

# **CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE**

# ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT & HUMAN RESOURCES

**BUSINESS PLAN** 2022/2023

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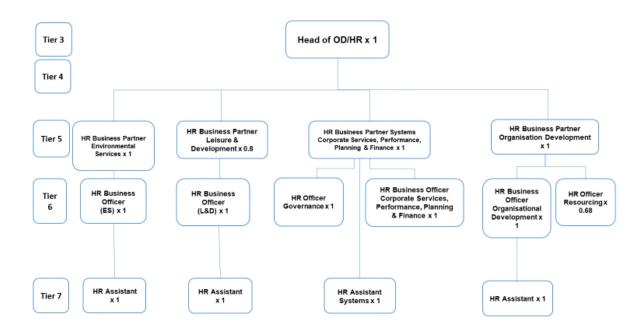
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### ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT & HUMAN RESOURCES ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE



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- Complexity of Legacy terms and conditions / policies currently in place however as agreement has been reached with the Trade Unions, implementation of the terms and conditions is progressing for Operations, Estates and Sport and Well Being.
- New norm as a result of Covid 19
- Centralise annual leave administration function in ODHR

### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- Continue to improve relationships with trade unions to support a co-ordinated approach to address the complex employee relations issues.
- Maintain the existing resources within the ODHR Department to enable implementation of the harmonised terms and conditions

# **ASSUMPTIONS**

The delivery of this business plan has been based on the following assumptions:

- A full complement of fully trained HR resources remains in place
- That the implementation of the terms and conditions for tiers 6 and 7 progress in a timely manner.

## PRE-REQUISITES AND EXTERNAL DEPENDENCIES

Outlined below are the key dependencies directly affecting the delivery of this business plan. Should any of these be delayed, this will result in possible delays or non-delivery of specific actions.

 Partnership with the Payroll Department to implement the Operations, Estates and Sport and Well Being terms and conditions.

### **BUSINESS PLAN RISKS**

- A full complement of fully trained HR resources may not be available.
- Implementation of the terms and conditions is delayed.

## **CONSULTATION PROCESS**

The following were consulted in development of this business plan:

- Director of Corporate Services
- Head of ODHR
- ODHR Business Partners
- ODHR Team

### **FINANCIALS**

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# STRATEGIC AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Based upon the consultation process, the following strategic objectives and work streams were identified:

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES OF THE SERVICE FOR 2022/23

# Strategic Objective

# 1. Resource and Workforce Planning:

'To have an agreed framework for a fully resourced workforce to deliver organisational objectives.'

# **Link to Corporate Aims and Objectives**

• Improvement and Innovation

Work Streams / Operational Actions / Outcomes	Budget* £	Person(s) responsible	Timescale	Performance Indicators and Targets where appropriate
Work stream: Corporate Terms & Conditions     Work with Senior Leadership Team to develop and present range of options for corporate terms and conditions including investment appraisal for each option	0	Head of OD HR	December 2022 March 2023	<ul> <li>Present 'as is' position to SLT</li> <li>Present options paper to SLT</li> <li>Progress negotiations with Trade Unions in relation to the Corporate Terms and Conditions.</li> <li>Agree Terms and Conditions</li> <li>Implement Terms and Conditions changes</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Work stream: Sport &amp; Well Being Project</li> <li>Implementation of the Sport and Well Being Terms and Conditions following the approval of organisation structure</li> <li>Manage delivery of the HR elements of the IHT (In-house Team) S&amp;W Structure including the HR elements of the Leisure Service Specification (LSS) and the related HR Service Level Agreement (SLA);</li> </ul>	0	Head of OD HR HR Business Partner	September 2022 November 2022 March 2023	Subject to the structure being approved by Leisure and Development Committee and Full Council;  Complete assimilations/matching  Populate remainder of SWB Structure/vacant posts  Review SLA arrangements
Work stream: Population of Structures  Populate Organisation Structures in Operations, Estates and Sport and Well Being	0	Head of OD HR HR Business Partners	August 2022 September 2022 October 2022 – March 2023	<ul> <li>Job descriptions and personnel specifications agreed and evaluated</li> <li>Complete Matching / Assimilation process</li> <li>Recruitment for 60% of vacant posts</li> </ul>

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Strategic Objective				
2. Learning and Talent Development "To build capabilities and capacity of each	mployees to im	prove performance a	nd organisational suc	cess both now and in the future."
Link to Corporate Aims and Objectives  • Improvement and Innovation				
Work Streams / Operational Actions / Outcomes	Budget £130,000	Person(s) responsible	Timescale	Performance Indicators
Personal Contribution and Review process to be completed for all tiers within the organisation	0	Head of ODHR  HR Business Partner Organisation Development	March 2023 March 2023	<ul> <li>All Managers (tier 1 - 5) to complete the PCDR Process for all direct reports</li> <li>Review of process for Tier 6 and 7</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Work stream: Front Line Development Programme</li> <li>Pilot a front-line development programme</li> <li>Pilot a Driver Development Programme</li> </ul>	0	Head of ODHR  HR Business Partner Org Development	October 2022 September 2022 October 2022	<ul> <li>Pilot programme of up to 12 participants - 80% completion rate</li> <li>4 LGV Drivers – 100% completion rate</li> <li>2 C1 + E - 100% completion rate</li> </ul>
Facilitate actions from the Local Government     Mental Well Being Strategy and implement recommended HR Actions.	0	HR Business Partner Org Development	March 2023	Work with relevant regional groups to deliver joint actions cross Local Government
<ul> <li>Work stream: E-Learning</li> <li>Continue to develop and embed the E-Learning platform for Council.</li> </ul>	0	HR Business Partner Org Development	50% by October 2022 100% by March 2023	Deliver 6 online courses     70% compliance
Work stream: Corporate Induction     Review, update and implement an amended Corporate Induction programme which enables effective delivery in a hybrid working environment	0	HR Business Partner Org Development	July 2022	All new start employees to have completed Corporate Induction sessions within the first 12 weeks of employment     100% compliance
Work stream: L&D Strategy	0	HR Business Partner Org	October 2022 December 2022	Review completed     Draft proposals complete for

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training directory

• Review of L&D Strategy to include proposals on

department/role specific training plans and an L&D

L&D performance tracking and KPI's,

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consideration

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Work stream: Policies and procedures     Develop policies, in consultation with relevant parties for:	0	Head of OD HR HR Business Partners	100% in draft by October 2022 50% agreed by TU's by March 2023	100% in draft format     50% agreed with Unions and Council
<ul> <li>Work stream: HR Equality Monitoring</li> <li>Complete annual monitoring return</li> <li>Complete Local Government Auditors Absenteeism Report</li> </ul>	0	HR Business Partner Systems & HR Officer Governance	May 2022 June 2022	Complete and submit annual return     Complete and submit Local     Government Auditors Absenteeism     Report
Work stream: Procurement  1. Health Plan 2. Occupational Health Service  • Prepare tender documentation in consultation with Procurement support  • Complete procurement and assessment  • Award Contract	0	Head of OD HR	March 2023 April 2024	<ul> <li>Procurement completed by March 2023</li> <li>Contract start date 1 April 2024</li> </ul>

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Complete installation and implementation of time recording system in leisure and outlying facilities including delivery of training.	0	HR Business Partner Systems & HR Assistant Systems	September 2022	100% of employees on electronic time recording system.
Work stream: Next of Kin     Set up next of kin details on electronic time recording system.	0	HR Business Partner Systems & HR Assistant Systems	October 2022	100% of employees next of kin details on time recording system
<ul> <li>Work stream: Annual Leave Recording</li> <li>Complete implementation of electronic annual leave recording for leisure facilities and outlining facilities.</li> </ul>	0	HR Business Partner Systems & HR Assistant Systems	July 2022	100% of employees utilising electronic system to record and request leave.
<ul> <li>Work stream: PAMS Upgrade</li> <li>Upgrade PAMS to new version.9.6</li> </ul>	0	HR Business Partner Systems & HR Officer Governance	November 2022	Upgrade completed and on latest version of software
Work stream: Management of Annual Leave / TOIL     Centralise annual leave/TOIL administration function and streamline processes.		HR Business Partner Systems, HR Officer Governance & HR	June 2022 July 2022 December 2022	<ul> <li>Agree where to centralise</li> <li>Action Plan drafted indicating responsibilities</li> <li>Implementation of agree action plan</li> </ul>

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Work stream: Agency Contract Management	ead of DHR	September 2022 August 2022 May 2022	<ul> <li>Implementation of new system in conjunction with Staffline</li> <li>Training rolled out across the organisation</li> <li>Monthly contract management meetings with CCG Management and Staffline</li> </ul>

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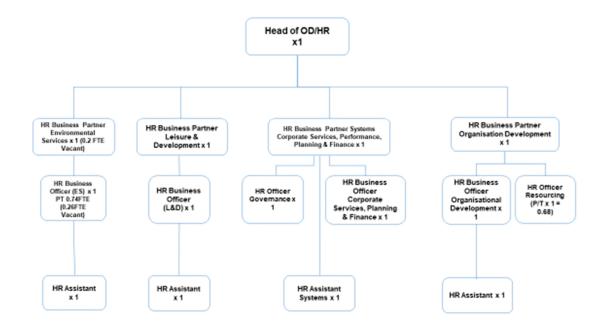
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- Complexity of Legacy terms and conditions / policies currently in place work is progressing in Leisure and Development, work has started in Environmental Services
- COVID 19 Impact on OD HR workload (New policies / procedures, new way of working, advice and guidance, furlough, fluidity in terms of restrictions and services opening and closing)

### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- Need for a co-ordinated approach and strategy to address complex employee relations culture.
- Volume and complexity of employee relations issues and the demand on time will limit the capacity to implement new deliverables going forward
- Impact of demanding employee relations culture on HR team resilience.
- OD HR Structural Review completed, subsequent recruitment and selection completed July 2020.
   Remaining 0.46 FTE filled by Agency at this time.

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- Partnership with the Payroll Department to deliver pay audits, pay modelling to support the Leisure and Development and Environmental Services Directorates in progressing the terms and conditions that will progress the population of structures.
- The terms and conditions for tiers 6 and 7 for Leisure & Development and Environmental Services are agreed
- That the Organisation Review Tier 1 3 do not impact upon the Tier 6 & 7 reviews

### **BUSINESS PLAN RISKS**

- The terms and conditions for tiers 6 and 7 for Leisure & Development and Environmental Services will be
  delayed due to other competing priorities, or being unable to reach agreement with trade unions.
- The impact of the post-covid service delivery for Sport and Well Being, revised shifts and staffing implications for Leisure and Development could impact on and potentially delay S&W T&C Review/progress
- A full complement of fully trained HR resources may not be available.
- COVID 19 impacts upon HR Service delivery due to increased volume of work

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Work stream: Sport & Well Being Project  Work with Director of Leisure and Development to develop and present range of options for Sport and Well Being terms and conditions including investment appraisal for each option	0	Head of OD HR HR Business Partner / Project	May 2021	<ul> <li>Progress negotiations with Trade Unions in relation to the Sport &amp; Well Being Department completed by May 21.</li> <li>Agree Terms and Conditions associated to this project by</li> </ul>	Agreement reached with TU's.
<ul> <li>Manage delivery of the HR elements of the IHT (In-house Team) S&amp;W Structure including the HR elements of the Leisure Service Specification (LSS) and the related HR Service Level Agreement (SLA);</li> </ul>		Manager	Sept 2021	May 21  Complete assimilations/matching and Populate remainder of S&W Structure/vacant posts etc by Sept 21	Implementation date subject to agreed structure.
<ul> <li>Work stream: Organisation Review</li> <li>Work with Senior Leadership Team to implement any agreed reviews</li> </ul>		Head of OD HR	March 2022	<ul> <li>Consult with affected staff</li> <li>Consult with Trade Unions</li> <li>Approval to be sought from Council</li> <li>Implement agreed changes</li> </ul>	Awaiting direction – on hold until Tier 6/complete
Work stream: Environmental Services Review		Head of	March 2022	Progress negotiations with	Agreement reached

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• Work with Director of Environmental Services to

develop and present range of options for corporate

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with TU's

Trade Unions in relation to

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terms and conditions including investment appraisal for each option				the Environmental Services Department.  • Agree Terms and Conditions associated to this project	
Populate Organisation Structures in Environmental Services and Sport and Well Being	0	Head of OD HR HR Business Partners	March 2022	<ul> <li>Number of agreed job descriptions and personnel specifications</li> <li>Complete Matching / Assimilation process</li> <li>Recruitment for 50% of vacant posts</li> </ul>	Environmental Services Operations - 7 Job Descriptions agreed Estates - 16 Job Descriptions agreed  Assimilation ongoing  Leisure and Development Sport and Well Being - 8 JDs agreed  Assimilation to commence as per agreed structure

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Link to Corporate Aims and Objectives  Improvement and Innovation							
Work Streams / Operational Actions / Outcomes	Budget £150,000	Person(s) responsible	Timescale	Performance Indicators	November 2021 Update		
Work stream: Performance Management     Personal Contribution and Review process to be completed for all tiers within the organisation	0	Head of OD HR HR Business Partner Organisation Development	March 2022	All Managers to have completed the PCDR Process for all direct reports	Progressing All line managers trained in process		

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					Needs further thought for Tier 6/7 posts
Develop a supervisory programme for Sport & Well Being	0	Head of HR HR Business Partner Organisation Development	March 2022	Agreed     supervisory     programme by     March 2022 to     coincide with the     appointment of     key staff	Will progress in line with the population of structures
Work stream: Mental Health and Well Being     Facilitate actions from the Local Government Mental Well Being Strategy and implement recommended HR Actions.	0	HR Business Partner Organisation Development	April 2021 – March 2022	Work with relevant regional groups to deliver joint actions cross Local Government	ODHR are part of a Regional Well Being Group delivering actions from the ASK Strategy, i.e. One Billion Steps, Well Hub.
Continue to develop and embed the E-Learning platform for Council.	0	HR Business Partner Organisation Development	March 2022	Deliver 6 online courses	Complete: 10 modules delivered: GDPR, DSE, Fraud Awareness, Fire Awareness, Effective Remote Working, Mental Health Awareness, Time Management, Conflict Resolution, Managing Anxiety, Building Resilience and Lone Working.

	Strategic Objective						
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Link to Corporate Aims and Objectives:  • Improvement and Innovation							
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				Performance Indicators and targets	
Develop policies, in consultation with relevant parties for:	0	Head of OD HR  HR Business Partners	March 2022	<ul> <li>100% in draft format</li> <li>50% agreed with Unions and Council</li> </ul>	Managing the Use of Agency Workers - agreed and implemented. Training completed.  Agile Working — approved at Full Council. Training completed.  Family Friendly — with TU for consultation  Social Media - in draft  Dignity and Respect at Work — revised in draft  Additional Policies, drafted, approved and implemented: -Revised Code of Conduct for Employees, -Eye Test Policy, -Breastfeeding Policy, - Domestic Violence Policy

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Work stream: HR Equality Monitoring	0	HR Business Partner Systems & HR Officer Governance	May 2021 Sept 2021 January 2022	<ul> <li>Complete and submit annual return</li> <li>Complete and submit Local Government Auditors         Absenteeism Report</li> <li>Complete and submit Article 55</li> </ul>	Annual monitoring return complete and submitted by 01.05.2021 Local Government Auditors Absenteeism Report for 2020/2021 – completed  Work in progress on Article 55
Work stream: Procurement of Recruitment Agency Contract      Prepare tender documentation in consultation with Procurement support     Complete procurement and assessment     Award Contract  Work stream: Employee Relations Case Reviews     Case Management reviews	0	Head of OD HR  Head of ODHR  HR Business Partners /	Dec 2021  March 2022  June 2022	Procurement completed by December 2021 Contract start date 1 April 2022 Set up monthly reviews	Complete, contract awarded. Implementation 1 April 2022  Complete

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• Co	eam: HR Systems Upgrade complete implementation including training delivery relectronic time recording system in leisure cilities and outlying facilities.	0	HR Business Partner Systems &	Nov 2021 (Leisure Facilities)	100% implementation of systems for:	The implementation of the HR Systems Upgrade has been hindered due to the Harmonisation of

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		HR Assistant Projects	Feb 2022 (Outlying Facilities)	Time recording, Annual Leave, Toil, and Next of Kin	Terms and Conditions in Sport and Wellbeing. Shift patterns now agreed, and meeting set up with Leisure Management to commence process at Leisure Facilities – see below
Complete implementation of electronic TOIL recording for civic buildings	0	HR Assistant systems	June 2021		Work in progress
Complete implementation of electronic annual leave recording for leisure facilities and outlining facilities.	0	HR Business Partners, Officers HR Assistant Projects	Nov 2021 (Leisure Facilities)		Roe Valley Leisure Centre & Coleraine Leisure Centre- completed Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre - Work in progress
			Feb 2022 (Outlying Facilities)		Outlying Facilities to be considered in 2022/23.
Set up next of kin details on electronic time recording system.	0	HR Assistant Projects	Dec 2021		Work in progress
Upgrade PAMS to new version.9.6	0	HR Business Partner for Systems Development & HR Officer Governance	Aug 2021	100% implementation of PAMS system	More complex than originally anticipated. Waiting for Hallmark to provide specification to plan v9.6 – work in progress
Agree and transfer annual leave administration to Payroll Department	0	HR Business Partner Systems	June 2021		It has been agreed that additional resources are obtained and the function undertaken by OD/HR Department.

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				Agreed within the budget for 2022/2023.  Need to obtain resource to progress.
Research, review and analyse options for a Corporate Health Plan for Senior Leadership Team consideration	0	HR Assistant Projects	July 2021	Health Plan approved by SLT. Agreed within the budget for 2022/2023. Report to go to CP&R Committee for approval – work in progress
Open access of the Time and Recording System (ESS and TWC) to enable use of system from home	0	HR Business Partner Systems	April 2021	Open access granted in June 2021 and communication sent to all employees.
Set up parameters of Council's Absence Trigger Points on PAMS system to record automatically and alert OD/HR Team	0	HR Officer Governance	Aug 2021	Technical problems with system – Hallmark to resolve. Triggers being manually monitored.

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