

Aim (i) To ensure that the Council has appropriate resources, on an ongoing basis, to fund its statutory duties and appropriate discretionary services whilst continuing to keep Council Tax low.

Key Objective (i)(c) To explore appropriate opportunities to make savings and increase income through the shared delivery of services with other organisations, where such arrangements would provide improved and/or more cost effective outcomes.

Action	Lead Directorates	Target Date	Status	Progress
1) Liaise with the Communities Directorate on Housing related / led projects is constructive and productive to retain Building Control project work in-house	Governance	30-Apr-16	Achieved	(Q1 2016/17) - We continue to enjoy a constructive and responsive relationship between directorates and building income continues to exceed budget. (Q2 2016/17) – As above.
3) Estates colleagues to include use of the in-house building control service in their standard negotiations	Governance	30-Apr-16	Under Control	(Q1 2016/17) - The directorates continue to liaise to embed the inclusion of the in-house service in negotiations. (Q2 2016/17) – Progress has been made but we need to continue to embed this process.
6) Identify and undertake measures to raise the profile and successes of the in-house building control team.	Governance	30-Apr-16	Under Control	(Q1 2016/17) The Staples Road Junior School in Loughton was shortlisted for the Local Authority Building Control awards held in Cambridge and the team continues to promote partnership working resulting in healthy income levels. (Q2 2016/17) - We are continuing to train our own officers to ensure the quality of the service which we have to market.
7) Participate in the renegotiations of the contracts for the provision of on-line library services	Governance	31-Mar-17	Achieved	(Q1 2016/17) - As part of PLP the legal service continues to benefit from reduced online library services in a form of savings. (Q2 2016/17) – As above.

Aim (iii) To ensure that the Council adopts a modern approach to the delivery of its services and that they are efficient, effective and fit for purpose.

Key Objective (iii)(a) To have efficient arrangements in place to enable customers to easily contact the Council, in a variety of convenient ways, and in most cases have their service needs met effectively on first contact.

Action	Lead Directorates	Target Date	Status	Progress
2) Implement and/or produce an Implementation Plan for, the agreed proposals for improving customer contact.	Management Board	31-Mar-17	On Target	(Q1 2016/17) - The customer contact project team continues to make good progress. A Head of Customer Service is due to be appointed shortly. (Q2 2016/17) – Head of Customer Services has been appointed and is due to start on 2 November. Implementation plan produced and implementation continues. A portfolio Holder decision on purchase of CMS software has been taken and now being actioned to allow prototyping work to be undertaken through to March 2017. A draft specification for the reception work has been agreed with Facilities which now moves to initial design stage. A further period of monitoring of visitor patterns was undertaken in September. A Channel shift/process mapping day will take place in early November. New ICT analyst position now filled and started working on our online forms to transition them to the new CMS.

Key Objective (iii)(b) To utilise modern technology to enable Council officers and members to work more effectively, in order to provide enhanced services to customers and make Council services and information easier to access.

Action	Lead Directorates	Target Date	Status	Progress
1) Achieve significant progress in the scanning of paper and microfiche Development Control files	Governance	31-Mar-17	On Target	(Q1 2016/17) - The dedicated team continues to scan Planning files with a view to supporting flexible and remote working and reducing space requirements.

					(Q2 2016/17) – The team is up to speed and we continue to scan the files to support flexible working.
2) Scan Building Control paper and microfiche files to promote flexible working and reduce storage costs.	Governance	31-Mar-17		On Target	(Q1 2016/17) - The dedicated team continues to scan building control with a view to supporting flexible and remote working and reducing space requirements. (Q2 2016/17) – As above.
3) Undertake document scanning projects in Legal Services and Development management to support the Transformation Programme.	Governance	31-Mar-17		On Target	(Q1 2016/17) - We continue to scan legal documents and we are embarking on a program of creating electronic files for certain categories of legal work. Approximately 20% of the 2383 Council Deeds have been scanned and up-loaded onto the Council's mapping system. Additionally a spreadsheet has been developed to organise approximately 6000 miscellaneous documents in preparation for scanning. (Q2 2016/17) - We had a slight delay with the scanning as a result of a member of staff leaving and recruitment of a replacement. The new officer is in the progress of being trained.