Report to: Outsourced Services Scrutiny Panel

Title: End of year 2017 /18: Key Performance Indicator (KPI) Report

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Report of: Head of Corporate Strategy and Communications

1.0 **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 Watford BC's Corporate Plan sets out the council's priorities and corporate work programme to 2020. Underpinning the plan is a suite of key performance indicators. These measures support the delivery of high quality services (both internal and external) by highlighting areas of good performance and, more importantly, under performance.
- The attached report (Appendix A) shows the results for the key performance indicators collected and reported for those services no longer delivered directly by Watford BC (i.e. through our outsourced services) at the end of 2017/18. The report, therefore, shows:
 - The result for end of year (unless highlighted otherwise)
 - The results for the previous two years 2015/16 and 2016/17 (if available)
 - The target that was set for 2017/18
 - Whether the indicator result is above. below or on target (shown by the green, red or orange arrows)
 - Benchmarking information, where available, against Hertfordshire authorities or all England authorities. As this collates national information, it lags behind that collected by the council and so, in most cases is Q3 2017/18.

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2.0 Risks

2.1

Nature of Risk	Consequence	Suggested Control Measures	Response (Treat, tolerate, terminate, transfer)	(the combination of severity and likelihood)
Failure to scrutinise organisational performance	Potential for performance to slip with consequences for quality of service delivery	Robust scrutiny and challenge	Treat	6

3.0 DECISION REQUIRED

- Panel is asked to note the key performance indicator results for the end of year 2017/18.
- Panel to advise of any additional key performance indicators which they would want to see considered for 2018/19.
- Panel to advise of ways to improve how the indicators and results are presented for 2018/19.

4.0 DETAILED PROPOSAL

4.1 The council maintains a suite of performance indicators as one means of ensuring the council is performing to a high standard and that areas where improvement needs to be made are highlighted and appropriate action taken. These 'key' performance indicators are presented across a number of audiences including Portfolio Holders as well as at Overview and Scrutiny Committee (for those services still provided directly by the council) and Outsourced Services Scrutiny Panel (for those services now provided by an external organisation or through the lead authority model). The vast majority of indicators are now scrutinised by Outsourced Services Scrutiny Panel, as outlined in Appendix A, which shows the end of year (2017/18) results for these indicators.

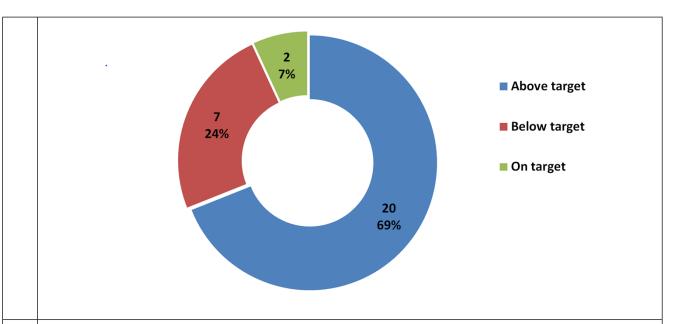
4.2 | Benchmarking

One of the significant challenges that the council faces in terms of assessing its performance is the lack of national benchmarking information in many areas. This has been the case since the ending of the national performance regime. Without the rigour of the national framework it can be difficult to both assess which indicators best measure what is important to overall organisational performance and to assess how we are doing compared to others. However, the government does publish a range of the returns that are required of local authorities (such as for planning, housing and revenues and benefits) and the council is in a local benchmarking group for waste and recycling. Where possible benchmarking is provided although there is a time lag of at least a quarter i.e. for this report Q3 results are benchmarked in most cases rather than Q4 / end of year.

4.3 | Analysis of performance against target

Targets are not always appropriate for a performance indicator, such as for homelessness indicators and, therefore, have not been set for all the indicators in Appendix A. However, of the performance indicators where targets were set for 2017/18:

- 20 were above target (69%)
- 7 were below target (24%)
- 2 were below target (7%)



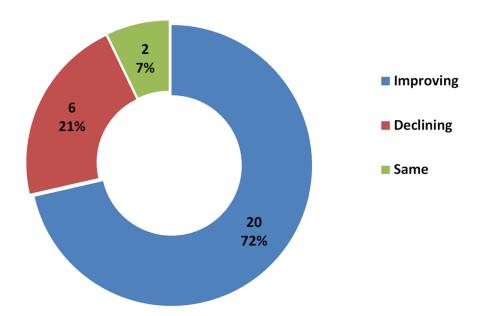
4.4 | Analysis of performance trend

Similarly, an analysis of performance trend can be undertaken for those indicators where this appropriate and where results are available for last year (2016/17). Of those indicators where performance trends can be identified:

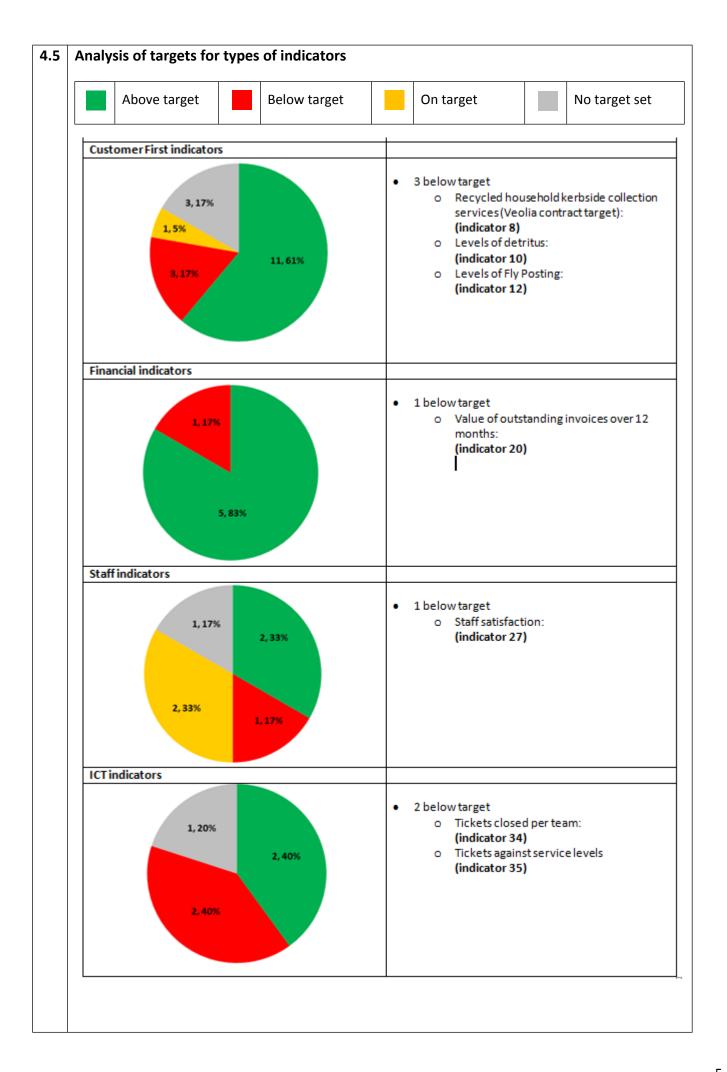
20 showed an improving trend (72%)

• 6 showed a declining trend (21%)

2 performed at the level of last year (7%)



It is important to note that whilst we would want to see sustained improvement in our indicators, at some point this becomes less achievable in terms of the point reached in performance and the resource implication of continuing to demonstrate year on year improvement. However, it is also good to ensure trends are recognised in order to prevent significant performance slippage.



4.6 Areas to note from the report

- Benefits performance continues to show improvement (Indicators 1 and 2)
- Residual household waste per household achieved a good result in 2017/18, meaning less waste was being sent to landfill from Watford homes (Indicator 21)
- Both Leisure Centres had a good year, despite significant competition, in terms of throughput and membership (Woodside: Indicators 29 and 30 and Central: Indicators 31 and 32)
- 11 Green Flags were achieved the highest for Hertfordshire (Indicator 28)
- Local authority error on housing benefits overpayment fell and remained below
 0.54%, meaning the council will receive 100% subsidy (Indicator 36)
- Revenues has exceeded targets for this year for both council tax and NNDR (Indicators 37 and 38)
- Staff sickness achieved an outstanding result, well below target and a significant improvement on last year (Indicator 40)

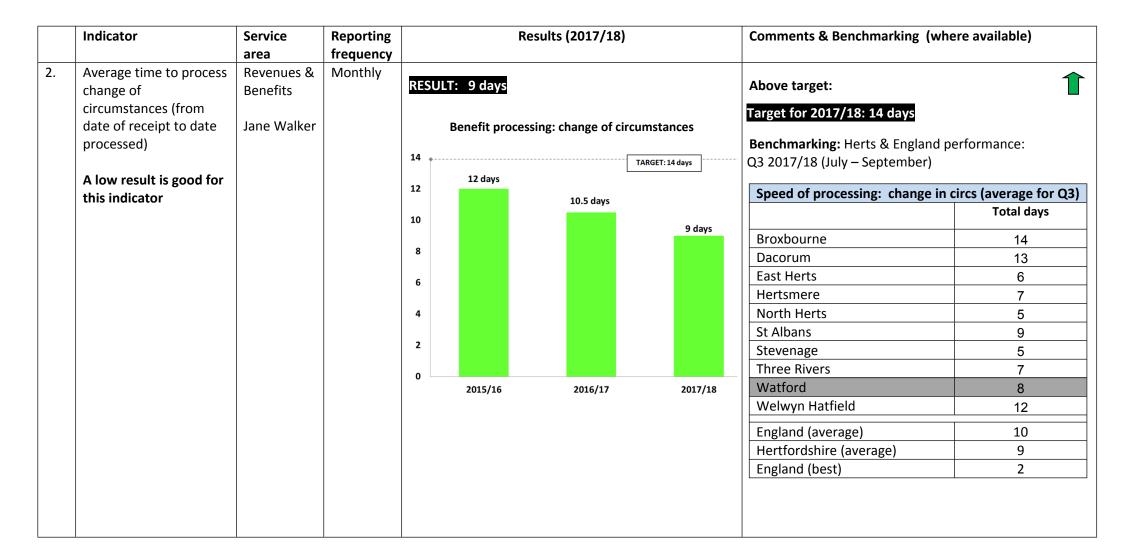
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Appendix A – Key Performance Indicators 2017 /18

Appendix A: KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: 2017/18 – End of year (DRAFT)

I. CUSTOMER FIRST INDICATORS

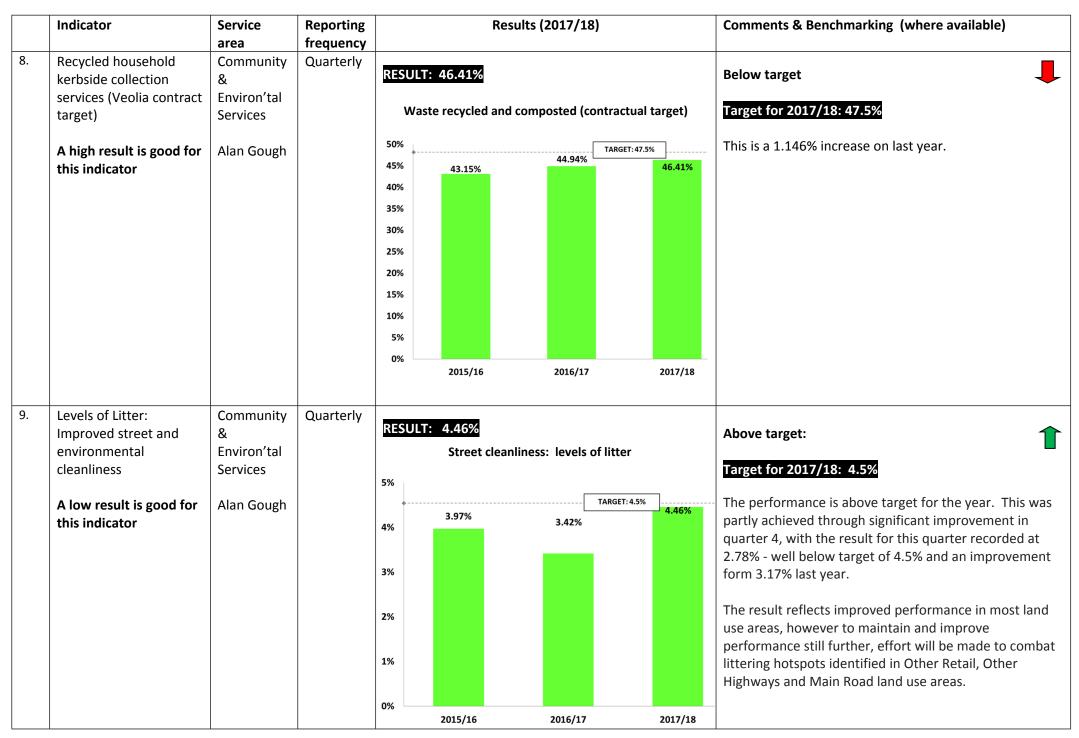
	Indicator	Service area	Reporting frequency				Results	(2017/18)			Comments & Benchmarking (who	ere available)
	REVENUES AND BENEFITS	5										
1.	Average time to process housing benefits claims (from date of receipt to date processed)	Revenues & Benefits Jane Walker	Monthly	RES	SULT:	15 days	_	sing: new o	laims		Above target: Target for 2017/18: 19 days	1
	A low result is good for this indicator	Jane Wanter		20	*	20 days		18 days	TARGET: 19	15 days	Benchmarking: Herts & England p Q3 2017/18	
				15							Speed of processing: new claims	Total days
				5							Broxbourne Dacorum East Herts Hertsmere North Herts St Albans	23 24 22 27 23 25
						2015/16		2016/17		2017/18	Stevenage Three Rivers Watford Welwyn Hatfield England (average) Hertfordshire (average) England (best)	21 9 12 15 22 20 4



	Indicator	Service area	Reporting frequency		Ro	esults (20	17/18)			Comments & Benchmarking (where available)
	PARKING:		nequency							
3.	Penalty Charge Notices issued	Place Shaping & Corp Perf	Quarterly	RESULT:	RESULT: 18.546 Penalty Charge Notices issued					No target is set for penalty charge notices in line with national guidelines.
		Nick Fenwick		25,000	23,238		22,197			
				20,000					18,546	
				15,000						
				10,000						
				5,000						
				0	2015/16		2016/17		2017/18	

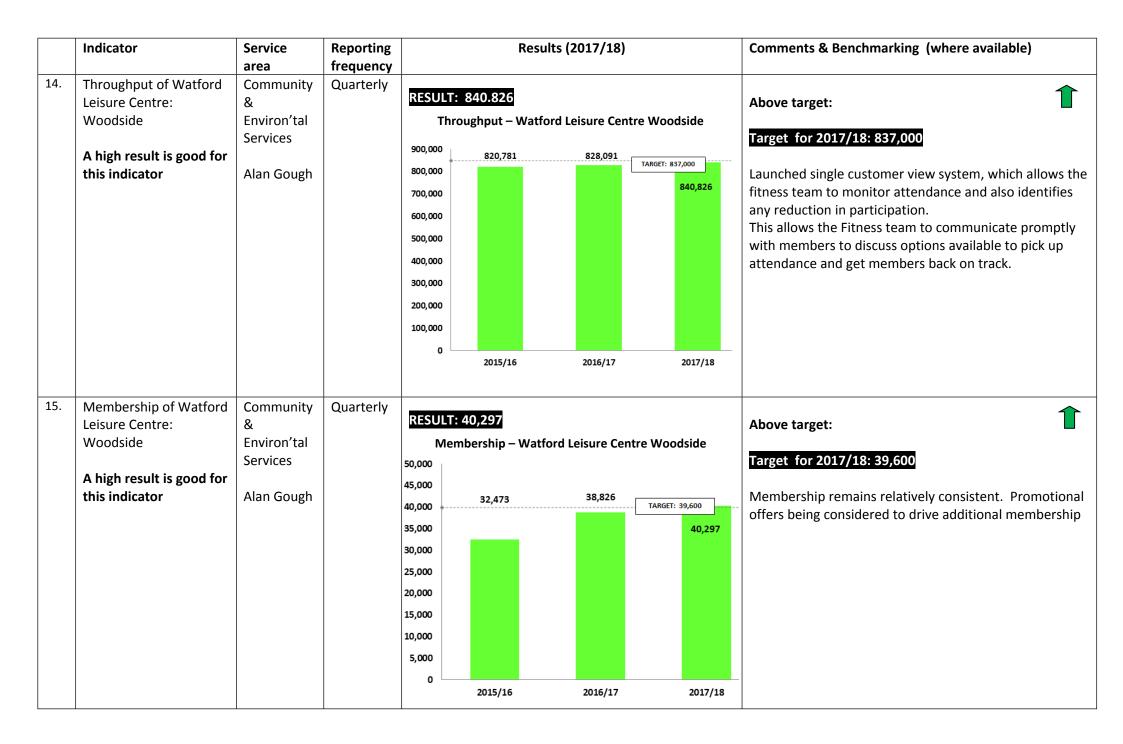
	Indicator	Service area	Reporting frequency	Results (2017/18)	Comments & Benchmarking (where available)
4.	Tribunal appeals (won/lost/not contested)	Place Shaping & Corp Perf Nick Fenwick	Quarterly	Tribunal appeals – won / lost / not contested 50 56 50 WON LOST NOT CONTESTED 33 30 20 18 19 15	No target is set for penalty charge notices in line with national guidelines.
				2015/16 2016/17 2017/18	
5.	Reasons for appeals lost (narrative measure)	Place Shaping & Corp Perf Nick Fenwick	Quarterly		There was one non-contested PCN in the last quarter of 2017/18. The PCN had been issued under incorrect contravention code.

	Indicator	Service	Reporting	Resu	ılts (2017/18)		Comments & Benchmarking (where available)
		area	frequency				
	WASTE, RECYLCLING AND	STREET CLEA	NSING				
6.	Residual household waste per household A low result is good for this indicator	Community & Environ'tal Services Alan Gough	Quarterly	RESULT: 431.20kg Waste coll 500 470.28kg 400 350 300 250 200 150 100 50	ected per household 449.81 kg TARGET:	450kg 431.20kg	Above target: Target for 2017/18: 450kg This is 18.20kgs less per household than last year The result for final quarter of year was 97.47 kg which is a very good result against target.
				2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	
7.	Waste recycled and composted A high result is good for this indicator	Community & Environ'tal Services Alan Gough	Quarterly	50%	ycled and composted	46.19 %	Above target Target for 2017/18: 46% A 290 tonne reduction in waste overall has shown 1.06%
				40% 35% 30% 25% 20% 15% 10% 5% 0%	2016/17	2017/18	improvement on the recycling rate when compared to Q4 2016/17 (41.94%) This reduction was spread across all waste streams with green seeing the lowest reduction and residual seeing the biggest reduction at nearly 6%. This suggests we are continuing to see food waste transferring from the black bin to the green bin These figures are based on waste from households Benchmarking: Herts performance 2017/18 not yet available.



	Indicator	Service area	Reporting frequency			Results (2017/	.8)		Comments & Benchmarking (where available)
10.	Levels of Detritus: Improved street and environmental cleanliness	Community & Environ'tal Services	Quarterly	RESUL	T: 7.55% Street c	leanliness: levels	of detritus		Below target: Target for 2017/18: 5.5%
	A low result is good for this indicator	Alan Gough		8% 7% 6% 5% 4% 3% 2% 1%	6.79%	6.87%	TARGET: 5.	7.55%	Detritus has been a challenge during 2017/18. The final quarter improved somewhat (6.73%) and is an improvement on the same quarter last year. The improvement can be ascribed to performance gains in Main Roads, High Obstruction Housing and Industrial/Warehousing land use areas. However these gains have been offset by a reduction in performance in Low Obstruction Housing, Other Highway and Recreational land use areas. A new fleet of mechanical sweepers is being introduced in November 2018 and this is expected to contribute to improved performance.
11.	Levels of Graffiti: Improved street and environmental cleanliness A low result is good for	Community & Environ'tal Services Alan Gough	Quarterly	RESUL	2015/16 T: 3.13% Street 0	2016/1 cleanliness: level		2017/18	Above target: Target for 2017/18: 3.7% There was significant improvement in Q4 with a quarter
	this indicator			3% 2% 1% 0%	2015/16	2.78%	TARGET: 3.7%	3.13%	result of 0.99%. This has contributed to the indicator achieving below target for the year. This result is due to reduced graffiti in most land use areas, except in Main and Other Retail land use areas, where issues are still arising with some localised tagging.







	Indicator	Service area	Reporting frequency	Results (2017/18)					8)		Comments & Benchmarking (where available)
18.	Number of ticketed performances: Watford Colosseum A high result is good for this indicator	Community & Environ'tal Services Alan Gough	Quarterly	RESU 300 250 200 150 100 50		250		200	TARGET: 154	2017/18	Above target: Target for 2017/18: 154 The management company – HQ Theatres – is focusing on higher quality performances, which is why there has been a drop since 2015/16. The council meet with the Colosseum management on a quarterly basis and review the programme based on a full year's statistics.

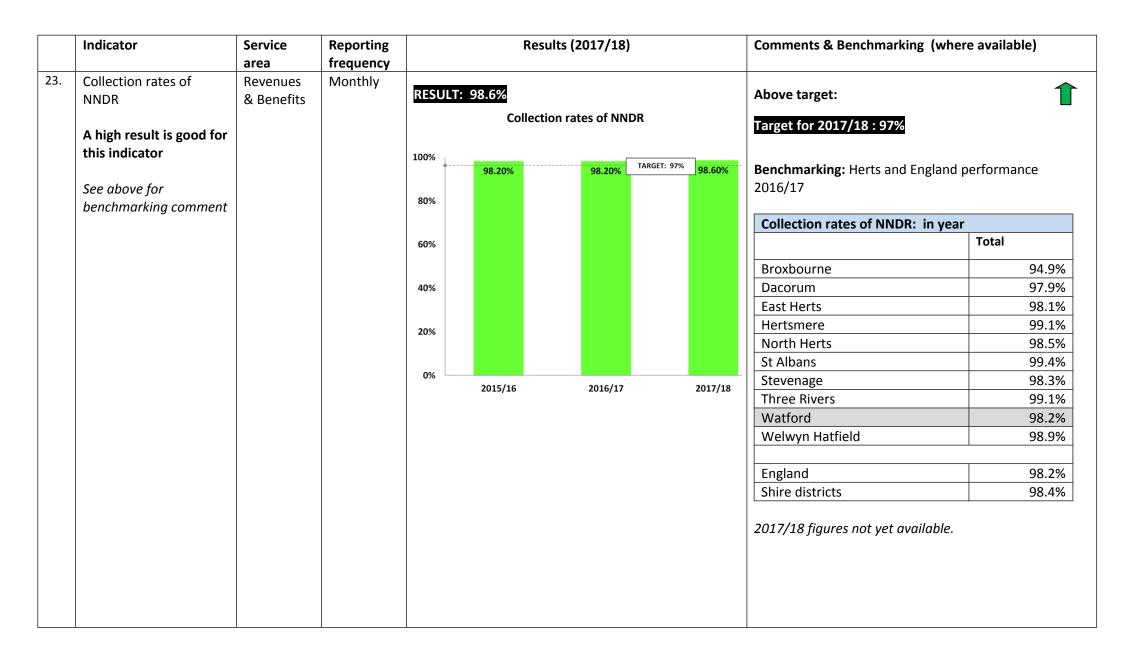
III. FINANCIAL INDICATORS

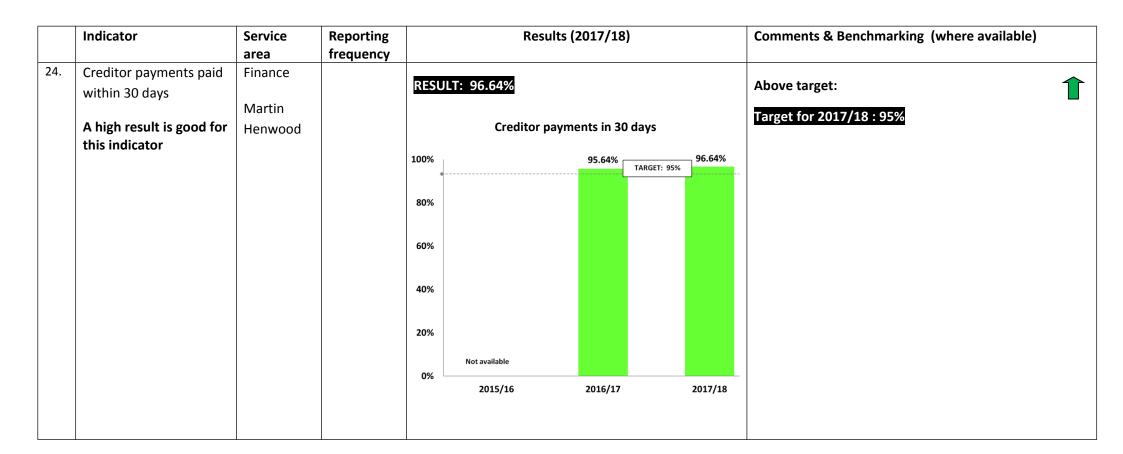
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	Indicator	Service area	Reporting frequency	Results (2017/18) Comments & Benchmarking (where available)
19.	Value of outstanding invoices <12 months old compared to total raised in a rolling 12 month period	Revenues & Benefits Jane Walker	Monthly	Value of outstanding invoices < 12 months old Target for 2017/18: 3% or less
	A low result is good for this indicator			2% 2.02% 1.44%
				0.67%
				2015/16 2016/17 2017/18
20.	Value of outstanding invoices over 12 months A low result is good for this indicator	Revenues & Benefits Jane Walker	Monthly	RESULT: 24.19% This result would be 2.46% without Watford Indoor Bowls Club debt. Below target: Target for 2017/18: 10 % or less

	Indicator	Service	Reporting			Results (2017/18)		Comments & Benchmarking (where available)
		area	frequency					
21.	% payment classified as	Revenues	Monthly	_				•
	'LA error'	& Benefits		RES	ULT: 0.34%			Above target:
					9	% payments: LA error		
	A low result is good for	Jane						Target for 2017/18: 0.54% or less
	this indicator	Walker		1%				
								LA error arises when we make a mistake and/or we
								have been slow in processing changes resulting in
								overpayments. If the overall LA error rate is:
								overpayments. If the overall LA error rate is .
					*		TARGET: 0.54% or less	>0.54% NIL subsidy received on overpayments
					0.44%	0.45%		caused by LA error
							0.34%	<0.54>0.48% 40% subsidy received on overpayments
							0.5 170	caused by LA error
								< 0.48% 100% subsidy received
								•
				0%				
					2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	

	Indicator	Service area	Reporting frequency		Results (2017/18)					Comments & Benchmarking (who	ere available)
22.	Collection rates of council tax	Revenues & Benefits	Monthly	RESULT	97.60%					Above target:	1
	A high result is good for this indicator	Jane Walker		100%	Collec	ction rates o	of counc	il tax	_	Target for 2017/18: 96% Benchmarking: Herts and England	l norformanco
	NB: we are aware that councils are not			+	96.58%		97.20%	TARGET: 96%	97.60%	2016/17	performance
	reporting this result to			80%						Collection rates of council tax: i	n year
	government in the same										Total
	way so national			60%						Broxbourne	97.0%
	benchmarking data is									Dacorum	98.4%
	not necessarily sound. For example, St Albans			40%						East Herts	98.4%
	is not submitting 'in									Hertsmere	98.5%
	year' performance but			20%						North Herts	98.4%
	including collection from									St Albans	99.0%
	previous years. This			0%						Stevenage	96.6%
	gives a higher result				2015/16		2016/17		2017/18	Three Rivers	98.5%
										Watford Welwyn Hatfield	97.2% 97.9%
										welwyn natheid	97.9%
										England	97.2%
										Shire districts	98.1%
										2017/18 figures not yet available.	

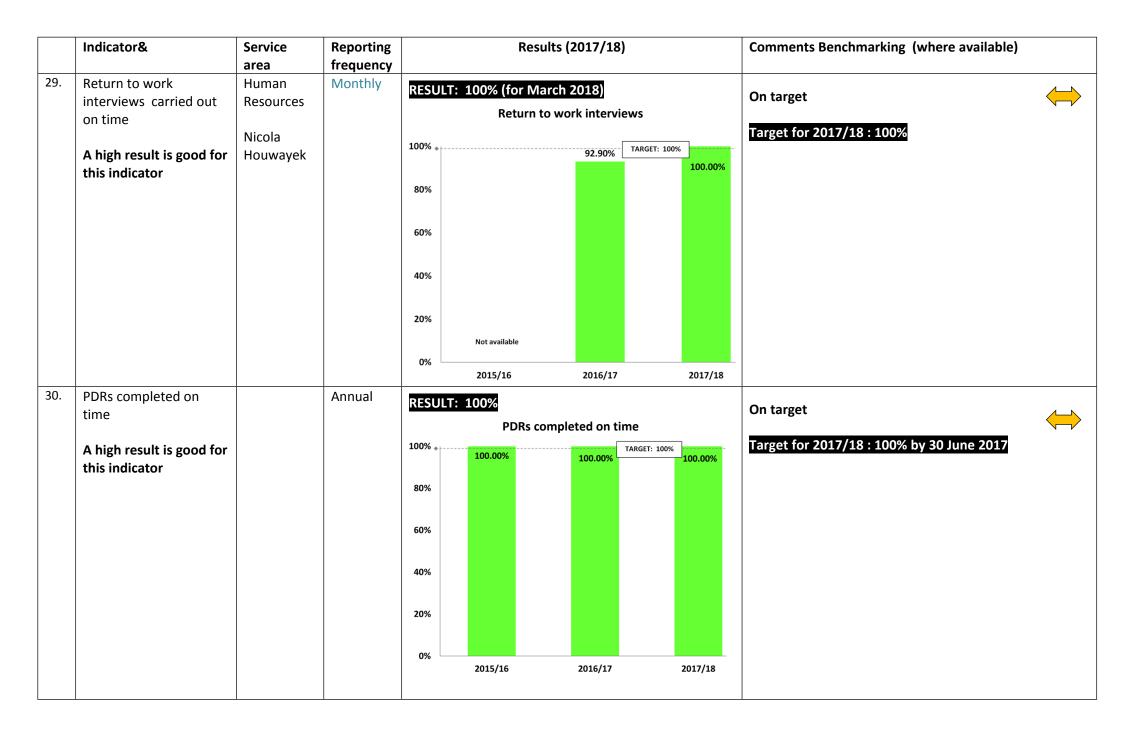




IV. STAFF INDICATORS

	Indicator&	Service area	Reporting frequency	Results (2017/18)						Comments Benchmarking (where available)
25.	Sickness absence (working days lost per employee, rolling 12 month rate) A low result is good for this indicator	Human Resources Terry Baldwin	Monthly	7 6 5 4 3 2	T: 3.53 da		s absence		3.53 days	Above target: Target for 2017/18: 5 days This is an excellent result for Watford. Benchmarking East of England Local Authority survey 2016 Average days lost for district authorities: 6.40 days CIPD survey 2016 Average days lost – all sectors: 6.30 days Average days lost – public sector: 8.90 days
				0	2015/16		2016/17		2017/18	
26.	Staff sickness – long term / short term Narrative indicator	Human Resources Terry Baldwin	Monthly							For quarter 4 Short term absences triggered - 26 Long term absences triggered - 3 .





V. ICT INDICTORS

	Indicator&	Service area	Reporting frequency		Results (2017/18)				Comments Benchmarking (where available)
31.	ICT service: Missed calls to the helpdesk A low result is good for this indicator	ICT Andrew Cox	Monthly	8% •	ICT: missed call Not available 2015/16		elpdesk TARGET: 8%	5.00%	Target for 2017/18: 8% User phones the service desk and gets the welcome message, if the user hangs up at this point, then this is defined as "abandoned". If the user is then transferred to the on hold music, and hangs up this is defined as "missed". Total of 76 calls abandoned, and 24 missed, out of 892 calls overall. 132 abandoned, 862 answered, 43 missed. ANSWERED CALLS: Shortest wait time: 12 secs, Longest wait time: 12 mins 10 sec. Av: 35 secs. MISSED CALLS: Shortest wait time: 21 secs, Longest wait time: 6 mins 29 secs. Av: 1 min 35 secs
32.	Customer satisfaction survey (The following questions are asked in the survey and a rating of below expectations / met expectations / exceed expectations is available for users to mark against each. (1) How satisfied were you with the service you received?	ICT Andrew Cox	Monthly						No target set. 58 survey responses returned (March 2018): 11% below expectations 61% met expectations 30% exceeded expectations 4% blank.

	Indicator&	Service area	Reporting frequency		Results (2017/18			Comments Benchmarking (where available)
	(2) Did our IT Support Team member communicate effectively with you? (3) Did we resolve your issue in a timely manner? (4) How professional and courteous were the IT support team members?) Narrative indicator								
33.	First time fix (first time fix statistics are calculated by the	ICT Andrew Cox		RESULT: 48% (for March 2018) ICT: first time fix (FTF)		F)		Above target Target for 2017/18 45%	
	ME system as an incident being closed 30 minutes post creation)			50% 45% 40% 35%		48%	TARGET: 45%	48%	First time fixes are incidents which were closed 30 minutes after being created. Walk ups or telephone calls only.
	A high result is good for this indicator			30% 25% 20% 15%					
				10% 5% 0%	Not available 2015/16	2016/17		2017/18	

