Service:

Initiative Delivering "A Vision" Authority risk: Medium

Proposed Start date: December 2004 Proposed Finish date: April 2006

Actual Start date: Actual Finish date:

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	2 month interval in first year)	H/M/L	date	change to due date	Lead	Support	date	missed date details	date dd/mm		L/CD/CMB and date
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1.	Secure additional funding via ODPM capacity building fund	Н	April 2005		CEx	СРМ					
2.	Prepare draft bid for IDeA scrutiny	М	10 Jan 2005		CEx	СРМ					
3.	Finalise via IDeA	М	Mid Feb 2005		CEx	СРМ					
4.	Submit ODPM	М	Late Feb 2005		CEx	СРМ					
5.	Decision from ODPM	Н	April 2005		CEx	СРМ					
6.	Audit existing plans and strategies to identify key priorities	М	Mar- June 2005		СРМ	CPU					
7.	Audit national priorities	М	Mar- June 2005		СРМ	CPU					
8.	Prepare checklist from both audits	М	By June 2005		СРМ	CPU					
9.	Review of past consultation exercises to determine priorities identified/clarity around priorities	L	By June 2005		APRM	APRU					
10.	Comparison of policy priority checklist against consultation priorities identified	M	June/ July 2005		CPM	CPU					

Origination date:

Service:

Initiative Delivering "A Vision" Authority risk: Medium

Proposed Start date: December 2004 Proposed Finish date: April 2006

Actual Start date: Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer than 2 month interval in first year)	Risk H/M/L	Due date	Approved change to due date		Support	Completed date	Issues or missed date details	Issue date dd/mm	Agreed resolution	Agreed by L/CD/CMB and date
11.	Use ODPM monies to employ resource to organise Member Awayday and facilitate Member visioning event	Н	July 2005		External	CPM/APRI	М				
12.	Carry out consultation using Citizens Panel/other mechanisms as appropriate on outcomes of "visioning" event	Н	By Oct 2005		External	СРМ					
13.	Draw up draft vision following consultation	Н	By Nov 2005		External	СРМ					
14.	Feed draft vision into Member Budget Awayday	Н	Nov 2005		External	СРМ					
15.	Finalise Council's vision/ensure linkages into 5 year budget strategy	М	Jan 2006		CEx	CPM/HFS	3				
16.	Confirm vision as Corporate Strategy	М	Feb 2006		CEx	CPM/HFS	3				
17.	Publish Corporate Strategy	М	April 2006		CEx	CPM/HFS	3				

#### Management of high risk key actions only

No.	Means of reducing risk	Residual Risk		
1-5	Key risk relates to ODPM funding – minimise by dialogue and use of IDeA			
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Initiative Evaluation/Amend all Strategies Authority risk: L

Proposed Start date: April 2006 Proposed Finish date: April 2008

Actual Start date: Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer than 2 month interval in first year)	Risk H/M/L	Due date	Appro- chang due d	e to	Officer Support	Completed date	Issues or missed date details	Issue date dd/mm	Agreed resolution	Agreed by L/CD/CMB and date
18.	Corporate strategy agreed	М	Feb		CEx	CPM/HFS					
	co.po.aic chaicg) agreed		2006		<b>5 -</b> <i>N</i>						
19.	Local Plan/LDF review	М	From 2006		HPS	CPU					
20.	Housing Strategy Review	М	From 2006		HH&CC	CPU					
21.	Crime and Disorder	M	From 2006		СРМ	CPU					
22.	Reduction Strategy Review										
23.	IEG Strategy Update	М	From 2006		HAMS	CPU					
24.	Asset Management	М	From 2006		CD(LPA)	CPU					
25.	Strategy Update	M									
26.	Cultural Strategy Review	М	From 2006		LCM	CPU					
27.											
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Service:

Initiative Review Community Strategy Authority risk: M

Proposed Start date: April 2006 Proposed Finish date: April 2007

Actual Start date: Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer than	Risk	Due	Approved		Officer	Completed	Issues or	Issue	Agreed resolution	Agreed by
	2 month interval in first year)	H/M/L	date	change to due date	Lead	Support	date	missed date details	date dd/mm		L/CD/CMB and date
30.	Corporate Strategy agreed	М	Feb 2006		CEx	CPM/HFS					
31.	Systematic review of community against corporate strategy	М	April 2006 – July 2006		СРМ	LSP					
32.	Agree amended community strategy and action plan	М	July 2006		CPM	LSP					
33.	Publicise and consult on revised strategy/action plan	М	Sept/ Oct 2006		CPM	LSP					
34.	Publish new document	L	Mar/ April 2007		СРМ	LSP					
35.	Agree community strategy and action plan following consultation	L	By Mar 2007		СРМ	LSP					
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Service: Planning

Objective Prepare Rochford District Replacement Local Plan to Adoption Authority risk: High

Proposed Start date: January 2000 Proposed Finish date: Spring 2006

Actual Start date: January 2000 Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer than 2 month interval in first year)	Risk H/M/L	Due date	Approve d change to due date	<b>Offi</b> Lead	Support	Completed date	Issues or missed date details	Issue date dd/mm	Agreed resolution	Agreed by L/CD/CMB and date
	Note: this SAP commences midway through plan preparation after the completion of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Deposit										
42.	Public Inquiry	М	February 2005		SS	AM		Inquiry due to start on 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb			
43.	Receipt of Inspector's Report	Н	August to Sep 2005		SS	AM					
44.	Consideration of the report by Committee	М	Sep to Dec 2005		SS	AM					
45.	Publication of amendments/revisions	М	Jan to Mar 2006		SS	AM					
46.	Plan adopted	М	April 2006		SS	AM					
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#### Management of high risk key actions only

No.	Means of reducing risk	Residual Risk		
2	The subsequent timetable depends on the receipt date of the report.			

Origination date: 14/01/05 Last updated: 28/01/05

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Head of Service									
Corporate Director									

Origination date: 14/01/05 Last updated: 28/01/05

#### **SERVICE ACTION PLAN**

Service:

Initiative To have a "Fit for Purpose" Housing Strategy

Authority risk: M

Proposed Start date: 01.04.03 Proposed Finish date: 01.07.04

Actual Start date: 01.04.03 Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer than	Risk	Due	Approved	0	fficer	Completed	Issues or	Issue	Agreed resolution	Agreed by
	2 month interval in first year)	H/M/L	date	change to due date	Lead	Support	date	missed date details	date dd/mm		L/CD/CMB and date
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51.	Produce draft Strategy	М	01.09.03		AJC	GPW	01.09.03				
52.	Report to Committee	М	16.10.03		GPW	AJC	16.10.03				
53.	Submit to Go-East	М	31.10.03		AJC	GPW	31.10.03				
54.	Feedback from Go-East	М	30.11.03		AJC	GPW	18.10.03				
55.	Meet with Go-East to discuss	М	31.01.04		GPW	AJC	15.01.04				
56.	Revise draft strategy and consult partners	L	31.03.04		AJC	GPW	31.03.04				
57.	Revise following partners' comments	L	30.04.04		AJC	GPW	30.08.04	Extensive revision to follow best practice advice		Follow Go-East guidance on best practice	L - 30.04.04
58.	Report to Committee	М	01.07.04		GPW	AJC	30.09.04	Committee report delayed pending revision		Report to September committee	CD - 09.08.04
59.	Re-submit to Go-East	М	10.05.04	24.12.04	AJC	GPW	24.12.04	Delayed whilst awaiting completion of HRA Business Plan for joint submission to Go-East		Revised re-submission date 24.12.04 agreed with Go-East	CD - 09.08.04
60.	Go-East sign off	М	11.02.05		GPW	AJC					
61.	Publish on Website	L	28.02.05		FEH	AJC					
62.	Copies to Members and key partners	L	28.02.05		AJC	GPW					

Origination date: 01.04.03 Last updated: 24.12.04

#### **SERVICE ACTION PLAN**

## Management of high risk key actions only

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Service: R&HM

**Objective** To publish HRA Business Plan by April 2005

Authority risk: Medium

Proposed Start date: 01/12/04

Proposed Finish date: 28/02/05

Actual Start date:

Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer	Risk	Due	Approved		Officer	Completed	Issues or	Issue	Agreed resolution	Agreed by
	than 2 month interval in first year)	H/M/L	date	change to due date	Lead	Support	date	missed date details	date dd/mm		L/CD/CMB and date
63.	Prepare draft business	Н	24/12/04		JP	AC	24/12/04				
	plan										
64.	Submit draft plan to	Н	24/12/04		JP		24/12/04				
	ODPM										
65.	Any amendments to be	Н	18/02/05		JP	SJC	05/01/05				
	incorporated										
66.	Resubmit if necessary	Н	20/02/05		JP	SJC					
67.	Sign off by ODPM	Н	28/02/05								

#### Management of high risk key actions only

No.	Means of reducing risk	Residual Risk	
ALL	Ensure time allowed in case large no of amendments needed.		

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Head of Service							
Corporate Director							

Origination date: 1/11/04

Service: Administrative & Member Services

Initiative

#### **Enhancement of Member Training & Development Programme**

Authority risk: Medium

Proposed Start date: January 2005

Proposed Finish date: March 2007

Actual Start date:

Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer than 2	Risk	Due	Approved		Officer	Completed	Issues or	Issue	Agreed resolution	Agreed by
	month interval in first year)	H/M/L	date	change to due date	Lead	Support	date	missed date details	date dd/mm		L/CD/CMB and date
68.	Evaluate 2004/05 programme	L	31.3.05		SF	MM					
69.	Identify training needs	М	31.3.05		SF	MM					
70.	Investigate options for delivery of overview & scrutiny, leadership and chairmanship skills training	М	31.3.05		SF	MM					
71.	Review decisions of Standards Committee re IdeA leadership programme	L	31.3.05		SF	JB					
72.	Identify examples of best practice	М	31.3.05		SF	MM					
73.	Check any links to Overview & Scrutiny SAP	М	31.3.05		SF	RJH					
74.	Identify training providers	М	31.3.05		SF	MM					
75.	Report 2005/06 programme to Standards Committee	L	14.4.05		SF	MM					
76.	Implement 2005/06 programme	М	May 05		SF	MM					
77.	Evaluate each element of the programme as implemented	L	May 05		SF	MM					
78.	Mid-programme review to Standards Committee	L	Nov.05		SF	MM					
79.	Evaluate 2005/06 programme	L	31.3.06		SF	MM					
80.	Identify training needs	М	31.3.06		SF	MM					
81.	Identify training providers	М	31.3.06		SF	MM					
82.	Report 2006/07 programme to Standards Committee	L	April 06		SF	MM					
83.	Implement 2006/07 programme	М	May 06		SF	MM					

Origination date:

Service: Administrative & Member Services

Initiative

#### **Enhancement of Member Training & Development Programme**

Authority risk: Medium

Proposed Start date: January 2005

Proposed Finish date: March 2007

Actual Start date:

Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer than 2	Risk	Due	Approved	Officer		Completed	1000000	Issue	Agreed resolution	Agreed by
	month interval in first year)	H/M/L	date	change to due date	Lead	Support	date	missed date details	date dd/mm		L/CD/CMB and date
84.	Evaluate each element of the programme	L	May 06		SF	MM					
85.	Mid-programme review to Standards Committee	L	Nov 06		SF	MM					
86.	Complete 2006/07 programme	М	Mar 07		SF	MM					

#### Management of high risk key actions only

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Corporate Director							

Origination date:

Service: Law, Planning & Administration

Initiative To review the effective operation of Overview & Scrutiny Process (CPA Improvement

**Authority risk:** 

Plan)

Proposed Start date: 10.01.05 Proposed Finish date: 16.05.06

Actual Start date: 10.01.05 Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer than 2 month interval in first year)	Risk	Due	Approved		Officer	Completed	Issues or	Issue	Agreed resolution	Agreed by
	2 month interval in first year)	H/M/L	date	change to due date	Lead	Support	date	missed date details	date dd/mm		L/CD/CMB and date
87.	Review legislative requirements, guidance and Constitution		Jan/ Feb 2005		RJH	AJB					
88.	Prepare Scoping Form for approval by F&P O&S Committee		16 Feb 2005								
89.	Research evidence of best practice, particularly in relation to 4 <sup>th</sup> option authorities,		Feb/ March 2005								
90.	Consider arrangements in other authorities including visits as appropriate		March / July 2005								
91.	Benchmark current performance against best practice		Sept / Nov 2005								
92.	Evaluate options and undertake consultation with stakeholders		Jan / March 2006								
93.	Amend Constitution as necessary		April 2006								
94.	Introduce proposed changes		May 2006								
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Origination date: 3.12.04 Last updated: 12.01.05

#### Management of high risk key actions only

No.	Means of reducing risk	Residual Risk	

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RJH	John Honey Corporate Director (Law, Planning & Admin.)		
AJB	Albert Bugeja Head of Legal Services		

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	Signature	Date							
Head of Service									
Corporate Director									

Origination date: 3.12.04 Last updated: 12.01.05

Service: Planning

Initiative

Complete a review of the operation of the Planning Services Committee (Ref: Our Improvement Agenda)

Authority risk: Medium

Proposed Start date: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2005 Proposed Finish date: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2006

Actual Start date: Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer than	Risk	Due	Approved		Officer	Completed	Issues or	Issue	Agreed resolution	Agreed by
	2 month interval in first year)	H/M/L	date	change to due date	Lead	Support	date	missed date details	date dd/mm		L/CD/CMB and date
99.	Look at best practice elsewhere	М	31/7/05		SS	JAW					
100.	Undertake selective site visits to assess the operation of development control committees	M	31/7/05		SS						
101.	Benchmark performance of planning committee against best practice	М	30/11/05		SS	JAW					
102.	Consult stakeholders to seek views on possible options for change	М	30/11/05		SS						
103.	Review consultations responses	М	28/02/06		SS						
104.	Evaluate options	М	31/03/06		SS						
105.	Report to committee	М	31/05/06		SS						
106.	Implement agreed changes	М	1/06/06		SS						
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No.	Means of reducing risk	Residual Risk	

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Corporate Director							

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Initiative Succession Planning Authority risk: M

Proposed Start date: Nov 2004 Proposed Finish date: July 2005

Actual Start date: Actual Finish date:

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No.	Key Action (No longer than 2 month interval in first year)	Risk H/M/L	Due	change to		Officer	Completed date	Issues or	Issue date	Agreed resolution	Agreed by L/CD/CMB
	2 month interval in mist year)	II/IVI/L	date	due date	Lead	Support	uate	missed date details	dd/mm		and date
111.	Look at alternatives in Essex	М	By Feb		CEx	CMB					
112.	Look at Options developing nationally	М	By Feb		CEx	CMB					
113.	Evaluation of Options internally	М	Feb/Mar		CEx	CMB					
114.	Report to P&F Committee and then Council	М	April		CEx	CMB					
115.	Decision on way forward	М	April		CEx	CMB					
116.	Appropriate consultation with affected staff	Н	May/ June		CEx	CMB					
117.	Confirmation of decision and implementation	М	July 2005		CEx	CMB					
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#### Management of high risk key actions only

No.	Means of reducing risk	Residual Risk		
	Risk of redundancy/high level casualties plus escalating costs – factor into the option appraisal process		1	

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# **ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL**

# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2004-2009

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#### INTRODUCTION

The workforce development plan addresses the following five priority areas set out by Central Government that are critical to the improvement of local authorities and to improve the delivery of customer focused services:

- a) **Developing leadership capacity** among both officers and Members, including attracting effective leaders into government from outside the sector.
- b) **Developing the skills and capacity of the workforce** across the corporate centre of authorities, specific services, management and front line workforce.
- c) Developing the organisation to achieve excellence in people and performance management, partnership working and delivery of customer focused services.
- d) **Resourcing local government** ensuring that authorities can recruit, train and retain the staff they need and address equality and diversity issues.
- e) **Pay and Rewards** having pay and reward structures that attract, retain and develop a skilled and flexible workforce while achieving value for money in service delivery.

Rochford District Council's Workforce Development Plan meets the needs of the Pay and Workforce Strategy for Local Government. It is our vehicle to integrate these priorities into our forward planning and improve our ways of working. It is also our HR strategy for the future.

Delivering improvements and building capacity will only be realised if clear links are defined between our service plans and our people plans.

The plan will continue to develop as circumstances demand, as the national picture changes and the Council's priorities develop. It will be refined each year to become better integrated with the service planning process, the 5- year budget strategy and our workforce profile.

The following documents underpin proposed actions in the Workforce Development plan:

- Performance Plan
- Service plans
- Human resources strategy
- CPA Improvement plan
- □ 5 year budget plan
- Corporate equalities policy
- IEG statement
- □ Member development plan

#### **WORKFORCE PROFILE**

We need to improve our workforce information base. This is a priority for the organisation and a new HR/Payroll system is to be introduced between November 2004 and January 2005. This will enable us to access information more easily, thereby helping us to systematically collect and address workforce issues more effectively.

We do however have some useful information from performance indicators and other information we currently keep.

- The percentage of the workforce who have a disability is 3.71% compared to 11.26% of economically active disabled people in the local community.
- The percentage of the workforce from ethnic minority groups is 3.65% compared to 1.55% economically active ethnic minority population in the local community.
- The percentage of top 5% of earners that are women is 12%.
- The percentage of top 5% earners from the minority ethnic population is 0%
- The average number of working days lost due to sickness absence per employee, per year was 9.82 (in the year ending March 2004).
- Turnover for the year ending March 2004 was 14.84%. There we're two main reasons given for leaving during exit interviews career prospects and personal reasons. Job satisfaction was the third reason given.

#### **OUTCOMES TO DATE**

We have already made significant progress with the plan and some of the achievements to date are:

- □ A revised corporate induction process is now in place. Corporate induction takes place monthly or as required (including a presentation/ question and answer session with the Chief Executive).
- 57 staff have completed the European Computer Driving License qualification and 11 staff are currently doing so
- □ A fortnightly electronic staff newsletter has been introduced.
- Social events are organised regularly.
- A new sickness absence procedure has been rolled out and briefings have been carried out for managers
- □ A new recruitment portal has been set up with all other Essex authorities (partly funded by a bid to the ODPM) to promote careers in local government.

- An advertising campaign will take place in November and December to bring attention to the site.
- We have now outsourced our recruitment pages to jobs go public so that we have immediate access to an on-line application process and wider advertising of vacancies.
- □ The Revenues and Benefits department have undergone a restructure to enable it to better meet service demands
- □ A new staff suggestion scheme has been rolled out
- □ A staff sounding board is in operation to take forward staff views, both positive and negative with a feedback mechanism to CMB.
- □ Staff briefings have been held on Job Evaluation, Investors in People, Sickness procedures and Housing Option Appraisal.

# Strategic Workforce Development Plan

			Corporate Objectiv	/es				
Pay and	Quality Cost	Safer and More	Green and	Thriving	Improve Quality	Maintain and		
Workforce	Effective	Caring	Sustainable	Economy	of Life	Enhance Local		
Strategy Five	Services	Community	Environment			Heritage and		
Priority Areas						Culture		
Leadership □ ODPM Bid – Leadership programme to be used as part of succession planning								
Capacity	□ Members Delibers Delibers	evelopment to ensure	e effective political le	eadership				
Skills and	<ul><li>Systematic t</li></ul>	training needs analys	sis to ensure planne	d development an	d training to meet individ	ual, team and		
capacity of the	organisation							
Workforce		agement training for						
		aff to ensure all staff		of IT skills				
		aintain Investors in P						
		vork and process rev						
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Organisation					ental champions, regula	r briefings		
		icies to support work		ne day fortnight an	d homeworking			
		alification and skills						
		ccommodation include		the equality of wo	rk environments			
	□ Development of manager's guide							
		vision of information			of Staff Handbook			
Resourcing		M Funding for Enviro		cement				
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Government		and selection trainir		who interview				
		lacements at all leve						
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Pay and rewards			v in line with Nationa	al Pay negotiations	including implementing	and maintaining a		
	Job Evaluat	•	11.4					
	│ □ Developmer	nt of benefits packag	e and internal/exteri	nal promotion of it				

# Rochford District Council Workforce Development Plan 2004/2009

Outcome	Action	Link with:	Resources/Budget	Dates	Lead Officer	Progress
		Corp. Plan				
Develop Leadership Capacity						
Effective political leadership	Continue to develop and enhance our programme for Elected Members, by delivering a competency based programme especially around Overview and Scrutiny, decision making, chairmanship and leadership  Evaluate progress at the end of 2005/6 programme and amend accordingly for 2006-7	All corporate objectives	Elected Members training budget plus officer time  Additional costs required have been fed into this years budget process	2004-2009	HAMS	
Effective leadership and management	As a result of the IIP survey a people management course to be made mandatory for all managers  Leadership/management development to be researched  Costs and format to be agreed	All corporate objectives  All corporate objectives	To be resourced from central training budget reserves  Officer time  Costs of programme – from central training	Nov/Dec 2004 Feb 2005 April 2005	HRM/TDSO/All managers  HRM/TDSO  HRM/TDSO	
	Programme be rolled out.		budget  Officer time	May 2005	HRM/TDSO	

				onwards		
	Evaluation of Leadership/ management development programme. Changes to programme to reflect changing priorities and evaluation findings.		Officer time	April 2006 onwards	HRM/TDSO	
	Programmes to be refined as a result of evaluation and internal/external requirements. To run annually		Officer time	2006-2009		
Development of succession planning to ensure a future pool of talent for key	Service heads to identify potential individuals for key positions	All corporate objectives	Officer time	Nov 2004	HRM/TDSO	
positions in the Council	ODPM development programme to be used to provide a basis for their development plus internal and external courses plus other development activities		£1000 per place	Dec 2004	HRM/TDSO	
	Review and evaluation of programme		Officer time	Dec 2005	HRM/TDSO	
	Further development of potential senior managers ongoing using a variety of methods e.g. mentoring and coaching		Officer time	2006-2009	HRM/TDSO	
Developing the Skills and Capacity of the Workforce						

Investors in People accreditation gained and maintained	Staff survey to be sent out, analysed and results published	All corporate objectives	Officer time	Sept 2004	TDSO	Complete
and maintained	Managers to develop action plans if not done so already to ensure implementation by February		Officer time	Oct 2004	All managers	
	Corporate action plan to be fully implemented		Officer time	Jan 2005	HRM/TDSO	
	Assessment to take place		Officer time. Cost of assessment. Approximately £3500 (money already available in development and training budget)	February 2005	HRM/TDSO	
	Further action plan or maintenance/continuous improvement action plan to be developed		Officer time. Resources to implement action plan	April 2005	HRM/TDSO	
	Annual continuous improvement plan to be written and implemented		Officer time. Resources to implement action plans	2006-2009	HRM/TDSO	
Effective PDRs taking place with all staff	PDR process and paperwork to be reviewed	All corporate objectives	Officer time	Nov 2004	HRM/TDSO	
	PDR training to be provided to reviewers and reviewees		Officer time/Training fees	On-going 2004-2009	TDSO	
	Managers to carry out		Officer time	May/Octob	All managers	

	qualitative PDRs in line with timeframes for completion			er – On- going (2004- 2009)		
	Survey on quality of PDRs to be undertaken annually		Officer time	Oct 05 (05- 09)	TDSO	
Wide range of development opportunities used to meet development needs across the organisation e.g. mentoring, coaching, work shadowing	Mentoring scheme to be developed - making use of mentors at Essex County Council where necessary and developing a scheme in partnerships with authorities across Essex.	All corporate objectives	Officer time	1 Aug 2005	HRM	
, and the second	Training for mentors		Training costs plus officer time to arrange Officer time	As required	TDSO	
	Managers to be trained in coaching skills		Training costs plus officer time to arrange	May 05 onwards as part of MDP	HRM	
	Work shadowing policy/procedures to be written		Officer time	1 Mar 05	HRM	
	Secondment policy to be developed with Essex Personnel Officers		Officer time	1 March 05	HRM	
All staff have basic level of ICT skills	All staff whom require development in this area to undertake the European Computer Driving License qualification and advanced	All corporate objectives	Officer time £50 per person (subsidised by Learn Direct) Paid for from existing training	2004-2009	TDSO	57 people have completed the qualification to date. 11 staff currently

	European Computer Driving License where appropriate		budget			attending. Advanced course being investigated/planned
Corporate and service training needs are identified and planned for systematically	OMT discussion regarding impact of development and training provision on team and organisation and future corporate and service training needs identified	All corporate objectives	Officer time	1 Dec 2004 Annually 2004-2009	HRM/TDSO/ OMT	
	Audit of PDRs for individual training needs		Officer time	Nov/Dec 2004	TDSO	
	Training plan drawn up for consideration by OMT		Officer time	1 Feb 2004	TDSO	
	Training programme published		Officer time and printing costs	Mar 2004	TDSO	
	Annual training needs analysis and programme development		Officer time	2004-2009 On-going		
Developing the Organisation						
Good information about skills and qualifications of staff is available for workforce planning	Qualifications and skills audit carried out to obtain an up to date corporate record of our employee's qualifications and skills.	All corporate objectives	HR system will need to have been purchased plus officer time to carry out audit and input information	December 2005	HRM/TDSO	
Staff can ensure work-life balance as a result of flexible working arrangements –	Broaden scope of the Extended Working Hours scheme so that flexi time can be accrued to 6pm and 2 days can be carried forward.	All corporate objectives	Officer time. Extension of Vivista contract	Jan 2005	СМВ	
leading to improved			Officer time	Nov 2004	HRA/HRM	

recruitment and retention and service delivery	Develop a career break scheme to be considered by CMB as part of the 'Manager's Guide'  Home-working policy to be developed and implemented  Research into all types of flexible working e.g. term time working, annualised hours, hot desking/teleworking etc. Report and suggested policies to be put to Policy and Finance Committee.		Officer time Officer time	Dec 2005  Dec 2005	HRM HRM/HRA	
Good communication exists across the	Protocol/guidance notes for team meetings to be drafted		Officer time	Nov 2004	Communications Group	Team meeting protocol developed
organisation	and sent to all managers					
	Departmental champions nominated from each area to be the first point of contact for "who deals with that" type question. Personnel directory to be produced for each area giving list of duties and specialist knowledge. To be kept up to date by the champion		Officer time	Mar 2005	As above	
	Staff briefings – to be planned annually		Officer time. Venue costs. Working time lost. Covered by current budgets	April 2005	CMB/HRM	
Managers are clear about their	Development of manager's guide	All corporate objectives	Officer time	Dec 2004	HRM/HRA	

responsibilities and carry them out in accordance with						
Council policy and best practice						
Improvement and Equality in work environment	Review of offices, equipment and furniture as part of accommodation review including looking at whether a shower facility and area to keep bikes can be provided.	All corporate objectives	Officer time. Cost of new accommodation, equipment and furniture	March 2007	CMB/OMT	
Good HR information supports workforce planning	HR and payroll to purchase Selvern workforce database	All corporate objectives	Cost of IT system	Nov 2004	HRM/HFS	
	Information to be transferred from current excel files		Officer time	Feb 2005	HRSO	
	Workforce profile data to be presented to CMB/OMT		Officer time	May 2005 (Ongoing 2005-2009)	HRA	
	Workforce planning data to be fed into continuous development of Workforce Development Plan actions		Officer time	2005-2009	OMT/WDG	
Resourcing Local Government						
Career paths available to staff to aid recruitment and retention	Roll out career grades where appropriate.	All corporate objectives	Officer time	December 2005	HoS in conjunction with HRM/HRA	
Number of young people entering RDC has increased	Monitor jobs go public site over the year to see how many vacancies are filled as a result of the site. Review whether to	To provide quality cost effective services	Officer time	Oct 2005 (and each year until 2009)	HRM/ITM	

The Council has a	range the contract next year		I	I		
diverse workforce	renew the contract next year.					
that reflects the	Review use of recruitment				   HRM	
community it serves	portal – number of hits.				THAIVI	
Increased staff	Obtain ODPM match funding	All corporate	Officer time	November	HHH&CC	
retention especially in	for environmental health	objectives	Onicer time	2004		
areas of occupational	placement year	Objectives		2004		
shortages	placement year					
Silortages	Placement set up and managed		Officer time plus	June 2005-		
	3.1		match funding	June/Sept		
				2006		
Pay and Rewards						
There is a	Investigate cost efficient	All corporate	Officer time.	Jun 2005	HRM/HFS	
recognisable benefits	benefits e.g. health insurance,	objectives				
package for RDC	subsidised gym membership					
	with Holmes Place, childcare					
	vouchers					
	Promote benefits package					
	through Website and Jobs Go Public					
	Fublic					
	Report to Members on possible		Officer time	Sept 2005	   HRM/HFS	
	options			00012000		
	Promote benefits internally via		Officer time	Dec 2005	HRM	
	the intranet					
	Review benefits annually		Officer time	2006-2009	HRM/HFS	
A fair and equitable	Implement a job evaluation	All corporate	Costs of	Jan 2005 -	HRM	
pay system exists for	scheme as part of meeting the	objectives	implementation.	2007		
all staff	requirements to carry out a Pay		Report to Members			
	and Grading Review.		outlined estimated			
			costs of Whitley			
			Council scheme.			
			Costs of			

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	Wh	d maintain the hitley Council heme.	2005-2009	HRM/HRA	

#### Key to abbreviations:

CMB Corporate Management Board
OMT Operational Management Team
WDG Workforce Development Group

CD(LP&A) Corporate Director (Law, Planning and Administration)

HAMS Head of Administrative and Members Services

H&HM Head of Revenue and Housing Management

HFS Head of Financial Services

HHH&CC Head of Housing, Health and Community Care

HRM Human Resources Manager

ITCM IT Client Manager

TDSO Training and Development Support Officer

HRA Human Resources Advisor

HRSO Human Resources Support Officer
APRM Audit, Process and Review Manager

CPM Corporate Policy Manager

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Initiative Partnership Review Authority risk: M

Proposed Start date: March 2005 Proposed Finish date: Nov 2005

Actual Start date: Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer than 2 month interval in first year)	Risk H/M/L	Due	Approved change to		Officer	Completed date	Issues or	Issue date	Agreed resolution	Agreed by L/CD/CMB
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123.	Scoping document to O/S Committee	М	12 April		СРМ	HOS					
124.	Decide on priorities for Review	М	12 April		СРМ	HOS					
125.	Evaluation of Effectiveness	Н	April to Sept		СРМ	HOS					
126.	Conclusions drawn up	М	Nov 2005		СРМ	HOS					
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129.											
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#### Management of high risk key actions only

No	. Means of reducing risk	Residual Risk	
	Dependent on partner cooperation – minimise through explaining to partners what is happening/reasons for doing/fit in with their timeframes.		

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Service: Contracted Services

Initiative Essex Waste Procurement Project 2005 - 2007

Authority risk:

Proposed Start date: January 2005

Proposed Finish date: December 2007

Actual Start date: January 2005

Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer than	Risk	Due date	Approved	0	fficer	Completed	Issues or	Issue	Agreed resolution	Agreed by
	2 month interval in first year)	H/M/L		change to due date	Lead	Support	date	missed date details	date dd/mm		L/CD/CMB and date
135.	Agree County Strategy and gain Council approval to be part of joint procurement process.	М	Nov.04		JB		9.11.04			Env. Services 9.11.04	
136.	Reconstitution of Recycling Sub Committee to monitor and review issues related to the project.	L			JB	DB	14.12.04			Agreed by Env.0/S on 14.12.04 First meeting took place 17.1.05	
137.	Thames Gateway Joint Committee to be formally constituted.	L	May 05		JB / ECC	AJB				Env.Services 9.11.04 agreed for Rochford to be part of this joint committee.	
138.	Provide input into the creation of the business plan for the joint committee, liaising with ECC and their legal consultants.	L	March 05		JB / ECC	AJB					
139.	Attendance by Officers and Members at PFI training seminars.	L	March 05		JB						
140.	Input into submission of County Outline Business Case to DEFRA for application for PFI credits.	Н	March 05		JB	DB					
141.	Working with ECC to gather local technical information relevant to procurement / specifications.	L	Feb.05		JB / ECC	DB					

Origination date: 1 February 2005

Service: Contracted Services

Initiative Essex Waste Procurement Project 2005 - 2007

**Authority risk:** 

Proposed Start date: January 2005

Proposed Finish date: December 2007

Actual Start date: January 2005

Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer than	Risk	Due	Approved	0	fficer	Completed	Issues or	Issue	Agreed resolution	Agreed by
	2 month interval in first year)	H/M/L	date	change to due date	Lead	Support	date	missed date details	date dd/mm		L/CD/CMB and date
142.	Working with ECC to create local and Gateway Area specifications	L	May/ June 05		JB / ECC	DB/LF					
143.	Thames Gateway Area Waste Project Officer Steering Group (TGAWPOSG) to oversee and evaluate the stages detailed in key actions Nos.10 – 12 as part of selection of list of bidders process.	Н	Jan.06		JB / ECC						
144.	Construction of Expression of Interest (EOI).	Н	June 05		JB / ECC						
145.	Formulation of Pre Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ), assessment and recommendation of long list of bidders.	Н	Oct.05		JB / ECC						
146.	Construction of Invitation to Submit Outline Proposals (ISOP).	Н	Jan. 06		JB / ECC						
147.	TGAWPOSG to oversee and evaluate the stages detailed in key actions Nos.1419 as part of tender submission and evaluation stage.	Н	Aug.07		JB / ECC						

Origination date: 1 February 2005

Service: Contracted Services

Initiative Essex Waste Procurement Project 2005 - 2007 Authority risk:

Proposed Start date: January 2005 Proposed Finish date: December 2007

Actual Start date: January 2005 Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer than	Risk	Due	Approved	0	fficer	Completed	Issues or	Issue	Agreed resolution	Agreed by
	2 month interval in first year)	H/M/L	date	change to due date	Lead	Support	date	missed date details	date dd/mm		L/CD/CMB and date
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148.	Analysis of ISOP	H	Jan /		JB/						
	submissions and		Feb 06		ECC						
	recommendation of										
	shortlist of bidders.										
149.	Construction of Invitation to	H	Feb 06		JB /						
	Negotiate (ITN).				ECC						
150.	Analysis of ITN	Н	Nov 06		JB /						
	submissions and				ECC						
	recommendation of										
	preferred bidder(s).										
151.	Construction and Issue of	Н	Dec 06		JB /						
	Best and Final Offer				ECC						
	(BAFO) documentation.										
152.	Analysis of BAFO	Н	April 07		JB /						
	submissions and				ECC						
	recommendation of final										
	preferred bidder.										
153.	Final negotiations with	Н	Aug 07		JB /						
	preferred bidder.				ECC						

## Management of high risk key actions only

No.	Means of reducing risk	Residual Risk	
9 - 19	The entire procurement process will be overseen by the Thames Gateway Area Joint Committee which will consist of Members of each of the local authorities in that area (with the exception of Thurrock) and also Essex County Council. The Gateway Waste Officer Group will support this joint committee in terms of inputting and evaluating into the process as it proceeds through the various stages. There will be regular progress reports given to the appropriate Council committee seeking agreement to various recommendations, as and when they are required as part of the procurement process.		

Origination date: 1 February 2005

The key actions 1 and 2 refer to the key milestone "agree strategy and commitment to joint procurement process."	
The key actions 3 – 6 refer to the key milestone "participation in the establishment of joint committee to oversee	
procurement process."	
The key actions 7 and 8 refer to the key milestone "development of over-arching bidding framework."	
The key actions 9 – 12 refer to the key milestone "selection of list of bidders."	
The key actions 13 – 19 refer to the key milestone "tender submission and evaluation."	

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JB	Jeremy Bourne	ECC	Essex County Council
DB	Debora Byrne		
LF	Lisa Foster		
AJB	Albert Bugeja		

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	Signature	Date								
Head of Service										
Corporate Director										

Origination date: 1 February 2005 Last updated: Enter date if/when changes are made

Service: R&HM

**Objective** To chose option for the future of the housing stock and implement that decision by 2008

Authority risk: High

Proposed Start date: 06/04/04 Proposed Finish date: 30/04/08

Actual Start date: Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer	Risk	Due	Approved		Officer	Completed	Issues or	Issue	Agreed resolution	Agreed by
	than 2 month interval in first year)	H/M/L	date	change to due date	Lead	Support	date	missed date details	date dd/mm		L/CD/CMB and date
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154.	RHOAB to consider all options and make recommendation to Council	H	14/04/05		JP	SJC					
155.	Council take decision on way forward	Н	28/04/05		PW						
156.	Submit preferred option to Go-East for sign off	Н	30/04/05		JP	SJC					
157.	Obtain sign off by Go- East	Н	31/05/05		JP	SJC					
158.	Commence implementation of ALMO/LSVT if preferred option	H	30/06/05		JP	SJC					
159.	If ALMO option preferred set up the board and establish new housing organisation	H	30/04/06		JP	SJC					
160.	If LSVT select preferred Housing association partner	Н	31/05/06		JP	SJC					
161.	If LSVT conduct pre- ballot consultation	Н	31/05/06		JP	SJC					
162.	Ballot	Н	30/06/06		JP	SJC					
163.	Complete scheme	Н	30/04/08		JP	SJC					

## Management of high risk key actions only

Origination date: 1/11/04

No.	Means of reducing risk	Residual Risk	
ALL	Engage specialist consultants and ensure we work closely with them.		

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	Signature	Date						
Head of Service								
Corporate Director	Corporate Director							

Origination date: 1/11/04 Last updated: Enter date if/when changes are made

Service: R&HM

**Objective** 

To secure continuous improvement in the Housing Benefit Service. Working by 01/04/06

Authority risk: Medium

Proposed Start date: 10/01/05

Proposed Finish date: 31/12/05

Actual Start date:

Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer	Risk	Due	Approved		Officer	Completed	Issues or	Issue	Agreed resolution	Agreed by
	than 2 month interval in first year)	H/M/L	date	change to due date	Lead	Support	date	missed date details	date dd/mm		L/CD/CMB and date
164.	Review Current policies, procedures and amend where necessary	M	21/01/05		SL	VC					
165.	Review Improvement plans in accordance to amended performance standards	Н	01/04/05		SL	SH/VC					
166.	Report changes to Improvements plans to CMB.	M	01/05/05		SJC	SL					
167.	Report revised Improvements plans to meet all performance standards to members.	Н	15/06/05		SJC	SL					
168.	Obtain evidence of improvement to Customer Services ready for inspection	M	01/08/05		SL	VC					
169.	Obtain evidence of improvement to Processing of claims ready for inspection	Н	01/10/05		SL	SH					
170.	Interim report to CMB on progress of improvement	М	15/11/05		SJC	SL					
171.	Interim report to members on progress of improvement	M	20/01/06		VC	SL					

Origination date:

Service: R&HM

**Objective** 

To secure continuous improvement in the Housing Benefit Service.
Working by 01/04/06

Authority risk: Medium

Proposed Start date: 10/01/05

Proposed Finish date: 31/12/05

Actual Start date:

Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer than 2 month interval in first year)	Risk H/M/L	Due date	Approved change to due date	Lead	Officer Support	Completed date	Issues or missed date details	Issue date dd/mm	Agreed resolution	Agreed by L/CD/CMB and date
172.	Complete all strategic documents to ensure for future improvement are in place	M	25/01/06		SJC	SL					

## Management of high risk key actions only

No.	Means of reducing risk	Residual Risk	
1	Ensure all info obtained and report ready		
2	Ensure meeting arranged with appropriate attendees invited		
11-	Ensure report ready and listed as agenda item		
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16	Keep all relevant partied fully informed		

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	Signature	Date						
Head of Service								
Corporate Director								

Origination date:

Service: R&HM

**Objective** 

To build capacity and efficiencies around the HB service

Authority risk: Low

Proposed Start date: 10/12/04

Proposed Finish date: 04/06/05

Actual Start date:

Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer	Risk	Due	Approved	(	Officer	Completed	Issues or	Issue	Agreed resolution	Agreed by
	than 2 month interval in first year)	H/M/L	date	change to due date	Lead	Support	date	missed date details	date dd/mm		L/CD/CMB and date
173.	Draft Action Plan for consideration of various opportunities	L	10/12/04		SJC	SL	10/12/0 4				
174.	Investigate contractor for pilot scheme to cover incoming phone calls	L	12/12/04		SJC	SL	12/12/0 4				
175.	Present first costed proposal to CMB/OMT for initial reactions	L	29/12/04		SJC		29/12/0 4			OMT warmed to the proposal – asked to investigate full cover arrangements.	
176.	Extended hours and daytime cover of calls investigated	L	10/01/05		SL		10/01/05				
177.	Raise staff awareness of proposals	L	11/01/05		SL		11/01/0 5				
178.	Revise target for claims processing for Q4	М	11/01/05		SL		11/01/05				
179.	Organise Essex Revenue Officers meeting to discuss joint working and Gershon efficiencies	L	11/01/05		SJC	SL	11/01/05				
180.	Joint meeting with Essex LA Chief Execs and Liberata	Н	27/01/05		PW	SJC	27/01/05				
181.	Feed budget for facilitation/option appraisal into ODPM capacity bid (see CPA1 for details)	М	07/02/05		SL						

Origination date:

Service: R&HM

Objective To build capacity and efficiencies around the HB service

Authority risk: Low

Proposed Start date: 10/12/04

Proposed Finish date: 04/06/05

Actual Start date:

Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer	Risk	Due	Approved		Officer	Completed	Issues or	Issue	Agreed resolution	Agreed by
	than 2 month interval in first year)	H/M/L	date	change to due date	Lead	Support	date	missed date details	date dd/mm		L/CD/CMB and date
182.	Further decision of Essex Chief Execs around potential partnerships- decide on possible further pan Essex capacity bid via the regional Centre of Excellence	M	17/03/05		PW	SJC					
183.	Await decision on ODPM capacity bid	М	May 2005								
184.	Appoint consultants (see CPA main improvement plan for dates)	М			PW	SJC					
185.	Evaluate options/alternatives available for the Authority consultants (see CPA main improvement plan for dates)	М			PW	SJC					
186.	Implement Preferred option consultants (see CPA main improvement plan for dates)	М									

## Management of high risk key actions only

No.	Means of reducing risk	Residual Risk	
8	Ensure meeting arranged and all relevant parties are in attendance		

Origination date:

Service: R&HM

**Objective** 

To build capacity and efficiencies around the HB service

Authority risk: Low

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	Signature	Date							
Head of Service									
Corporate Director									

Service:

**Objective** 

To improve homelessness services to ensure 85% of applications received on or after 1<sup>st</sup> 0ctober 2004 are determined within 33 working days by 31 March 2005

**Authority risk**: M

Proposed Start date:22/10/04

Proposed Finish date: 31/12/04

Actual Start date:

Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer than 2 month interval in first year)	Risk H/M/L	Due date	Approve d change to due date	<b>Of</b> Lead	Support	Completed date	Issues or missed date details	Issue date dd/mm	Agreed resolution	Agreed by L/CD/CMB and date
187.	Carry out risk based determination of outstanding cases received before 1/10/04 (28)	Н	30/11/04	02/12	SJN	JCM	02/12/04	Determination had to be carried out in 2 stages. The first on 23/11/04		Revised date 02/12/04	L - 01/12/04
188.	Complete initial (external) training of Homelessness & Housing Advice Officer	Н	22/10/04		JCM	SJN	22/10/04				
189.	Carry out internal training of Homelessness & Housing Advice Officer	Н	30/10/04		SJN	JCM	28/10/04				
190.	Train Homelessness & Housing Advice Support Officer in completion of ODPM returns	Н	31/11/04		JCM		25/10/04				
191.	Appoint additional Homelessness & Housing Advice Officer	М	31/12/04		GPW	SJN					
192.	Appoint Service Development Officer	М	31/12/04		GPW	(HR)					
193.	Reinforce monitoring procedures for progressing case enquiries	М	30/10/04		SJN	JCM	28/10/04				
194. 195.											

Origination date: 2/11/04 Last updated: 03/12/12

Service:

**Objective** 

To improve homelessness services to ensure 85% of applications received on or after 1<sup>st</sup> 0ctober 2004 are determined within 33 working days by 31 March 2005

Authority risk: M

Proposed Start date:22/10/04

Proposed Finish date: 31/12/04

Actual Start date:

Actual Finish date:

No.	Key Action (No longer than 2 month interval in first year)	Risk H/M/L	Due date	Approve d change to due date	<b>Of</b> Lead	Support	Completed date	Issues or missed date details	Issue date dd/mm	Agreed resolution	Agreed by L/CD/CMB and date
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197.					·						
198.											

## Management of high risk key actions only

No.	Means of reducing risk	Residual Risk	
1	Arrange definite date(s) & venue to review case files and determine/decide way forward	M	
2	Training has been organised for 22/10/04	M	
3	Arrange definite date/venue for training	M	
4	Arrange definite date/venue to coincide with (3)	L	

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	Signature	Date							
Head of Service									
Corporate Director									

Origination date: 2/11/04 Last updated: 03/12/12