



**Renfrewshire
Council**

To: Finance, Resources & Customer Services Policy Board

On: 7 June 2017

Report by: Chief Executive

Heading: Chief Executive's Service Improvement Plan – Overview of Performance (2016/17) and Service Improvement Plan 2017/18 to 2019/20

1. Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the performance of the Chief Executive's Service Improvement Plan for the 12 month period to 31 March 2017 and the updated Service Improvement Plan for 2017-2020. Specifically this report provides:
 - a summary of performance of the Chief Executive's Service for the 2016/17 period, with detailed explanation of all relevant actions and performance indicators in the performance summary paper attached as Appendix 1 to this report; and
 - an updated Service Improvement Plan covering the period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2020 attached as Appendix 2 to this report.
- 1.2. Based on assessment of the performance of the service over 2016/17, and further analysis of the strategic context in which the service and Council currently operates within, the Chief Executive's Service Improvement Plan has been reviewed and is now submitted for approval by elected members of the policy board.
- 1.3. Service Improvement Plans are comprehensive documents which are an important element of elected member scrutiny of service level activity and associated performance levels. Service improvement plans are three year rolling documents which are reviewed and updated on an annual basis to ensure there is sufficient focus by services on improvement activity, ensuring that there is cognisance of the key challenges and opportunities which have emerged for the service over the preceding period.

- 1.4. The Chief Executive's Service has continued to progress an ambitious programme of service development and improvement over 2016/17. The Chief Executive's service operates within a dynamic financial, demographic and policy environment, with a number of new and emerging developments or legislation at a national level having a significant impact at a local level, in addition to local factors such as changing population, ongoing partnership work to tackle poverty, digitalisation, community empowerment and raising attainment.
 - 1.5. In light of these challenges, the service has reviewed its Service Improvement Plan for the period 2017-2020, and identified a range of actions that will be undertaken by officers in partnership with all stakeholders, to improve and develop service provision. A revised Balanced Scorecard has been developed as a critical element of the Service Improvement Plan. This includes a number of specific performance indicators and associated targets which will be used to monitor and report service performance against.
 - 1.6. Six-monthly reports on the service improvement plan are reported to this policy board, with the next update scheduled for November 2017.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Finance, Resources & Customer Services Policy Board:
 - a) notes the content of the Overview of Performance 2016/17 report at Appendix 1;
 - b) approves the Service Improvement Plan 2017-2020 at Appendix 2; and
 - c) agrees that progress in terms of implementation of the Service Improvement Plan be reported to the Board in November 2017.
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3. Overview of Performance 2016/17

- 3.1 One of the purposes of the Service Improvement Plan is to enable elected members to take stock of what is happening in the service and to consider and develop policy options which reflect changing circumstances both in terms of customer needs and resource availability in the context of the Council's priorities and the need to deliver Best Value.
- 3.2 Appendix 1 provides an update on the progress made by the service during 2016/17 in terms of implementing the Service Improvement Plan. It includes an update on the Service's action plan as at 31 March 2017 and a balanced scorecard also as at 31 March 2017.
- 3.3 Key achievements of the service over the course of the year to 31 March 2017 include:
 - Leading the Tackling Poverty programme which has achieved savings of over £1.7 million for households across Renfrewshire, across a range of different projects.

- Holding two well-attended events to share the progress of the Tackling Poverty Action Plan: one for Project Leads and staff delivering the project; and one for the original Commissioners;
- The ‘What’s Our Story’ campaign captured local views on what makes Paisley great with over a thousand people contributing directly to the campaign. The campaign also reached over 102,000 people on Facebook and over 67,000 people on Twitter;
- A staff survey on internal communications was issued as part of a council wide consultation exercise which will be used to improve staff communication;
- Led on a Staff Recognition Awards scheme which culminated in an awards ceremony at Paisley Town Hall in January. There were over 100 nominations over six categories, all with a particular focus on partnership working and teams who are making a difference. The awards also recognised 31 employees who have dedicated more than 40 years to working in public sector service;
- Piloted the Lens programme to give staff the opportunity to put forward innovative ideas to a panel of their peers, to bid for funding to put the ideas into practice;
- Worked with services to identify a range of projects for phase 2 of the Better Council Change Programme, most of which are now underway and in the delivery stage;
- A new Digital Strategy for Renfrewshire was launched in September 2016. As part of this strategy, Coding Clubs aimed at young people aged 11-17 were set up in November 2016;
- Achieved Living Wage Accreditation for the Council following a successful application to the Living Wage Foundation;
- Community Benefit provisions are now included within all our tenders;
- Began the first phase of the public Wi-Fi project which will see public Wi-Fi access introduced in our town centres and at key community assets;
- Worked with the Audit Scotland audit team to pilot the new Best Value audit process, Renfrewshire was one of the first six local authorities in Scotland to pilot the new methodology;
- Delivered an ambitious and high quality programme of events, including British Pipe Band Championship, SAY Awards and the annual Spree Festival;
- Developed new equality outcomes with a monitoring report agreed by the Council;
- Developed further partnership agreements with West College Scotland;
- Started work on a strategic needs assessment as part of the development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan;
- Supported development of the Paisley bid for UK City of Culture 2021, with a marketing and campaign strategy being approved by the 2021 Executive Group;
- Reviewed the governance arrangements for the Community Planning Partnership which were approved by the Council and are now being implemented;
- The Procurement Team won the Procurement Team of the Year – local government at the 2016/17 Government Opportunities Scotland

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3.4 In terms of actions where progress is behind target:

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3.5 The performance scorecard for 2016/17 contains 17 indicators, of which 7 are on target, 6 are data only and 4 are slightly behind target and require monitoring.

3.6 Detailed commentary is provided for each indicator within appendix 1 of this report. Areas of strong performance include:

- the number of followers on twitter and facebook which continue to increase; and
- Complaints continue to be responded to within timescales.

3.7 There are several areas of performance which are behind target:

- Satisfaction levels with our public performance reporting have fallen slightly from last year (73% from 78%). A new approach to public performance reporting has been piloted this year.
- The response rates to the Public Services Panel have fallen since last year (44% from 54%). Options are currently being looked at to establish if there are more appropriate ways to consult with the public.
- The percentage of employees having completed IDPs is below target, however recruitment of the policy and commissioning service has been completed and a new process for the development of staff is being introduced which should improve the performance of this indicator.

4. Service Improvement Plan 2017/18 to 2019/20

4.1 The Service Improvement Plan is part of the process of cascading the Council's priorities throughout the organisation. It also provides the means to integrate the various other operational plans and action plans and links to financial, risk management and workforce planning processes. Work is also being progressed within the Council to ensure that Service Improvement Plans link Council and Community Planning priorities to team and Individual Development Plans, so that every employee knows how they help contribute to the Council achieving its objectives.

4.2 The Service Improvement Plan provides a strategic assessment of the key challenges and changes which will impact upon the service during the period of the delivery of this plan, including the challenging and uncertain financial environment, the significant demographic changes and the resilient impact on demand for our services.

- 4.3 Renfrewshire Council, along with other Scottish local authorities, faces a financial challenge over the next few years. The Council has been able to maintain financial stability during a period of uncertainty and economic downturn and despite considerable demand pressures.
- 4.4 The priorities of the Chief Executive's Service are aligned with those in the Council Plan and Community Plan, and will require to be reviewed and refreshed in response to the new Council Plan and Local Outcome Improvement Plan which will be published in autumn 2017. In addition, there may be improvement activities which the service will support at a Council level, in relation to the Best Value Audit Assurance process which the Council is currently progressing with Audit Scotland.
- 4.4 The current strategic priorities identified by the service reflect the key challenges and opportunities identified by the Service and include:
- supporting Paisley's bid for UK City of Culture 2021;
 - implementing the events strategy and enhancing the events programme in Renfrewshire;
 - development of Renfrewshire's Destination Brand;
 - introducing a Renfrewshire Tourism Framework;
 - implementing free public wifi in Paisley and other town centres;
 - managing the delivery of projects within the Tackling Poverty programme;
 - delivering a range of interventions to support financial inclusion across Renfrewshire;
 - implementing the digital participation plan;
 - strengthening internal communications to ensure employees are fully informed of the priorities and key projects of the council;
 - development of the new council plan to reflect the priorities of the new Administration;
 - development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan, including undertaking a strategic needs assessment to influence the plan;
 - continuing to deliver the Better Council Change programme;
 - carrying out a review of the Local Area Committee's;
 - undertaking the second phase review of policy related activity across the Council;
 - implementing a new approach to self evaluation;
 - implementing the recommendations from the Best Value Assurance Report; and
 - developing the Research and Data Analytics team to make better use of data analytics across the council.
- 4.5 The action plan for 2017-2020, set out in section 7 of the attached Service Improvement Plan, details the specific actions / milestones that will be implemented over the next three years to deliver on the priorities identified by the service.
- 4.6 The scorecard, set out in section 8 of the attached Service Improvement Plan,

details the performance indicators which will be used to help measure progress towards achieving the priorities identified by the service.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – None
 2. **HR & Organisational Development** – None
 3. **Community Planning** – The Service Improvement Plan is designed to support and strengthen our community planning arrangements.
 4. **Legal** - None
 5. **Property/Assets** - None
 6. **Information Technology** - None
 7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The Service Improvement Plan is designed to support and strengthen our approach to monitoring and mitigating the impact of the Council's plans and action on equalities and human rights.
 8. **Health & Safety** - None
 9. **Procurement** - None
 10. **Risk** - None
 11. **Privacy Impact** - None
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List of Background Papers - None

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1. Key Points

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Service Improvement Plan Monitoring Report 2016-2019

Action Status	
	Cancelled
	Overdue; Neglected
	Unassigned; Check Progress
	Not Started; In Progress; Assigned
	Completed

Service Outcome Council Plan Outcome 2		Due Date	Progress Bar	Progress on actions	Assigned To
	Action Code	Action Title			
	CE.SIP.16.01.01	Deliver a range of diverse and exciting events to increase visitor numbers to our town centre	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	An enhanced events programme for 2016/17 and 2017/18 is being implemented and is directed by a new events strategy. This includes the delivery of up to 15 festivals and events. New events have been secured for the 2016/17 and 2017/18 programmes and include the Scottish Album of the Year (SAY) Awards, Trad (Scottish Traditional Music) Awards - broadcast, and the British Pipe Band Championships. Event Scotland funding has been secured to develop Sma Shot Day as a signature event for Event Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Architecture. New partnerships with national promoters are being developed and a professional event evaluation is in place.
	CE.SIP.16.01.02	Implement the Renfrewshire Tourism Framework	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 56%;">56%</div>	Implementation of the framework is underway and progress has been reported to the Economy and Jobs Board. Key progress has

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Not Started	CE.SIP.16.01.03	Develop and implement plans to expand free public wifi in Paisley and other town centres	31-Oct-2017	<div style="width: 75%;">75%</div>	<p>been made in raising the national profile of Renfrewshire events and attractions and in establishing baseline visitor data – number and profile of visitors to Renfrewshire attractions, hotel occupancy rates and performance, and visitor perceptions. New governance arrangements to oversee or tourism development are in place, and a new regional tourism strategy is being developed as part of the Glasgow City Region City Deal.</p>	Head of Policy & Commissioning
In Progress	CE.SIP.16.01.04	Launch our marketing campaign to promote Renfrewshire as a world class destination	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 60%;">60%</div>	<p>The project is in the delivery stage. The Technical Design stage is nearly complete and desktop surveys for the outdoor and indoor areas are being undertaken. These will soon be followed by site surveys. The order for the 10GB core infrastructure has been placed and this will form the backbone of the service. Once surveys have been completed, installation and configuration of the service will begin.</p> <p>We are working towards implementation by end of October 2017.</p>	Head of Marketing
In Progress	CE.SIP.16.01.05	Provide branding and promotions to support the 2021 Bid	30-Nov-2017	<div style="width: 60%;">60%</div>	<p>The destination brand is in development with phase 1 and 2 of the development complete – this included an 8 week public engagement campaign 'What's Our Story' and 50 face to face interviews with Renfrewshire's private, public, civic and academic leadership. The campaign generated thousands of responses and reached over 170,000 people through social media. The brand is due to be delivered in June 2017. Focused marketing and PR to support Paisley's bid for UK City of Culture 2021 has generated 70million opportunities to see or hear something positive about Paisley and Renfrewshire (Dec 2015 to Dec 2016).</p>	Head of Marketing

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					tactical action plan.	
Service Outcome Council Plan Outcome 5						
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	CE.SIP.16.02.01	Provide strategic leadership for the delivery of the overarching Tackling Poverty Strategy	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	The Tackling Poverty Strategy continues to receive positive feedback on its delivery. Tackling Poverty is a clear priority through key Council policies, practices and decisions.	Strategic Lead Officer Tackling Poverty and Welfare Reform
	CE.SIP.16.02.02	Manage the delivery of projects within the Tackling Poverty Programme, ensuring delivery on time and budget, and that benefits are realised for people living in poverty	31-Mar-2017	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	All of the projects within the Tackling Poverty Action Plan have identified project success measures and performance indicators. These are separated into key outputs and outcomes for each individual project, and the projects are aligned to the strategic outcomes of Pockets, Prospects and Places. Projects within the Action Plan have project evaluations arranged in order to establish the effectiveness of projects, particularly projects that test or trial new ways of working.	Strategic Lead Officer Tackling Poverty and Welfare Reform
	CE.SIP.16.02.03	Advise on and support service improvements that deliver the strategic outcomes of the Tackling Poverty Programme	31-Mar-2017	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	As programme has developed, service improvements have been identified, and gaps in existing provision. Overseen by the Project Boards, any service improvements are flagged to the relevant management teams. Project Leads meetings which are cross departmental provide further opportunity for service improvements to be identified at a more operational level.	Strategic Lead Officer Tackling Poverty and Welfare Reform
	CE.SIP.16.02.04	Produce a long term, evidence based and sustainable approach to tackling poverty, based on learning from the Tackling Poverty Programme	30-Sep-2017	<div style="width: 70%;">70%</div>	As evaluations become available for projects within the Tackling Poverty Programme, these will inform the development of the new tackling poverty strategy. This will be developed throughout 2017, as the learning is gathered, with the new approach or strategy developed for Autumn 2017.	Strategic Lead Officer Tackling Poverty and Welfare Reform
	CE.SIP.16.02.05	Deliver communications activity which informs and engages citizens around the Tackling Poverty Programme, and that	30-Sep-2017	<div style="width: 80%;">80%</div>	Citizen engagement has continued to inform the programmes communication strategy. Regular press and PR activity is maintained in	Strategic Lead Officer Tackling Poverty and

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Not Started	CE.SIP.16.02.06	Shares learning with partners locally and nationally		<div style="width: 0%;"></div>	Line with the programmes communications strategy, outlining key milestones and activities. A national event organised jointly with Holyrood Policy took place on 7th March showcasing programme's key achievements and ways of tackling poverty locally.	Welfare Reform
In Progress		Deliver approaches to help mitigate the impacts on low income households of the next phase of Welfare Reforms	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 70%; background-color: #6f93c1;"></div>	3 Claimant Support Officers are in place and customer interactions are increasing in both Paisley and Johnstone. In Paisley the CSO is now working in the Job Centre 5 days each week. The Benefit Cap was introduced on the 7th November 2016 to both lower thresholds with existing capped claims and to lower cap thresholds with newly capped claims. To support individuals through the benefit cap process we have proactively offered Advice Works support and encouraged them to make contact for financial guidance. Universal Credit Full Service will go live in Renfrewshire in May 2018. Cost modelling has been undertaken on the potential financial impacts on the Council, and work is underway with Inverclyde (who are now live Full Service) to capture experiences and issues.	Strategic Lead Officer Tackling Poverty and Welfare Reform
On Track	CE.SIP.16.02.07	Deliver a range of interventions to support financial inclusion across Renfrewshire	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 100%; background-color: #6f93c1;"></div>	Projects within the Tackling Poverty Programme which promote financial inclusion are progressing well, including work around both advice and credit unions. The Advice Partnership is now well established and formal launch took place on 25-January, with a press release issued and coverage in local papers. Online and physical Partner Packs were also issued to Advice Partners. Marketing is ongoing, with Advice Renfrewshire to be advertised on bus shelters, in the PDE and Gazette and on till rolls at local Poundstretcher stores. Monitoring of the 'phoneline' and website numbers will now commence. UWS have requested to be part of the website, and they have agreed to advertise Advice Renfrewshire on their big screens at the entrances to the University. The partnership	Strategic Lead Officer Tackling Poverty and Welfare Reform

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					advice referral and tracking system is also now being piloted and will be live before the end of the year. A further allocation has been made from the Credit Union Development fund, with joint marketing underway between all the credit unions and new funeral loan and plan products being made available. A financial capability project for young people coproduced with young people and Barnados Threads has been launched and is supported by a national evaluation of per led financial capability from Money Advice Service.	Strategic Commercial Category Manager
	CE.SIP.16.02.08	Target community benefits through Council third party spend	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	Community Benefits are included within all our tenders in accordance with the Community Benefits Strategy, where appropriate and proportionate to the requirement.	Strategic Commercial Category Manager
	CE.SIP.16.02.09	Promote fair working practices including Payment of the living wage across the Councils supply base	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	Living Wage accreditation has been achieved with Fair Working Practices targeted in every tender. Negotiations with adult care service providers complete to enable payment of £8.25 per hour to all care workers in scope from 1st October 2016 to 30 April 2017.	Strategic Commercial Category Manager
	CE.SIP.16.02.10	Implement our digital participation plan to support low income families and other disadvantaged groups to benefit from access to the internet	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 50%; background-color: #5cb85c;">50%</div>	We set up two Coding Clubs at UWS in Nov/Dec which are already oversubscribed with the maximum attendance at 15 attendees. The clubs are targeted at young people aged between 11-17 and will give them valuable skills for the future job market. The Digital Volunteer Coordinator is on target to recruit and place 5 digital volunteers in local organisations. We will deliver two more tablet training classes (which will take 20 attendees) targeted at 65 years +. A new accessible IT suite is being set up in the disability resource centre and developing a Digital Renfrewshire community website. The equipment for the IT suite is in progress of being purchased through procurement.	Project Manager (Digital Assistance)

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✔	CE.SIP.16.03.01	Implement an internal communications strategy for the Council to improve the quality and nature of two-way communication with staff	30-Jun-2016	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	A strategy was approved by the Corporate Management Team in February 2016 and an action plan has been developed. An initial scope has been drafted for a new Intranet site and a project team established. Workshops across all services are scheduled for October.	Corporate Communications & Public Affairs Manager
▲	CE.SIP.16.03.02	The development and implementation of a communications plan to promote awareness of the refreshed Council Plan internally	30-Sep-2017	<div style="width: 90%;">90%</div>	Work is ongoing as part of the overall employee engagement strategy to improve internal communications and an employee survey has been issued to all staff as part of a council wide consultation exercise. An internal team brief, a staff newsletter and other materials have been implemented.	Corporate Communications & Public Affairs Manager
✔	CE.SIP.16.03.03	Develop proposals for future consultation mechanisms involving staff within the council	31-Mar-2017	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	Communications survey undertaken of all staff in March 2017. Findings will be used to develop and improve channels of staff communications and engagement.	Strategic Planning & Policy Development Manager
✔	CE.SIP.16.03.04	Develop a corporate staff recognition programme that celebrates success and recognises great individual and team contributions to the delivery of the Council, Community and Service Plans	31-Mar-2017	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	Renfrewshire Council staff awards ceremony took place in Paisley Town Hall on Thursday 26th January 2017, where the winners of the 4 team awards, the Young Achiever (individual award) and the Chief Executive's special award were all announced. Employees with over 40 years public service were also invited to attend the ceremony as guests.	Strategic Planning & Policy Development Manager
✔	CE.SIP.16.03.05	Develop mechanisms to encourage employees and managers to be innovative and try out new ideas and ways of working	31-Mar-2017	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	The Lens was piloted with a small number of services within the council. 11 employee ideas were shortlisted for the final event which was held on 22nd May at Johnstone Town Hall.	Strategic Planning & Policy Development Manager
▲	CE.SIP.16.03.06	Develop and improve induction process for Chief Executive's Service	31-Dec-2017	<div style="width: 30%;">30%</div>	Review undertaken with action plan developed to improve process during 2017. Due date revised to 31 December 2017 to reflect this.	Strategic Planning & Policy Development Manager
Service Outcome Council Plan Outcome 10						
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✔	CE.SIP.16.04.01	Identify the additional savings projects for Phase 2 of the Better Council Change	31-Mar-2017	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	Most of the projects identified for Phase 2 of the Better Council Change Programme have	Strategic Programme

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		Programme to address the 2017/18 gap			been delivered and a number of projects are being implemented. A series of workshops took place to identify a range of projects for the new Phase 3 of the programme which will support the delivery of efficiencies in FY18/19 and beyond.	Manager
	CE.SIP.16.04.02	Successfully deliver Phase 2 of the Better Council Change Programme	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 90%;">90%</div>	Most Phase 2 projects are completed with some still underway and in the delivery stages.	Strategic Programme Manager
	CE.SIP.16.04.03	Implement and embed new structure for policy and planning activities undertaken within the Council	30-Nov-2016	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	Recruitment activity for the policy and commissioning team has now been completed.	Strategic Planning & Policy Development Manager
	CE.SIP.16.04.04	Develop and implement a strategic commissioning approach to the planning and development of services across the Council	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	Initial briefing session for policy and commissioning managers held in June 2016. Strategic commissioning approach being undertaken in relation to the council and community planning development processes.	Strategic Planning & Policy Development Manager
	CE.SIP.16.04.05	Develop the Council's Commissioning and Procurement Strategy for the period 2016-2019 covering all key areas laid out in the Council's motion including sustainability, SMEs, Third Sector, Service Level agreements and the local agenda	31-Mar-2017	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	The Commissioning and Procurement Strategy was published online in December 2016.	Strategic Commercial Category Manager
	CE.SIP.16.04.06	Develop collaborative relationships across Local Authorities and other public sector bodies	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	We are continuing to work with local authorities, partner organisations and community groups. Further cross sector collaboration is being developed by key council wide projects like City of Culture bid, City Deal initiative, Tackling Poverty Programme and Digital Participation Strategy.	Strategic Commercial Category Manager
	CE.SIP.16.04.07	Undertake a review of current community planning structures within Renfrewshire and implement recommendations	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	Consultation has been undertaken with all key stakeholders - elected members, thematic board leads, Service Directors and community planning leads from across partnerships. A new governance structure for Community Planning Partnership and Local Area Committees has been developed for further discussion and consultation. Changes will be implemented by October 2017.	Partnerships Planning & Development Manager

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▲	CE.SIP.16.04.08	Prepare Local Outcome Improvement Priorities (LOIP) and linked locality plans	01-Oct-2017	<div style="width: 70%;"><div style="background-color: #6f93c1; width: 100%; height: 10px;"></div></div> 70%	Arrangements for developing the LOIP and Locality Plans were approved by the CPP Board in December 2016.	Partnerships Planning & Development Manager
▼	CE.SIP.16.04.09	Pilot new national community engagement standards	30-Jun-2016	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #6f93c1; width: 100%; height: 10px;"></div></div> 100%	Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership was a pilot site for the new national community engagement standards developed by Scottish Community Development Centre. The new national community engagement standards have now been completed and were launched in October 2016.	Partnerships Planning & Development Manager
▼	CE.SIP.16.04.10	Develop workstreams as directed by the Community Planning Partnership Board	31-Mar-2017	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #6f93c1; width: 100%; height: 10px;"></div></div> 100%	Work programme to develop the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plan has been agreed and is being implemented.	Partnerships Planning & Development Manager
▼	CE.SIP.16.04.11	Develop Strategic Partnership Agreements between Renfrewshire Council and a number of key community planning partners	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #6f93c1; width: 100%; height: 10px;"></div></div> 100%	Two Strategic Partnerships have been agreed during 2016, with University of the West of Scotland and West College Scotland. Further opportunities to develop strategic partnership agreements are being considered as part of the review of community planning arrangements.	Partnerships Planning & Development Manager
▼	CE.SIP.16.04.12	Support Engage Renfrewshire to ensure that community and voluntary groups are involved in and contribute to the Renfrewshire Local Outcome Improvement Plan	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 70%;"><div style="background-color: #6f93c1; width: 100%; height: 10px;"></div></div> 70%	A Community Empowerment Conference took place in 2016 and awareness raising sessions have taken place with individual community groups throughout 2016/17. Conferences to engage communities directly in development of the LOIP and locality plans are planned for June 2017.	Partnerships Planning & Development Manager
▼	CE.SIP.16.04.13	Monitor progress of the Council Plan priorities and success measures	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 100%;"><div style="background-color: #6f93c1; width: 100%; height: 10px;"></div></div> 100%	A 6-monthly update on the Council Plan was submitted to the Leadership Board in November 2016. Quarterly updates continue to be submitted to the Corporate Management	Assistant Strategic Planning & Policy Development Manager

Status	Action Code	Action Title	Due Date	Progress Bar	Progress on actions	Assigned To
	CE.SIP.16.04.14	Support the implementation of the Community Empowerment Act	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 60%;">60%</div>	A Community Empowerment Conference took place in 2016/17. Implementation of the Community Empowerment Act is a standing item on the agenda of Renfrewshire Forum for Empowering Communities. A training session on community empowerment was delivered to Renfrewshire Community Councils Forum and to individual community groups on request.	Partnerships Planning & Development Manager
	CE.SIP.16.04.15	Support the development of the Scottish Local Government Partnership	18-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	Council has now agreed to proceed to rejoin COSLA.	Head of Policy & Commissioning
	CE.SIP.16.04.16	Develop options for improved stakeholder /customer engagement in service planning and development activities	30-Jun-2017	<div style="width: 30%;">30%</div>	Work has been undertaken to map engagement across services. The output from this work will be used to streamline existing processes. The due date has been revised to 30 September 2017.	Strategic Planning & Policy Development Manager
	CE.SIP.16.04.17	Coordinate and monitor progress of the Council's equality outcomes for our communities	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	Monitoring report and new equality outcomes approved by Council in April 2017 and embedded in service improvement planning process.	Strategic Lead Officer Tackling Poverty and Welfare Reform
	CE.SIP.16.04.18	Develop options for future self-assessment activities involving staff	31-Dec-2016	<div style="width: 85%;">85%</div>	A new approach for self-evaluation was piloted with the CMT and Heads of Service, for Renfrewshire Council's corporate assessment in the summer of 2016. The self-evaluation questionnaire was issued to all members of the Corporate Management team, all Heads of Service, as well as the Council's Chief Auditor and the Business Change Manager. The corporate assessment was used to capture the views on the strengths and areas of improvement at a <u>Council wide</u> level.	Assistant Strategic Planning & Policy Development Manager
					Feedback has been positive from the CMT on this new approach, and based on this pilot an initial proposal has been developed and will be presented to CMT on the new Council wide approach to self-evaluation for cycle 3. Specific service activity therefore will be captured through the rollout of cycle 3 of the Council's self-evaluation programme.	

Status	Action Code	Action Title	Due Date	Progress Bar	Progress on actions	Assigned To
Green	CE.SIP.16.04.19	Undertake corporate self-assessment in line with current best value guidance	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	A new approach for self-evaluation was piloted with the CMT and Heads of Service, for Renfrewshire Council's corporate assessment in the summer of 2016. A questionnaire was comprised of statements to be rated (e.g. strongly agree, agree etc) with a small number of questions where a text response was required in order to capture opportunities for improvement and/or best practice. Approximately 80% of the questions were from the PSIF model. The self-evaluation questionnaire was issued to all members of the Corporate Management team, all Heads of Service, as well as the Council's Chief Auditor and the Business Change Manager. The corporate assessment was used to capture the views on the strengths and areas of improvement at a Council wide level.	Assistant Strategic Planning & Policy Development Manager
Green	CE.SIP.16.04.20	Undertake a review of current complaints handling processes and data across Council services to ensure that this data is used to drive appropriate service improvement	30-Jun-2017	<div style="width: 70%;">70%</div>	Review complete, final recommendation report to CMT being prepared for discussion and approval. Due date revised to 30 June 2017 to reflect this.	Strategic Planning & Policy Development Manager
Green	CE.SIP.16.04.21	Establish and maintain an Open Data Portal which will revolutionise the way in which community planning data is used in Renfrewshire	31-Dec-2017	<div style="width: 50%;">50%</div>	A pilot has been carried out supplying data to partner agencies through ArcGIS online as part of the Strategic Needs Assessment for our new Local Improvement Plan. This will now be developed during 2017 to provide data and information to community groups and the public as well as partner agencies. We will continue to monitor developments in available national open data platforms.	Data Analytics & Research Manager
Green	CE.SIP.16.04.22	Ensure that the Council complies within the SPI Direction for local authorities	31-Mar-2018	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	Renfrewshire Council achieved full compliance with the statutory performance indicator direction for 2015/16.	Assistant Strategic Planning & Policy Development Manager
Green	CE.SIP.16.04.23	Prepare and implement the Communications Strategy and Action Plan for Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership	30-Sep-2017	<div style="width: 50%;">50%</div>	Initial discussions on the strategy have taken place. A comprehensive plan will be developed and launched further to the conclusion on the review of CPP.	Corporate Communications & Public Affairs Manager

Status	Action Code	Action Title	Due Date	Progress Bar	Progress on actions	Assigned To
	CE.SIP.16.04.24	Implement a Corporate Communications and Marketing strategy to cover all audiences - our staff, the public and all our partners, to support the Council in achieving its objectives. The strategy will support the new Council and Community Partnership plans.	30-Sep-2017	<div style="width: 50%;">50%</div>	A draft is in preparation and will support the delivery of the new Council Plan (autumn 2017). Processes have been developed and implemented to support strategic communications planning.	Corporate Communications & Public Affairs Manager
	CE.SIP.16.04.25	Lead on the roll-out of the Council's new website	30-Jun-2016	<div style="width: 100%;">100%</div>	Complete - an initial scope has been drafted by the Communications and Marketing Teams and a project team has been established.	Corporate Communications & Public Affairs Manager



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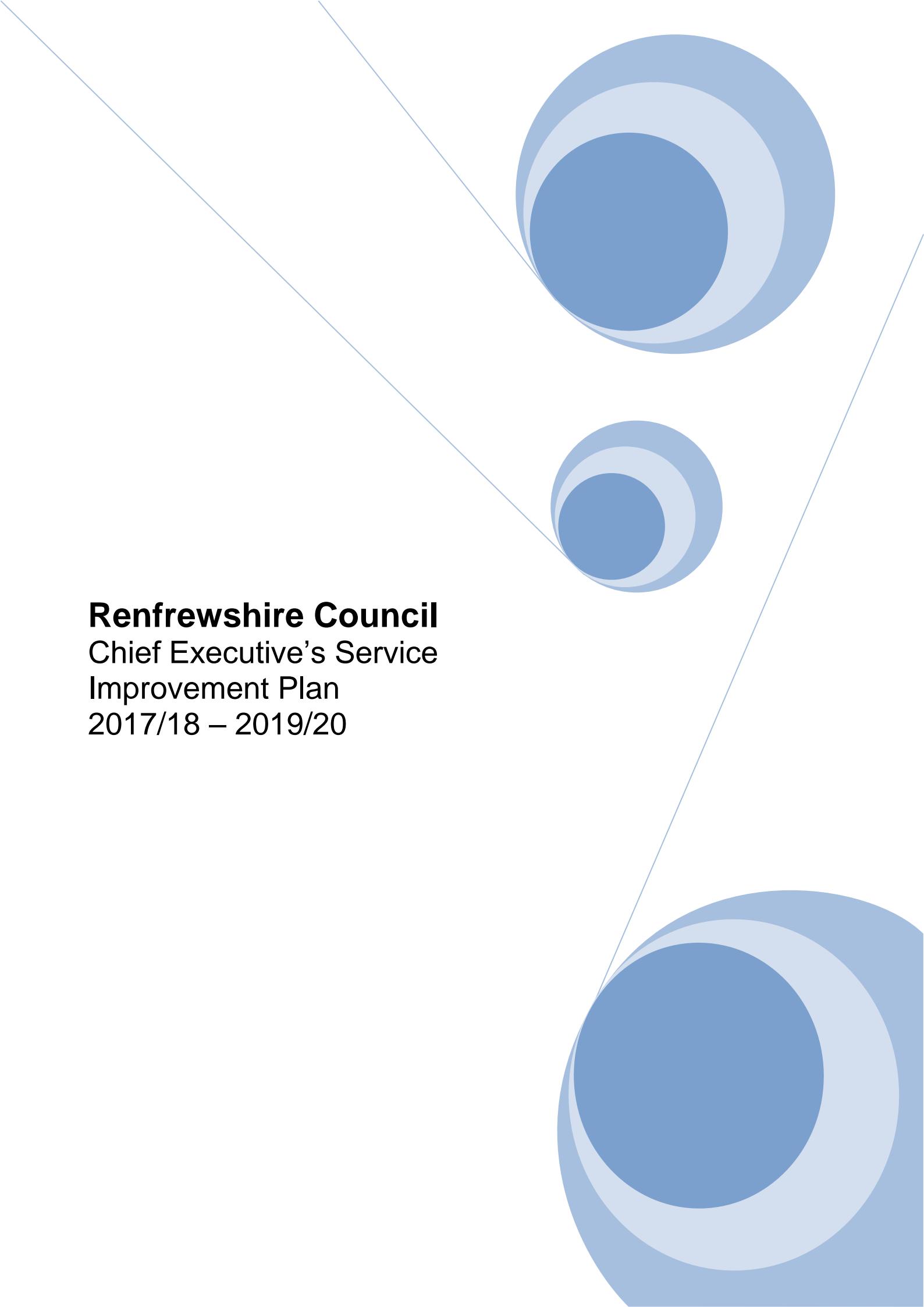
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PI Code & Short Name	Current Status	Short Term Trend	Long Term Trend	Value	Target	Value	Target	Value	Target	Explanation of performance
CE08 % of FOI requests in a quarter completed within timescale in the Chief Executive's Department				100%	100%		100%	100%	100%	FOIs continue to be completed within timescale.
CE90 Amount of debt under management for financial inclusion						£7,555,138.00				This figure only includes Advice Works and CAB data. The reason for the decrease in the figure is due to continual staff vacancies.
CE91 Increase in income generated for Renfrewshire residents					£11,522,691.00	£17,127,849.00	£11,522,691.00		£11,522,691.00	This figure only includes Advice Works and CAB data. The reason for the decrease in the figure is due to continual staff vacancies.
CE95 % Satisfaction levels with Council's Public Performance Reporting arrangements				78%	85%	78%	80%	73%	82%	This question was asked as part of the Winter 2016/17 Public Services Panel survey, with 73%

PI Code & Short Name	Current Status	Short Term Trend	Long Term Trend	2014/15			2015/16			2016/17			Explanation of performance
				Value	Target	Value	Target	Value	Target	Value	Target		
CE120b % of PSIF improvement actions completed (cycle 2 -cumulative)	?	↑	⬇	20%	25%	40%	50%	75%					of survey respondents saying they were very satisfied / satisfied with the council's public performance reporting.
CE130 Reduce the percentage of children living in poverty	?	?	?			8%		7%					The PSIF programme is under review and therefore figures are not available.
CE138 Number of followers on social media (twitter)	?	↑	⬇	11,900	10,000	15,100	11,000	17,512	14,000				Figures are not yet available for 2016/17.
CE139 Number of friends on facebook	?	↑	⬇	7,593	8,000	-	8,000	11,055	8,000				Our social media presence continues to grow.
CE143 % of Chief Executive's staff who are satisfied with their jobs	?	?	?			76%		80%					We continue to increase the number of friends on facebook.
CE144 % of Chief Executive's staff who say that they have opportunities to give their views on the way their service operates and suggest improvements			?			65%		75%					This is a baseline data collected during the 2012/2013 employee survey. An action plan is being developed and progressed through the People Strategy – this indicator is no longer collected
CE145 % Chief Executive's staff who say that they have access to the right training and development opportunities			?					63%					This is a baseline data collected during the 2012/2013 employee survey. An action plan is being developed and progressed through the People Strategy – this indicator is no longer collected
CE151 Percentage of responses received for the Public Services Panel		?	?			64%	60%	54%	65%	44%	67%		The response rate for the public services panel has decreased since 2015/16. Options for engaging with the public are being looked at to improve engagement levels.
CE153 % of complaints responded to within timescales	?	?	?	100%	100%			100%	100%	100%	100%		Complaints continue to be answered within the timescales.

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				Value	Target	Value	Target	Value	Target	
agreed with customer										agreed with customers.
CE155 Number of unique website visitors	?	⬇️	⬇️	266,059	185,000	266,059	193,000	139,553	200,000	The number of unique website visitors has decreased slightly since 2015/16.
CE163 Number of website visits	?	⬇️	⬇️	520,266	1,600,000	429,584	1,800,000	213,453	2,000,000	The number of website visits has decreased since 2015/16,
CE.CP.EV01 Number of visitors to the events we create	?	⬆️	⬆️							5,000 visitors to the Spree Festival, and a live broadcast of BBC Radio Scotland's Vic Galloway show to over 20,000 listeners 98% of survey respondents would recommend the Halloween Festival to others and 96% rated both the event and their overall experience as good or very good. The winter festivals - Halloween, Fireworks and Paisley Lights, generated £278,774 local spend.
CE.CP.PSP01 % of adults satisfied with their town	?	⬇️	⬇️							This question is asked as part of the public services panel, the 2016/17 result comes from the winter 2016/17 survey.
CEABS01ii Average number of work days lost through sickness absence per employee (Chief Executive's) (FTE)		⬇️	⬇️	2.13	2	1.3	2	2.03	1	The figure for 2016/17 has increased to 2.03 days. Support for employees is being looked at on a council wide basis.
CEPERS0D09 % of CE employees having completed IDPs (from MDP/MTPD)		▬	▬	62%	100%	65%	100%	65%	100%	A new process for staff development is being implemented during 2017.
FCSCREDCE01ff % of invoices paid within 30 days by the Chief Executive's Service	⌚	⬇️	⬇️	100%		99.48%		98.57%		The majority of Invoices continue to be paid within 30 days.



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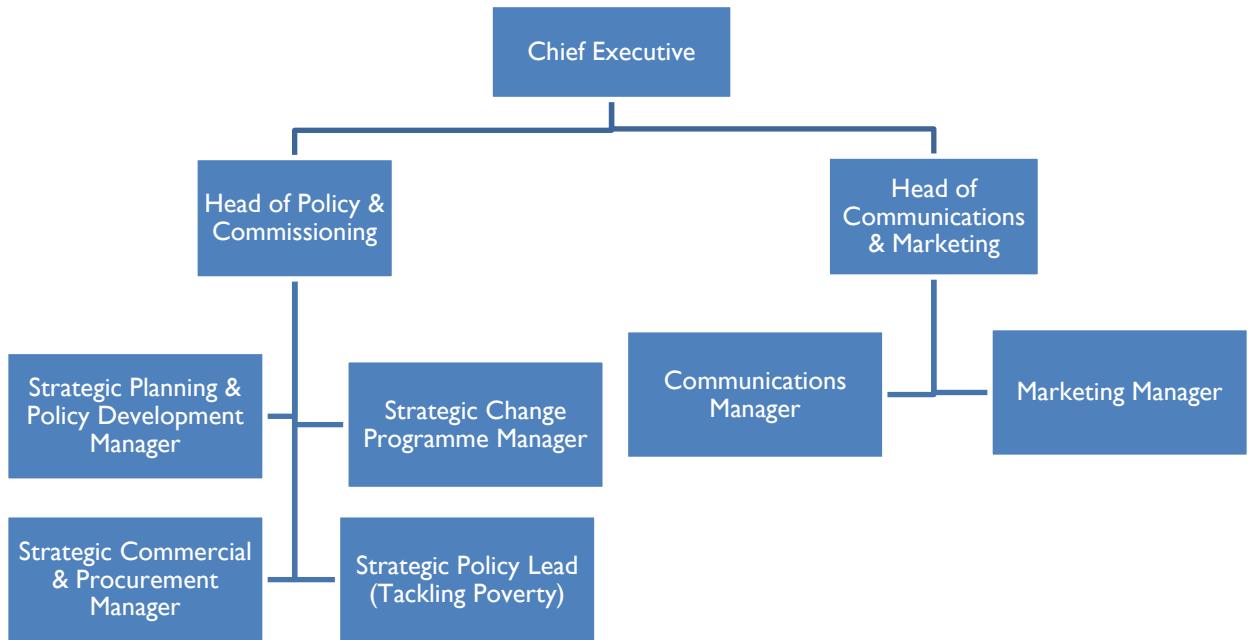
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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Service Improvement Plan for the Chief Executive's Service covers the period 2017/18 to 2019/20. The plan outlines what the service intends to achieve over the next three years based on the financial and employee resources likely to be available.
- 1.2. The plan notes the principal factors that will influence service needs, their development and delivery. It sets out the main priorities to be pursued and outcomes to be achieved over the next three years. An action plan detailing the outcomes and key tasks required to achieve them is set out in section 7.
- 1.3. The main factors that this service improvement plan needs to respond to are the challenging financial environment and ongoing public sector reform. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 continues to be implemented in stages by the Scottish Government which impacts on the services the council provides. Developing new strategic plans, supporting Paisley's bid for UK City of Culture 2021, supporting transformational change and working with partners to tackle poverty and inequality will all impact on the service and this plan sets out the likely impact that these issues will have on the service and our plans for addressing them.
- 1.4. The development of this service plan involved consultation with the managers and staff from all teams within the service. Meetings were held to discuss the actions and priorities for each team for the duration of the plan.
- 1.5. The current Council Plan clearly articulates the Council's priorities for Renfrewshire, and along with the Community Plan, sets out an ambitious programme of work. The focus is on achieving a number of key outcomes, including:
 - Driving physical and economic regeneration
 - Building on our culture and heritage
 - Reducing the level and impact of poverty
 - Raising attainment and closing the attainment gap
 - Supporting and sustaining people into employment
 - Improving care, health and wellbeing
 - Protecting the public
 - Creating a sustainable Renfrewshire
- 1.6. The key priorities for the Chief Executive Service are closely aligned to both the Council and Community Plans, and support all local work undertaken across partnerships to deliver on these priorities for Renfrewshire.
- 1.7. Service level workforce plans and financial plans are closely aligned to Service Improvement Plans, and translate into team and individual development plans.
- 1.8. Service planning informs the budget process by enabling budget proposals to be seen in a wider policy development context. In turn, the outcomes of the budget process shape the financial content of the Service Improvement Plans. Integration of the budget and the service planning process assists elected members to arrive at budget decisions in the full knowledge of how these decisions impact at service level. Financial information and data should also be related to outcomes and priorities.

2. What we do

- 2.1. The Chief Executive's Service is made of the following two Divisions and associated delivery Units:



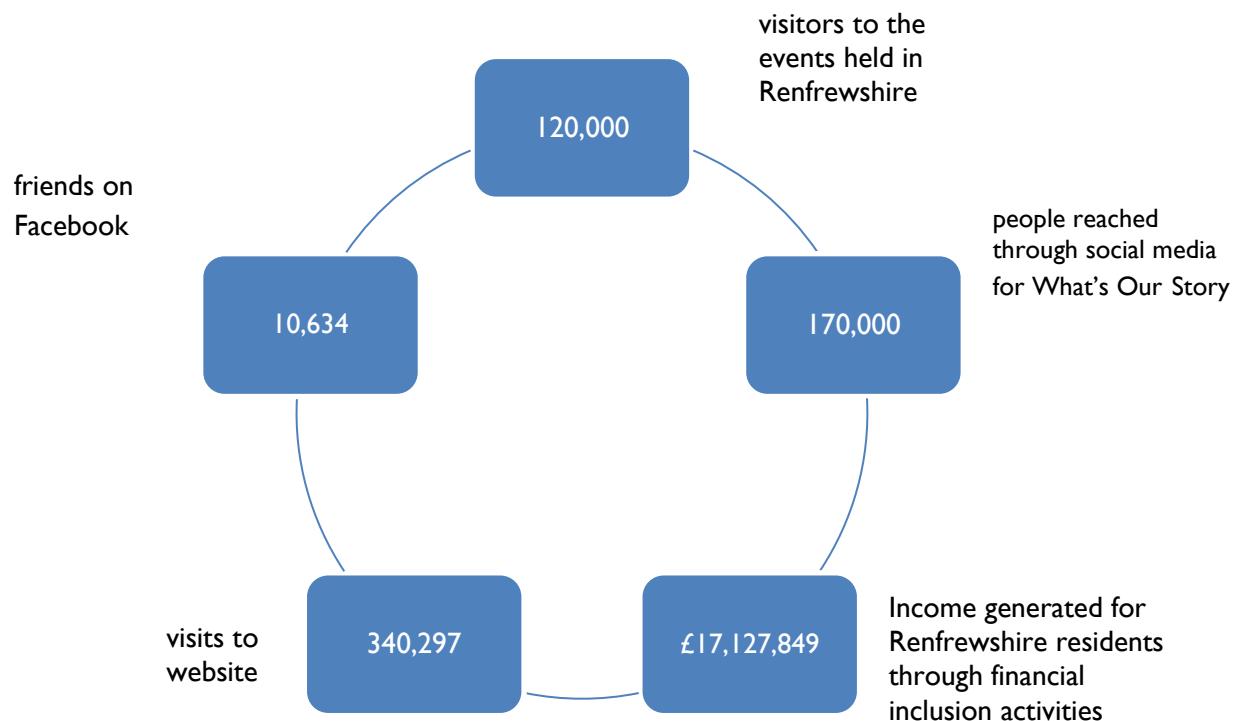
- 2.2. A list of the key lead responsibilities for these Divisions / Units is provided below but strong collaboration between units to support the effective delivery of these responsibilities is a strong feature of the approach to service delivery within the Chief Executive's Service.

- **Policy and Commissioning**

- Provision of policy support to senior officers and elected members;
- Manage the business of the Corporate Management Team;
- Lead the Council's Corporate and Community Planning processes and associated performance management and reporting arrangements;
- Lead on the development and adoption of a strategic commissioning approach to the planning and development of services;
- Lead on the Tackling Poverty Programme;
- Lead on the development of the Better Council Strategic Change Programme and the provision of effective programme and project management support and benefits realisation processes;
- Lead on the digital programme for Renfrewshire;
- Lead on the development and implementation of major policy focussed strategic programmes;
- Lead the Council's procurement arrangements to deliver best value and wider Council policy benefits;
- Strengthen collaborative relationships with key Council partner organisations;
- Provide a corporate data analytics and research service to support sound knowledge management and evidence based decision making across the Council;

- Lead on the proactive monitoring of political, social, economic and technology developments and the development of recommendations and plans to respond to and influence these developments as appropriate; and
 - Develop corporate policy and meet statutory requirements particularly in the areas of equalities, best value, consultation and supporting the process of Public Sector Reform.
- **Marketing**
 - Lead on the development and management of the Renfrewshire Brand;
 - Lead on the development and implementation of the Council's marketing strategy;
 - Lead on the provision of professional marketing, events management and graphical design services.
 - **Communications**
 - Lead on the development and implementation of the Council's communication strategy;
 - Lead on the provision of internal and external communications, media and public relations services.

2.3. The following diagram provides an example of the key facts for the Chief Executive's service:



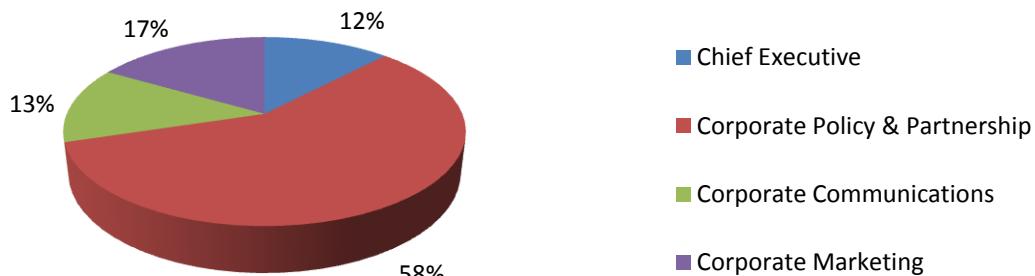
2.4. The table and chart below illustrates the Chief Executive's Revenue Estimates for 2017/18 across each division.

Table 1: Gross Revenue Estimates 2017/18

Chief Executives Service	17/18 Budgets
Chief Executive	£776,585
Corporate Policy & Partnership	£3,716,368
Corporate Communications	£837,095
Corporate Marketing	£1,065,226
Grand Total	£6,395,274

Chart 1: Gross Revenue Estimates 2017/18

Gross Budget - by Service Area



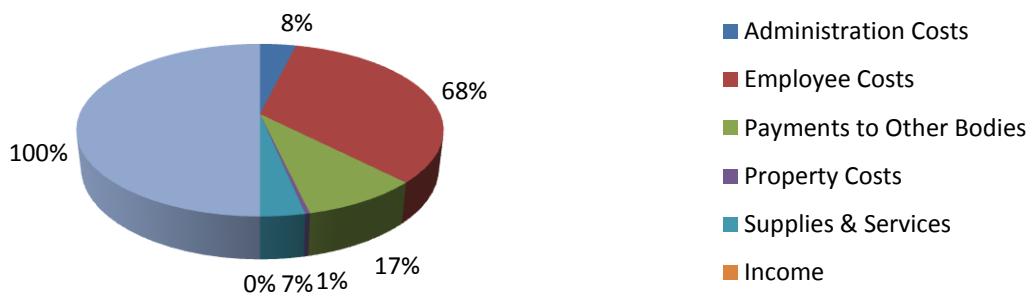
2.5. The following table and chart illustrates the Chief Executive's Revenue Estimates for 2017/18 in terms of the type of expenditure.

Table 2: Gross Revenue Estimates by type of expenditure 2017/18

Chief Executives Service	17/18 Budgets
Administration Costs	£486,221
Employee Costs	£4,328,492
Payments to Other Bodies	£1,116,675
Property Costs	£43,504
Supplies & Services	£420,382
Income	£0
Grand Total	£6,395,274

Chart 2: Gross Revenue Estimate by expenditure type 2017/18

Gross Budget - by Expenditure Type



3. What we achieve

3.1. In the Service Improvement Plan published in March 2016, the service set out key outcomes it hoped to achieve for the communities of Renfrewshire. A detailed report of what the service achieved is presented in the outturn report on the 2016/17 plan. Key achievements in 2016/17 include:

- Holding two well-attended events to share the progress of the Tackling Poverty Action Plan: one for Project Leads and staff delivering the project; and one to feedback progress to the original Commissioners;
- The 'What's Our Story' campaign captured local views on what makes Paisley great with over a thousand people contributing directly to the campaign. The campaign also reached over 102,000 people on Facebook and over 67,000 on Twitter;
- A staff survey on internal communications was issued as part of a council wide consultation exercise which will be used to improve staff communication;
- Led on a Staff Recognition Awards scheme which culminated in an awards ceremony at Paisley Town Hall in January. There were over 100 nominations over six categories, all with a particular focus on partnership working and teams who are making a difference. The awards also recognised 31 employees who have dedicated more than 40 years to working in public sector service;
- Piloted the Lens programme to give staff the opportunity to put forward innovative ideas to a panel of their peers, to bid for funding to put the ideas into practice;
- Worked with services to identify a range of projects for Phase 2 of the Better Council Change Programme, most of which are now underway and in the delivery stage;
- A new Digital Strategy for Renfrewshire was launched in September 2016. As part of this strategy, Coding Clubs aimed at young people aged 11-17 were set up in November 2016. This has also led to a nomination at the DL100 Awards for Digital Council of the Year;
- Achieved Living Wage Accreditation for the Council following a successful application to the Living Wage Foundation;
- Community Benefits are included within all our tenders;
- Began the first phase of the public Wi-Fi project which will see public Wi-Fi access introduced in our town centres and at key community assets;
- Worked with the Audit Scotland audit team to pilot the new Best Value audit process, Renfrewshire was one of the first six local authorities in Scotland to pilot this new methodology;
- Delivered an ambitious and high quality programme of events, including the British Pipe Band Championships, SAY Awards and the annual Spree Festival;
- Developed new equality outcomes with a monitoring report agreed by the Council;
- Developed further partnership agreements with West College Scotland;
- Started work on a strategic needs assessment as part of the development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan;
- Supported development of the Paisley bid for UK City of Culture 2021, with a marketing and campaign strategy being approved by the 2021 Executive Group;
- Reviewed the governance arrangements for the Community Planning Partnership which were approved by the Council;

- The Procurement Team won the Procurement Team of the Year – local government at the 2016/17 Government Opportunities Scotland Excellence in Public Procurement Awards; and
- Developed a Procurement Strategy which was approved by the Council in December 2016.

4. Strategic Context

- 4.1. The population of Renfrewshire is around 174,560 and accounts for 3.2 per cent of the total population of Scotland. In the 2016 release of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation, Renfrewshire had a national share of 4.4% of the 20% most deprived areas (datazones). Over 26% of the population of Renfrewshire (46,442 people) are in the top 20% most deprived datazones in Scotland. This has an effect on demands on health and social care services as those in the most deprived areas are more likely to have greater needs and use of services. There are 12 datazones in Renfrewshire in the top 10% least deprived in Scotland.
- 4.2. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 continues to be implemented in stages by the Scottish Government which impacts on the services the council provides. The Council will continue to ensure it supports communities to engage and participate effectively, making it simpler for communities to request and manage public sector land and buildings, and improve the statutory base for community planning. The service is currently developing the Local Outcome Improvement Plan which requires to be agreed and submitted by the end of October 2017. The Community Planning Partnership governance arrangements were reviewed by the Council and the new arrangements will be implemented this year.
- 4.3. The Child Poverty (Scotland) Bill was introduced by the Scottish Government on 9 February 2017. The Bill establishes a framework for reducing child poverty and puts in place mechanisms to assess progress. The Bill establishes statutory targets to be met by Scottish Ministers relating to child poverty and a requirement to prepare delivery plans and annual progress reports. The Bill requires local authorities and health boards to report jointly on what local actions are being taken to contribute to meeting targets.
- 4.4. The Fairer Scotland Action Plan has been developed following an extensive period of public engagement over 2015 and 2016. The plan also builds on Poverty and Fairness Commissions that have been set up by local authorities across Scotland. The Action Plan consists of five high-level ambitions and fifty actions. The five ambitions will be focused on in the period to 2030. The fifty actions are for this parliamentary term and the Scottish Government will issue a progress report by the end of 2019.
- 4.5. Renfrewshire Council, along with other Scottish local authorities, faces a financial challenge over the next few years. The Council has been able to maintain financial stability during a period of uncertainty and economic downturn and despite considerable demand pressures. The financial challenges for the Council are expected to continue to 2020 and beyond. The Council is taking a long-term view of financial planning on the basis of:

- reducing resources given the uncertainty over when and at what level sustained budget growth may return;
 - rising cost and demand pressures continuing to be a feature of the Council's financial outlook;
 - an increasing and ongoing need for the Council to prioritise spend to focus on the delivery of strategic priority outcomes; and
 - delivering change, transformation and savings continuing to be a necessary feature of the Council's planning arrangements.
- 4.6. The Better Council Change Programme was established to support the Council to transform, improve services and deliver against its key priorities, whilst ensuring the Council and its services remained financially and operationally stable and sustainable. The programme has been developed on a rolling two-year basis with Phase 1 delivering change for the period 2015 to 2017 and Phase 2 for 2016 to 2018. Planning and development of the programme of change that will support Phase 3 is ongoing and is anticipated to be taken forward over 2018 to 2020.
- 4.7. The Council's "Risk Matters – the risk management policy and strategy" sets out a new approach from 1st April 2017. As our risk management arrangements are well embedded, the Corporate Risk Register has been separated into two distinct risk registers: a Strategic Risk Register which will contain details of the externally focused risks; and a Corporate Risk Register which will contain details of the internally focused risks. Both of these top level risk registers are underpinned by service specific risk registers. In the development of this year's service improvement plan we have ensured that any corporate risks or strategic risks the Chief Executive's Service is responsible for and the actions to mitigate and monitor these risks are included in the action plan.

5. Looking forward – our key priorities

- 5.1. The Chief Executives Service contributes specifically towards a number of priorities within the Council Plan. This section sets out what the service aims to achieve over the duration of the improvement plan, grouped under each Council Plan priority.

5.2. Priority 2: Building on our Culture and Heritage

An enhanced events programme for 2016/17 and 2017/18 is being implemented and is directed by a new events strategy, which includes the delivery of up to 15 festivals and events. Event Scotland funding has been secured to develop Sma Shot Day as a signature event for Event Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Architecture. New partnerships with national promoters are being developed and professional event evaluation is in place.

Implementation of the Renfrewshire Tourism Framework will continue. Key progress has been made in raising the national profile of Renfrewshire events and attractions and work will continue to raise this further. A new regional tourism strategy is being developed as part of the Glasgow City Region City Deal.

Renfrewshire's Destination Brand is in development and is due to be delivered in June 2017. Focused marketing and PR to support Paisley's bid for UK City of Culture

2021 has generated 70 million opportunities to see or hear something positive about Paisley and Renfrewshire.

Support for Paisley's bid for UK City of Culture 2021 will continue to be a priority for the service. In addition, work on the commercialisation of the Paisley Pattern will continue to support and grow the ambition to connect the town back to the globally-recognised pattern through working with external textile and fashion related industry experts.

5.3. Priority 5: Reducing the level and impact of poverty

Tackling poverty will continue to be a priority for the service and projects will continue to be delivered as part of the Tackling Poverty Programme to ensure benefits are realised for people living in poverty in Renfrewshire. A focus for the service will be to work in partnership with other services on the work to drive attainment.

Digital inclusion is a key focus for the council. The digital participation strategy will continue to be implemented to ensure no one in Renfrewshire is digitally excluded. This also complements the project to provide free wifi in Paisley and other town centres within Renfrewshire.

5.4. Priority 9: Supporting our Employees

Internal communications mechanisms will continue to be strengthened to ensure employees are fully informed of the priorities and key projects of the council. This will include holding staff engagement events, staff briefings and service tours to be led by the Chief Executive. The poster sites at the Cotton Street staff entrance will continue to be used to display information about the Council's corporate priorities, key programmes and services.

Staff engagement is important to the development of the service and will remain a key priority for the service over the next three years.

An evaluation of the Lens programme will be conducted to look at options for extending this programme to other teams throughout the Council. A new staff survey will be developed for the Chief Executive's Service.

5.5. Priority 10: Continuing to be a well-run council

Implementing the communication strategy that was approved by the Corporate Management Team in March 2017 will continue to be a priority. The strategy will include: provision of a media relations service; an increase in media reach; a 4* SOCITM rated website; full development of digital communications including social media, channel development to reach all citizens, delivery of proactive marketing campaigns to raise awareness of council services, support for council services and to encourage behaviour change.

A new Council Plan and Local Outcome Improvement Plan will be developed this year and will involve undertaking a strategic needs assessment to build a more robust evidence base from which to develop the plans. The agreed changes to the Community Planning Partnership governance arrangements will also be implemented.

Work will continue on the Better Council Change programme, savings will continue to be identified and delivered in order to address the budget gap.

The council was subject to a best value audit as part of the new audit process introduced by Audit Scotland this year. The Best Value Assurance Report for Renfrewshire is due to be discussed by the Accounts Commission in August 2017 and the service will focus on implementing any recommendations from this report.

Data analytics will become a greater focus for the service with the establishment of a dedicated Research and Data Analytics team with the service. The development of this team will ensure business intelligence capabilities across the council are enhanced.

6. Continuous Improvement

Self Evaluation

- 6.1. The Chief Executive's Service will finalise proposals for a new approach to self evaluation. This new process will build on the Public Sector Improvement Framework (PSIF) however will focus more on addressing and incorporating change activities. This new approach was successfully piloted with the Corporate Management Team and Heads of Service as part of the corporate assessment and will be rolled-out to the rest of the council during 2017.

Community Engagement

- 6.2. The Chief Executive's Service engages with communities through a variety of forums and community groups. The Strategic Partnership team run various engagement events and forums throughout the year with communities.
- 6.3. The Public Services Panel is a mechanism used by the service to engage with our customers on specific topics. However, in recent years the response rate to the surveys has decreased. Therefore we will review the use of the public services panel and examine other options available to engage more appropriately with customers.
- 6.4. A strategic needs assessment is being carried out with our community planning partners and communities as part of the development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan which is being led by the Strategic Partnership team. A review of the Council's Local Area Committee structure is being undertaken with the aim of embedding the requirements of the Community Empowerment Act and strengthening communities' ability to engage in the Community Planning process and influence local priority setting and service delivery.
- 6.5. Engagement has played a significant part in the bid for UK City of Culture and will continue to be a priority to ensure the views of communities are included in the bid.

Workforce Planning

- 6.6. The Council's Organisational Development Strategy will ensure that the Council can continue to deliver its core business and service objectives, with an engaged and motivated workforce during an anticipated climate of continued financial and resource

constraints. The Chief Executive's Services' Workforce Plan is underdevelopment and will reflect the structure of the service. Actions will be implemented to match the needs of our customers and the ambition of the service with the skills, availability and development of our employees.

Equalities

- 6.7. Every area of work within the council has a role to play in promoting equality and diversity. While this is the right thing to do and has clear advantages for the Council, there are also legal requirements. Equality law (The Equality Act) protects people from unfair treatment and asks public bodies (including Renfrewshire Council) to show how they make a positive difference to equality groups.
- 6.8. The Council recognises that equality needs to be mainstreamed fully into policies and procedures and also ensure that equality outcomes are given high priority, by being part of mainstream progress reporting. The Council has agreed that this will be done through Service Improvement Plans. This will allow progress to be monitored on a quarterly basis through Senior Management Teams and the Corporate Management Team.
- 6.9. The Chief Executive's service is committed to reporting progress to local equalities led community groups. It is recognised that circumstances for individuals and organisations can change over time and by establishing a clear reporting structure, the Council can demonstrate that equality actions and priorities are contributing to overall outcomes and can be reviewed and amended accordingly.

7. Action Plan - What we will do between 2017/18 and 2019/20

Priority 2: Building on our culture and heritage					
What are we doing?	When will we do it by?	What difference will we make?	Who is leading this?	How will we know it's been successful?	Linked plans and strategies
Delivering a range of diverse and exciting events to increase visitors to our town centre and grow local event attendances	March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased local spend Evidenced Regional Economic Impact Improved area image Increased cultural participation 	Head of Marketing and Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased visitor numbers (day visitors from outside Renfrewshire) Increase in national media coverage and opportunities to see or hear (OTSH) something positive about Renfrewshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events Strategy Renfrewshire Tourism Framework Renfrewshire Economic Framework PTCAS Paisley's bid for UK City of Culture 2021
Implementing Renfrewshire Tourism Framework	March 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Position Paisley and Renfrewshire as a day visitor destination and increase visits to local attractions and increase hotel occupancy Align and market the tourism product Transform area image Support the development of SMEs 	Head of Marketing and Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased day visitor and overnight tourist numbers Improved local tourism product Improved audience segmentation and visitor intelligence Our attractions will be part of wider regional tourism marketing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renfrewshire Tourism Framework and Action Plan Paisley's bid for UK City of Culture Glasgow City Region Economic Strategy Renfrewshire Economic Framework PTCAS
Implementing plans to expand free public wifi in Paisley and other town centres	October 2017	Improved access to wifi for residents of Renfrewshire	Head of Policy and Commissioning	Free public wifi will be fully available within town centres in Renfrewshire	Digital Strategy
Launching a destination brand to promote Paisley and the wider region as a great place to live, work and visit.	March 2018	Transformed area image leading to growth in visitor numbers, inward investment enquiries and relocators.	Head of Marketing and Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 120 million OTSH something positive about Paisley and Renfrewshire each year – UK wide. Paisley/Renfrewshire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Destination Brand Events Strategy Renfrewshire Tourism Framework Renfrewshire Economic Framework

			listed as much visit location within the travel media.	
Delivering the UK marketing and PR campaign Paisley for UK City of Culture and key influencer strategy	November 2017	Paisley's bid will have the highest profile bid as part of the competition	Head of Marketing and Communications	Renfrewshire will be announced as UK City of Culture 2021
Priority 5: Reducing the level and impact of poverty				
What are we doing?	When will we do it by?	What difference will we make?	Who is leading this?	How will we know it's been successful?
Provide strategic leadership for the delivery of the overarching Tackling Poverty Strategy	March 2018	The causes and impacts of poverty are reduced	Strategic Lead Officer (Tackling Poverty and Welfare Reform)	Tackling Poverty is a clear priority through key Council policies, practices and activities and decisions.
Manage the delivery of projects within the Tackling Poverty Programme, ensuring delivery on time and budget, and that benefits are realised for people living in poverty	April 2018	Projects in programmes delivered on time and within budget. Projects deliver anticipated benefits and outcomes.	Strategic Lead Officer (Tackling Poverty and Welfare Reform)	All of the projects within the Tackling Poverty Action Plan have identified project success measures and performance indicators. These are separated into key outputs and outcomes for each individual project and the projects are aligned to the strategic outcomes of Pockets, Prospects and Places. Projects within the Action Plan

Priority 5: Reducing the level and impact of poverty				
What are we doing?	When will we do it by?	What difference will we make?	Who is leading this?	How will we know it's been successful?
Continue service improvements and delivery of long term outcomes as part of an ongoing approach to tackle poverty	October 2017	Best practice around tackling poverty is embedded into service planning and delivered across the Council.	Strategic Lead Officer (Tackling Poverty and Welfare Reform)	Evaluation of the Tackling Poverty Programme has determined the shape and long term approach to tackling poverty in Renfrewshire
Deliver approaches to help mitigate the impacts on low income households of the next phase of Welfare Reforms	March 2018	The potential impacts of the next phase of welfare reforms are well-understood across the Council	Strategic Lead Officer (Tackling Poverty and Welfare Reform)	Partnership working with the Department for Work and Pensions is strengthened and direct support to claimants provided so that they meet their claimant commitments and avoid sanctions.
				Tackling Poverty Strategy and Action Plan 2015-2017 Fairer Scotland Action Plan

Priority 5: Reducing the level and impact of poverty					
What are we doing?	When will we do it by?	What difference will we make?	Who is leading this?	How will we know it's been successful?	Linked plans and strategies
Deliver a range of interventions to support financial inclusion across Renfrewshire	March 2018	<p>Increase membership and sustainability of Credit Union. Save money for local residents by increasing affordable credit options.</p> <p>Increase the money generated for Renfrewshire residents.</p>	Strategic Lead Officer (Tackling Poverty and Welfare Reform)	<p>Credit unions become more sustainable as a result of increased membership. Effective and efficient advice services are commissioned to meet the needs of Renfrewshire citizens.</p>	Tackling Poverty Strategy and Action Plan 2015-2017
Continue to promote fair working practices including payment of the living wage across the Councils supply base	March 2018	The council will have a motivated workforce.	Strategic Commercial and Procurement Manager	Contract monitoring and reporting of KPIs	Statutory Guidance on the Selection of Tenderers and Award of Contracts Addressing Fair Work Practices, including the Living Wage, in Procurement
Implement our digital participation plan to support low income families and other disadvantaged groups benefit from access to the internet	March 2018	All Renfrewshire residents benefit from access to the internet	Project Manager (Digital Assistance)	Survey Analysis of KPIs	Digital Strategy

Priority 9: Supporting our employees					
What are we doing?	When will we do it by?	What difference will we make?	Who is leading this?	How will we know it's been successful?	Linked plans and strategies
Improving how we communicate with our employees	June 2017	<p>Our employees will be well informed about council news and how they directly contribute to the council's priorities and to making local people's lives better.</p> <p>There will be a number of new internal communication channels and the opportunity for 2-way dialogue</p>	Head of Marketing and Communications	We will have an actively engaged workforce who contribute to the internal communications process and are fully informed about the changes that matter to them.	Internal Communications Strategy
Review the success of the Lens programme and develop options for future programmes	October 2017	Employees will have a mechanism to promote their ideas and try new ways of working	Head of Policy and Commissioning	An employee innovative development scheme will be in place	Council Plan
Develop an improved staff development process for Chief Executive's, linked to the refreshed council-wide approach	December 2017	Staff will have a structured process for development	Strategic Planning & Policy Development Manager	All staff within the Chief Executive's Service will have up-to-date individual development plans	
Priority 10: Continuing to be a well run council					
What are we doing?	When will we do it by?	What difference will we make?	Who is leading this?	How will we know it's been successful?	Linked plans and strategies
Develop collaborative relationships across Local Authorities and other public sector bodies	March 2018	Understand and promote best practice to streamline services and achieve savings	Strategic Commercial and Procurement Manager	Monitor levels of engagement with Scotland Excel and attendance at UIG meetings; Monitor participation in	

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What are we doing?	When will we do it by?	What difference will we make?	Who is leading this?	How will we know it's been successful?	Linked plans and strategies
Protecting the council's reputation and positioning the council as best in Scotland	March 2019	Leading – modern, ambitious and making a difference – locally and nationally. Remain a modern and ambitious organisation and maintain its reputation of making a difference.	Head of Marketing	The council will generate 70 million OTSH something positive about the council in the local and national news. Local people will consider the council to be well run. Renfrewshire Council will be the 'go-to' council for positive media reporting and examples of best practice.	Scottish Government frameworks; Continue to promote cross council collaboration in category CI contracts
Replacing printed RenNews magazine with an online news site	March 2018	Provide up to the minute local news content, delivered in a format and at a time suitable to local people	Communications and Public Affairs Manager	Local people will proactively seek council news and interact directly with the council.	Digital Strategy Customer Strategy
Greater focus on external awards and accreditation with the Strategic Planning division taking a lead on coordinating submissions	March 2019	The council will be recognised for the work it does and employees will feel valued for the work they do	Strategic Planning & Policy Development Manager	The council will be successful in gaining external awards and accreditation	Council Plan
Prepare new Council Plan	October 2017	Clear vision and aligned activities	Strategic Planning and Policy Development	Improved outcomes for local people.	Council Plan

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What are we doing?	When will we do it by?	What difference will we make?	Who is leading this?	How will we know it's been successful?	Linked plans and strategies
Prepare Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) priorities and linked locality plans	October 2017	The LOIP and locality plans are developed with an appropriate progress reporting framework, in accordance to the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015	Strategic Lead Officer (Tackling Poverty and Welfare Reform)	Prepared and published Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) setting out the local outcomes which the Community Planning Partnership will prioritise for improvement by October 2017	Local Outcome Improvement Plan Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015
Carry out a strategic needs assessment to inform the development of the new Council and Local Outcome Improvement Plans	Summer 2017	We will have a better understanding of the communities we serve	Strategic Planning & Policy Development Manager / Strategic Lead Officer (Tackling Poverty & Welfare Reform)	The new Local Outcome Improvement Plan will reflect the needs of our communities	LOIP
Implement the recommendations from the Best Value Assurance Report	March 2019	Implementation will support continuous improvement of the Council.	Head of Policy and Commissioning	Improvements / recommendations implemented	BVAR
Work with services to develop Phase 3 of the Better Council Change Programme	July 2017	We will identify ways of becoming more financially and operationally efficient and we will identify ways of improving our customer and staff experience. We will support our staff in continuously identifying additional	Strategic Programme Manager	A range of projects for Phase 3 of the Better Council Programme will have been identified and agreed. Any further ideas for projects will be able to be incorporated into the programme as they are identified.	Council Plan Council Budget Strategy

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What are we doing?	When will we do it by?	What difference will we make?	Who is leading this?	How will we know it's been successful?	Linked plans and strategies
Successfully deliver the Phase 3 of the Better Council Change programme	March 2019	We will deliver potential improvements.	Strategic Programme Manager	The financial sustainability for the council is secured. Staff adjust to and benefit from more modern ways of working. Customer's use and report satisfaction with any new ways of accessing our services or new ways of us delivering services.	Council Plan Council Budget Strategy
Undertake a review of the complaints handling process and roll-out to all services	June 2017	The council will have a robust complaints handling process that will allow us to learn from complaints	Strategic Planning and Policy Development Manager	All staff will understand the importance of using the complaints process Improved performance / monitoring	SPSO Complaints Handling Procedure
Implement a new model for self assessment	March 2018	The council will have a robust mechanism for self assessment	Strategic Planning and Policy Development Manager	Positive external inspections / accreditation Staff feedback	
Establish and maintain an Open Data Portal which will revolutionise the way in which data	March 2018	Customers will be able to access data on the council.	Data Analytics and Research Manager	Data will be easily available and accessible.	Open Data Strategy

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What are we doing?	When will we do it by?	What difference will we make?	Who is leading this?	How will we know it's been successful?	Linked plans and strategies
is used in Renfrewshire					
Undertake second phase of review of activity of policy and commissioning activities across the Council	March 2018	There will be a strategic response to the delivery of policy and planning activities council-wide	Head of Policy and Commissioning	Efficient and effective policy and commissioning services in place across the Council	
Review the performance management framework	March 2018	Council-wide approach to performance	Strategic Planning and Policy Development Manager	New performance framework will be in place.	Performance Framework
Review corporate GIS provision to identify potential options for development	March 2018	Maximise potential of GIS service	Data Analytics and Research Manager	Comprehensive resourced service	
Introduce in-depth intelligence briefings providing information on published research in corporate priority areas	March 2019	Staff will have access to briefings on relevant research areas	Data Analytics and Research Manager	Wide availability of briefings	
Roll-out the Covalent web browser	August 2017	More up-to-date performance information will be available and senior managers will be able to get a feel for the performance of the Council	Assistant Strategic Planning and Policy Development Manager	Employees across the Council will be using Covalent to record the performance of their service.	
Review current Public Services Panel arrangements	May 2018	Better engagement with our residents.	Assistant Strategic Planning and Policy Development Manager / Strategic Commercial	Robust and reliable data available Higher response rates	

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What are we doing?	When will we do it by?	What difference will we make?	Who is leading this?	How will we know it's been successful?	Linked plans and strategies
Implement changes to the governance arrangements of Renfrewshire Community Planning	October 2017	Community planning partners are supported effectively to take forward any new pieces of partnership work identified by LOIP	Partnerships Manager and Procurement Manager	All partners can play an effective role in community planning in Renfrewshire and that duplication and overlap with other partnership arrangements are minimised	Local Outcome Improvement Plan Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015
Undertake a review of Local Area Committees (LACs)	October 2017	Increase effectiveness of community level governance	Partnerships Manager	Increased engagement from citizens and community organisations	Local Outcome Improvement Plan Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015
Working with local equalities led community groups and employees to develop and implement specific and meaningful outcomes from 2017		Outcomes to be published in 2017, implementation to follow	Strategic Lead Officer (Tackling Poverty and Welfare Reform)	Outputs and milestones to be developed following development of the outcomes	Local Outcome Improvement Plan Equalities Act Forthcoming GBV strategy
Review staff engagement mechanisms	March 2019	Staff across the service will have a better understanding of the remit of each team	Strategic Planning and Policy Development Manager	New staff engagement methods will be in place.	DEAR Group
Develop options for future self-assessment activities involving staff	December 2017	Staff will feel empowered to become involved in service	Strategic Policy and Development Manager	A new self assessment model will be in place and staff	

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What are we doing?	When will we do it by?	What difference will we make?	Who is leading this?	How will we know it's been successful?	Linked plans and strategies
		Improvement activities.		will be involved in its implementation	
Implement Workforce Plan	March 2018	Better understanding of service needs and resources	Head of Policy and Commissioning	Staff numbers and KPIs	

Equalities – training will be provided for new elected members on equalities

August 2017

Greater understanding of the equalities outcomes and duties

Strategic Policy Lead (Tackling Poverty and Welfare Reform)

All elected members will be fully trained on equalities issues.

Equalities Strategy

8. Performance Scorecard - How we will measure our progress

Priority 2: Building on our culture and heritage

PI Code	Performance Indicator	Current Target	On Target	Current Value	2017/18 Target	2018/19 Target	2019/20 Target
CE.CP.EV01	Number of visitors to the events we create	115,000		87,000	140,000	170,000	190,000
New PI	Local spend at events			£674,000	£600,000	£700,000	£800,000
New PI	Regional economic impact of events			£800,000	£1m	£1.2m	£1.7m
New PI	Number of visits to Renfrewshire (and Paisley) attractions		New indicator				
New PI	Opportunities to see or hear something positive about Paisley and Renfrewshire			72,000,000			

Priority 5: Reducing the level and impact of poverty

PI Code	Performance Indicator	Current Target	On Target	Current Value	2017/18 Target	2018/19 Target	2019/20 Target
New PI	Income generated across Tackling Poverty Programme		New indicator				
New PI	Number of Credit Union members		New indicator				
New PI	Interest saved against high interest		New indicator				

New PI	lenders	Number of people who felt they have been engaged within the community planning process	New indicator	330	400	450
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Priority 9: Supporting our employees

PI Code	Performance Indicator	Current Target	On Target	Current Value	2017/18 Target	2018/19 Target	2019/20 Target
CEABS01dii	Average number of work days lost through sickness absence per employee (Chief Executive's) (FTE)	2		1.72	2	2	2
CEPERSOD09	% of CE employees having completed IDPs (from MDP/MTIPD)	100%	-		100%	100%	100%
New PI	% of staff feel well informed about matters that are important to them			60.44%	75%	85%	95%

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PI Code	Performance Indicator	Current Target	On Target	Current Value	2017/18 Target	2018/19 Target	2019/20 Target
CE138	Number of followers on social media (twitter)	10,000		16,374	17,000	17,500	18,000
CE139	Number of friends on facebook	7,500		9,763	10,000	10,500	11,000
CE151	Percentage of responses received for the Public Services Panel	60%		44%	50%	55%	60%
CE153	% of complaints responded to within timescales agreed with customers	100%		100%	100%	100%	100%
CE08	% of FOI requests in a quarter completed within timescale in the Chief Executive Department	100%		100%	100%	100%	100%
CE95	% Satisfaction levels with Council's Public Performance Reporting arrangements	80%		73%	82%	85%	85%
FCSCREDCE01f	% of invoices paid within 30 days by the Chief Executive's Service	95%		99.18%	100%	100%	100%

PI Code	Performance Indicator	Current Target	On Target	Current Value	2017/18 Target	2018/19 Target	2019/20 Target
New PI	% of local people who feel well informed about their Council			Annual PI			
New PI	Website SOCITM rating			Annual PI			