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2007/08 result	2007/08 top/bottom quartile entry points	2008/09 target	2008/09 half-year Apr-Sep	2008/09 result
88	No comparative data	100	88	88
8.7	No comparative data	7.0	7.7	8.0
37	No comparative data	36	36	36
6.4	No comparative data	6.4	6.0	6.0
21,096	No comparative data	24,110	13,133	23,584
4,668	No comparative data	4,971	2,195	4,535
97	No comparative data	100	97	98
91	No comparative data	100	98	96
Amended indicator		3.93	4.92	4.35

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100	90	92	+	N	No	No		
6.8	Half and year-end reporting	6.8	+	Y	Yes	No	The annual figure has been extrapolated from the six month actual which does not account for the potential for increased sickness during the autumn/winter months.	
36	40	40	-	N	Yes	Yes	Staff shortages/absences in some services meant that customers had to wait longer for their call to be answered. Strategies have been put in place to improve customer wait times.	
6.3	7.6	8.0	-	N	Yes	Yes	Customer wait times have a large affect on calls abandoned. The strategies now in place will improve customer wait times which will in turn lesson the abandoned call rate.	
23,600	5,707	12,165	c	-	Y	Not comparable	Not comparable	
4,550	924	1,878	c	-	N	Not comparable	Not comparable	Economic downturn / below profile
100	95	95	-	N	No	No		
100	96	96	-	N	No	No		
4.00	2.31	3.04	+	Y	Yes	Yes	Ongoing Contractor and Client teams' focus on this work area has significantly improved performance.	

Number/Description	Lead officer
Central Services	
LP101 Percentage of letters from the public answered with a full or substantive response within 10 working days.	Bruce Hill (co-ordinator)
LP102 Sickness absence monitoring - number of days per full time equivalent.	Charlie Steel (co-ordinator)
LP201 Average wait time (in seconds) of calls answered through our handling system.	Julie Beilby
LP202 Percentage of telephone calls to our handling system abandoned.	
Environmental Health Services	
LP307 Total tonnes of waste recycled.	Phil Beddoes
LP308 Tonnes of paper and cans recycled through the Green Box scheme.	
LP309 Percentage of high priority fly-tips collected within 24 hours.	
LP310 Percentage of low priority fly-tips collected within 72 hours.	
LP311 Number of household waste collections missed per week and not rectified within 24 hours, apart from collections missed for reasons outside our control, such as severe weather.	

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100	No comparative data	100	91	95
99	No comparative data	99	98	99
96.42	99.71 87.94	96.00	100.00	99.40
73.91	100.00 80.00	90.00	100.00	100.00

Amended indicator

50	No comparative data	83	43	68
92	No comparative data	100	100	100
259	No comparative data	325	134	340

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100	49	75	-	N	Yes	Yes	Long term sickness on officer responsible for this work. Work has been re-allocated to another member of the team and another officer is working additional hours to accommodate the backlog.
100	100	100	+	Y	No	No	
100.00	92.30	95.90	-	N	No	No	This refers to just 3 cases not investigated within target time, due to staff shortages over the summer
100.00	100.00	100.00	=	Y	No	No	
95	99	98	Not comparable	Y	Not comparable	No	
30	8	19	c -	Y	Not comparable	Not comparable	
100	100	100	=	Y	No	No	
350	99	187	c +	Y	Not comparable	Not comparable	

Number/Description	Lead officer
LP312 Extent to which we keep on schedule in measuring and reporting on levels of air, land and water pollution, as a percentage.	Jane Heeley
LP313 Percentage of complaints about environmental pollution and other requests for service responded to within 5 working days.	Jane Heeley
LP701 Percentage of new reports of abandoned vehicles investigated within 24 hours of notification.	Phil Beddoes
LP702 Percentage of abandoned vehicles removed within 24 hours from the point at which the authority is legally entitled to remove the vehicle.	Phil Beddoes
Housing Services	
LP401 Percentage of housing association vacancies filled from the Housing Register.	Janet Walton
LP402 Number of households that become homeowners through low cost home ownership initiatives.	Janet Walton
LP403 Percentage of homelessness applications where we make a decision and write to applicant within 33 working days.	Janet Walton
LP405 Number of homes improved/adapted in the private sector for elderly or disabled persons - TMBC assisted.	Janet Walton

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98.97	98.50 96.55	99.00	55.78	98.68
99.70	99.36 98.50	99.60	60.61	99.06
New in 2008/09		98.00	No data	No data
31.8	21.3 28.0	Not set	23.3	25.4
9.6	7.4 12.6	Not set	No data	No data

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98.90	28.27	55.50	c -	N	Not comparable	Not comparable	The recession is still impacting negatively on council tax collection for the first half of the year. However, collection in quarter 2 exceeded collection in quarter 1.
99.30	28.66	61.90	c +	Y	Not comparable	Not comparable	As predicted, the introduction of the rate deferral scheme does appear to have had an impact on collection, however, business rates collection continues to be more volatile than that of council tax.
98.00	89.50	89.50	Not comparable	N	Not comparable	No	The selection of claims is not entirely random. Any new starters (temps or otherwise) will initially be subject to a 100% check of their workload until any anomalies can be addressed. This will always bring down the rate of accuracy and was not considered when setting the target.
24.0	26.0	27.3	-	N	No	Yes	The section has experienced some staffing difficulties over this period. Two assessment posts have remained vacant for the majority of this time. The level of work has remained high with the number of people claiming housing and/or council tax benefit continuing to increase.
7.0	5.5	5.8	Not comparable	Y	Not comparable	Yes	A particularly good result in July has kept the Q2 result below target. The trend for the preceding months unfortunately displays a decline in performance due to the reasons above.

Number/Description	Lead officer
Financial Services	
LP502 Percentage of Council Tax collected by the authority in the year.	Glen Pritchard
LP503 Percentage of non-domestic rates collected by the authority in the year.	
LP504 Percentage of new and recalculated existing claims selected at random for checking, prior to notification, that are found to be completely accurate.	Andrew Rosevear
LP510 Average number of days to process all new Housing and Council Tax Benefit claims.	
LP511 Average number of days to process changes in claimants' circumstance.	

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29.6	26.7 39.5	29.0	18.2	18.8
85	No comparative data	85	85	85
95	No comparative data	98	98	97
2	No comparative data	3	3	3
2	No comparative data	2	2	2
2,104	No comparative data	2,100	1,046	1,960
20	No comparative data	25	22	19
453	No comparative data	500	386	349

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25.0	33.3	25.0	-	Y	Yes	No	Numbers of cases relatively low; one case can significantly affect performance rates (2 cases of 11, year to date). Overall performance remains strong and in top quartile.
85	85	85	=	Y	No	No	
98	95	96	-	N	No	No	
4	3	3	c =	N	Not comparable	Not comparable	Tonbridge Farm Sportsground Management Plan delayed until 2010/11 due to current focus on capital improvements on-site.
3	2	2	c =	N	Not comparable	Not comparable	After feedback from Green Flag Award (GFA) Judges, Leisure Services has been advised that 'sportsgrounds' do not fit into the GFA criteria. This LPI target will therefore need to be changed next year to reflect this.
2,100	445	926	c -	N	Not comparable	Not comparable	Whilst high levels of volunteer hours are being achieved (an average of over 5 hours a day) performance is marginally below target.
25	20	17	-	N	Yes	Yes	Recruitment drive progressed. Target will need to be revised in 10/11 to reflect a more realistic level of attendance
500	396	379	-	N	No	Yes	The Youth Forum has appointed 2 web masters to look at making existing website more user friendly. A meeting has been arranged with IT services to progress this.

Number/Description	Lead officer
Planning Services	
LP603 Percentage of appeals allowed against the authority's decision to refuse planning applications.	Lindsay Pearson
LP606 Percentage of building control applicants notified within 10 working days of defects/amendments required to their applications.	Mike Ingram
LP607 Percentage of building control applicants notified within 15 working days of defects/amendments required to their applications.	
Leisure Services	
LP815 Number of our principal public open spaces that have a management plan in accordance with the Green Flag Award criteria.	Darren Lanes
LP827 Number of our principal public open spaces that have been awarded the Green Flag Award.	
LP818 Number of conservation/volunteer hours carried out assisting on site maintenance.	
LP825 Average number of young people attending T&M Youth Forums.	Robert Styles
LP826 Average number of visits to T&M Youth website (home page) per month.	