing these and has found a number of causes. Some are procedural. I won't know if there are any system issues until he's finished his analysis. |                |  | Catherine Yandle |
| On / ahead of schedule | A - 2012 - L - 3.2 - L  | <u>Reconciliation Reports</u>              |                                  | 31/05/2013 (due) | 17/06/2013           | Discussed with Cascade who were aware of the problem.   |                | Have requested they change just the headings | Catherine Yandle |
| On / ahead of schedule | A - 2013 - IC - 1.0 - L | <u>Return of MDDC equipment on leaving</u> | 30/09/2013 Project End           | 30/09/2013 (due) | 13/09/2013           | HR are looking at adding a flag on the HR system when equipment has been issued to staff  |                |  | Christina Cross  |
| Milestone Missed       | A - 2012 - IC - 4.1 - M | <u>Software Audit</u>                      |                                  | 31/07/2013 (due) |                      |   |                |  |                  |

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For MDDC - Services

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Head of Service: Liz Reeves

Portfolio: n/a

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| No Data available | A - 2013 - CC - 1.1 - M | <u>CRM - Bank Holidays and Statutory Days</u> | 31/03/2014 Project End | 31/03/2014 (due) |                  |                  |          |        |         |             |
| No Data available | A - 2013 - CC - 1.3 - M | <u>CRM - Document Retention</u>               | 31/03/2014 Project End | 31/03/2014 (due) |                  |                  |          |        |         |             |
| No Data available | A - 2013 - CC - 1.4 - M | <u>CRM - Housing Reporting</u>                | 31/03/2014 Project End | 31/03/2014 (due) |                  |                  |          |        |         |             |
| No Data available | A - 2013 - CC - 1.2 - M | <u>CRM - recording of days</u>                | 31/03/2014 Project End | 31/03/2014 (due) |                  |                  |          |        |         |             |
| No Data available | A - 2013 - CC - 1.5 - M | <u>CRM - Stage 2 Complaints</u>               | 31/03/2014 Project End | 31/03/2014 (due) |                  |                  |          |        |         |             |
| Milestone Missed  | A - 2013 - CC - 3.2 - L | <u>CRM - Timescales</u>                       |                        | 31/07/2013 (due) |                  |                  |          |        |         |             |
| No Data available | A - 2013 - CC - 1.6 - L | <u>CRM - User Notes</u>                       | 31/03/2014 Project End | 31/03/2014 (due) |                  |                  |          |        |         |             |

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For Andrew Jarrett

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| On / ahead of schedule | A - 2012 - C - 4.3 - M  | <u>BACs Payments</u>  | 31/12/2013<br>Project End | 31/12/2013<br>(due) | 13/09/2013       | Replacement BACS system is being implemented at the moment which will incorporate separation of duties principles |  |                          | Catherine Yandle |
| On / ahead of schedule | A - 2011 - MA - 2.3 - M | <u>Close Down</u>   | 30/09/2013<br>Project End | 30/09/2013<br>(due) | 14/06/2013       | Cross-training has continued  |  | Update procedure manuals | Andrew Jarrett   |
| No Data available      | A - 2009 - MI - 1.3 - M | <u>Corporate Debt Group</u>                                 | 30/09/2013<br>Project End | 30/09/2013<br>(due) |                  |   |  |                          |                  |
| Milestone Missed       | A - 2012 - P - 4.1 - M  | <u>Payroll Reconciliations</u>                              |                           | 31/03/2013<br>(due) |                  |   |  |                          |                  |
| No Data available      | A - 2012 - MA - 3.1 - L | <u>Posting to e-Fin throughout the year</u>                 | 31/03/2014<br>Project End | 31/03/2014<br>(due) |                  |   |  |                          |                  |
| On / ahead of schedule | A - 2012 - L - 2.2 - H  | <u>Regular Leisure Reconciliations</u>                      |                           | 11/06/2013          | 11/06/2013       | All reconciliations done up to 31 March   |  |                          | Catherine Yandle |
| Behind schedule        | A - 2011 - HR - 5.2 - M | <u>Rent Reconciliation</u>                                  |                           | 31/03/2014          | 15/08/2013       |   | This is ongoing as the Systems Accountant has yet to start. Should be achievable in time for the year-end 2013/14. |                          | Roderick Hewson  |
| Milestone Missed       | A - 2012-IC 2.1-L       | <u>Sign Off Reconciliations</u>                             |                           | 31/01/2013<br>(due) |                  |   |  |                          |                  |
| Milestone Missed       | A - 2012 - HB - 2.1 - L | <u>Timeliness of Reconciliation of Rent Allowances Paid</u> |                           | 30/04/2013<br>(due) |                  |   |  |                          |                  |

**Service: Procurement****Head of Service: Andrew Jarrett****Portfolio: n/a****Projects**

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| Service: Procurement   |                           |   | Head of Service: Andrew Jarrett |                  |                  |  | Portfolio: n/a |                    |                |
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| Milestone Missed       | A - 2013 - PC - 2.3 - L   | <u>Document Retention for quotations</u>                  |                                 | 30/06/2013 (due) |                  |  |                |                    |                |
| Milestone Missed       | A - 2013 - PC - 1.2ii - L | <u>Ensure all contracts are on the Contract Register</u>  |                                 | 01/08/2013 (due) |                  |  |                |                    |                |
| No Data available      | A - 2013 - PC - 2.2 - M   | <u>Financial Rules Training and awareness</u>             | 31/12/2013 Project End          | 31/12/2013 (due) |                  |  |                |                    |                |
| Milestone Missed       | A - 2010 - IC - 1.2 - M   | <u>Log Contractors for DP purposes</u>                    |                                 | 31/07/2013 (due) | 14/06/2013       | No Tenders finalised since August 2012 |                | Procedure in place | Chanelle Busby |
| No Data available      | A - 2013 - PC - 1.1 - H   | <u>Obtain contracts in accordance with Financial Regs</u> | 31/05/2014 Project End          | 31/05/2014 (due) |                  |  |                |                    |                |
| No Data available      | A - 2013 - PC - 2.1 - M   | <u>Obtain quotes for Tyre Orders</u>                      | 31/12/2013 Project End          | 31/12/2013 (due) |                  |  |                |                    |                |
| Milestone Missed       | A - 2013 - PC - 1.2i - M  | <u>Tender in accordance with Financial Regulations</u>    |                                 | 30/06/2013 (due) |                  |  |                |                    |                |
| No Data available      | A - 2013 - PC - 2.4 - L   | <u>Use ProContract to log Quotation Orders</u>            | 30/04/2014 Project End          | 30/04/2014 (due) |                  |  |                |                    |                |

| Service: Recovery               |                         |   |                        |                  |                  |          |        |                        |                  |
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| Head of Service: Andrew Jarrett |                         |   |                        | Portfolio: n/a   |                  |          |        |                        |                  |
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| No Data available               | A - 2009 - RC - 1.3 - M | <u>Corporate Debt Recovery</u>              | 30/09/2013 Project End | 30/09/2013 (due) |                  |          |        |                        |                  |
| On / ahead of schedule          | A - 2012 - RC - 1.2 - L | <u>Promise Dates</u>                        |                        | 30/04/2013 (due) | 14/06/2013       |          |        | Procedure put in place | Catherine Yandle |
| Milestone Missed                | A - 2011 - RC - 4.1 - L | <u>Raise Credit Notes for Cancellations</u> |                        | 31/07/2013 (due) |                  |          |        |                        |                  |
| Milestone Missed                | A - 2012 - RC - 2.1 - L | <u>Staffing</u>                             |                        | 31/07/2013 (due) |                  |          |        |                        |                  |
| Milestone Missed                | A - 2012 - RC - 3.1 - M | <u>Write off Old Debts</u>                  |                        | 31/07/2013 (due) |                  |          |        |                        |                  |

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### Audit Report - Housing services

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For Nick Sanderson

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| Service: Housing Services       |                         |                                    | Head of Service: Nick Sanderson               |                     |                         |                  |  |                                     | Portfolio: n/a                                       |                |         |
| Projects                        |                         |                                    |   |                     |                         |                  |  |                                     |  |                |         |
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| No Data available               | A - 2012 - S 2.1 - M    | <u>Risk Assessments</u>            | 31/10/2013<br>Project End                     | 31/10/2013<br>(due) | 06/06/2013<br>(overdue) |                  |  | Accept original deadline was missed | Will be done by new deadline                         | Nick Sanderson |         |
| Milestone Missed                | C -                     | <u>Update the Housing Strategy</u> | 21/09/2013<br>Draft Housing Strategy Prepared | 31/01/2014<br>(due) | 06/06/2013              |                  | Out for consultation results due                                 |                                     | Strategy will be completed in line with consultation | Nick Sanderson | CP12-2  |
| On / ahead of schedule          | A - 2012 - HR - 3.3 - M | <u>Write off's</u>                 |   | 31/05/2013<br>(due) | 31/05/2013              |                  | A Pilot was carried out & new procedures implemented as a result |                                     | Will now be done in accordance with new procedures   | Nick Sanderson |         |

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## Audit Report - Human Resources

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For Jill Stimpson

For MDDC - Services

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| Service: Human Resources       |                          |   | Head of Service: Jill Stimpson |                  |                      |  | Portfolio: n/a |  |                  |
| Projects                       |                          |   |                                |                  |                      |  |                |  |                  |
| Project Status                 | Code                     | Title                                     | Next Milestone                 | Project End      | Last Review Date     | Achieved   | Missed         | Arising  | Reviewed By      |
| No Data available              | A - 2012 - P - 5.2 - H   | <u>Essential Car User</u>                 |                                | 31/01/2013 (due) | 14/06/2013 (overdue) |  |                | KF, as Head of Paid Service, has now reviewed the list of current essential users and matched it against the criteria. This list will now go out for further consultation, to be finally agreed by MT in due course. | Catherine Yandle |
| On / ahead of schedule         | A - 2012 - L 2.3 - H     | <u>Green Book</u>                         | 30/09/2013 Project End         | 30/09/2013 (due) | 26/04/2013           | Review is currently being undertaken with a working party and regular meetings |                |  | Jill Stimpson    |
| No Data available              | A - 2012 - HR2 - 1.3 - M | <u>Local Conditions 2006 review</u>       | 31/08/2014 Project End         | 31/08/2014 (due) |                      |  |                |  |                  |
| No Data available              | A - 2012 - P - 3.2 - L   | <u>MDDC Equipment Recovery</u>            | 31/01/2014 Project End         | 31/01/2014 (due) | 26/02/2013 (overdue) |  |                | Put check on amendment form to record equipment and amend guidelines for managers  | Jane Cottrell    |
| Milestone Missed               | A - 2010 - IC - 3.1 - M  | <u>Non-Computer Users</u>                 |                                | 30/04/2013 (due) | 26/02/2013 (overdue) |  |                | Amend guidance for managers  | Jane Cottrell    |
| Milestone Missed               | A - 2012 - HR2 - 1.4 - L | <u>Rationalise policies on SharePoint</u> |                                | 31/08/2013 (due) |                      |  |                |  |                  |
| No Data available              | A - 2012 - HR2 - 2.1 - L | <u>Reduce Sick days absence</u>           |                                | 30/04/2013 (due) | 17/06/2013 (overdue) | Sickness Policy is being rewritten   |                |  | Catherine Yandle |
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| Audit Report - Human Resources |                          |                                   |                                |                  |                      |  |                |  |                  |
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| Service: Human Resources       |                          |                                   | Head of Service: Jill Stimpson |                  |                      |  | Portfolio: n/a |  |                  |
| Projects                       |                          |                                   |                                |                  |                      |  |                |  |                  |
| Project Status                 | Code                     | Title                             | Next Milestone                 | Project End      | Last Review Date     | Achieved   | Missed         | Arising  | Reviewed By      |
|                                |                          |                                   |                                |                  |                      | and target will be reviewed in the light of this |                |  |                  |
| Milestone Missed               | A - 2012 - GH 1.1 - L    | <u>Return Induction Checklist</u> |                                | 30/06/2013 (due) | 28/09/2012 (overdue) |  |                |  | Catherine Yandle |
| No Data available              | A - 2012 - HR2 - 1.1 - L | <u>Sickness Policy</u>            | 31/10/2013 Project End         | 31/10/2013 (due) |                      |  |                |  |                  |
| On / ahead of schedule         | A - 2010 - P - 3.3 - L   | <u>Structure Charts</u>           | 31/01/2014 Project End         | 31/01/2014 (due) | 26/02/2013           |  |                | New system will automatically produce structure charts | Jane Cottrell    |
| Milestone Missed               | A - 2012 - HR2 - 1.2 - M | <u>Timely Policy Renewal</u>      |                                | 31/08/2013 (due) |                      |  |                |  |                  |
| On / ahead of schedule         | A - 2011 - P - 1.3 - L   | <u>Verify Parameter changes</u>   | 31/03/2014 Project End         | 31/03/2014 (due) | 06/11/2012           |  |                |  | Catherine Yandle |

| Service: Leisure Services      |                        |   |                        |                  |                      |   |        |         |                  |
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| Head of Service: Jill Stimpson |                        |   |                        | Portfolio: n/a   |                      |   |        |         |                  |
| Projects                       |                        |   |                        |                  |                      |   |        |         |                  |
| Project Status                 | Code                   | Title   | Next Milestone         | Project End      | Last Review Date     | Achieved  | Missed | Arising | Reviewed By      |
| On / ahead of schedule         | A - 2012 - L - 1.1 - M | <u>Clocking in</u>                            | 31/03/2014 Project End | 31/03/2014 (due) | 05/04/2013           | Spot checks started at EVLC in December 2012  |        |         | Suzanne Kingdom  |
| Milestone Missed               | A - 2012 - L - 1.4 - H | <u>Enhancements</u>                           |                        | 30/06/2013 (due) |                      |   |        |         |                  |
| On / ahead of schedule         | A - 2012 - L - 3.1 - M | <u>Headcounts</u>                             |                        | 31/05/2013 (due) | 17/06/2013           | Issue appears to be resolved monitoring continues Some items need to be added manually like school visits |        |         | Catherine Yandle |
| Milestone Missed               | A - 2012 - L 4.4 - M   | <u>Use of declared and Calculated takings</u> |                        | 31/03/2013 (due) | 03/01/2013 (overdue) | This is under investigation by ICT We will continue to monitor  |        |         | Catherine Yandle |