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1 Safeguarding and PREVENT		Significant impact should a child, young person or adults at risk come to harm, including radicalisation and child sex exploitation, and TMBC are unable to	01/04/2017				The overall responsibility for safeguarding lies with the Chief Executive, rather than individual services.				Continue to refer Safeguarding concerns to appropriate agencies where necessary and also raise with partners at the weekly CSU meetings.	Safeguarding Policy	Chief Executive	\Leftrightarrow	Mar-2
		demonstrate appropriate processes are in place with adequate staff resource to ensure safeguarding procedures are consistently being followed.					The Council has undertaken the following actions to mitigate risk	5							
							Carried out audit review of procedures to identify and address weaknesses				Undertake actions from the latest Safeguarding Audits/ Self Assessments.				
							Provided training to all licenced Dual, Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers Provides a secure database for the				Recruitment of dedicated Safeguarding Officer				
	S, R			3	4	12	recording and sharing of safeguarding concerns.	3	4	12	Redullment of dedicated Safeguarding Officer				
	-,			-	-		Officer Study Group with safeguarding champions across services who are able to provide advise and support regarding safeguarding issues								
							Management Team have approved the recruitment of a dedicated safeguarding officer.								
							Training provided to staff								
Financial position/budget deficit		Financially unstable organisation. Failure to deliver a balanced budget, detrimental impact on quality of service, increased intervention and/or s114 notice.	01/04/2017				The Council provides an annual statement (as a minimum) on the following areas; Treasury Management and Investment Strategy.				Continued budget monitoring during year and actions put in place to address overspending areas, e.g. homelessness. IN addition, through budget 2025/26, consider increased budget pressures and how they will be met.	for all our residents, maintaining	Director of Finance and Transformation		Fe
		This includes Failure to maximise New Homes Bonus (for as long as it exists).					Robustness of estimates and adequacy of reserves (s25 statement) Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS)				It has always been anticipated that once a Fair Funding Review has been undertaken, the position will dramatically switch and expenditure will outstrip external funding. Therefore savings needs to be made in order to ensure that by the end of MTFS w				
		Assessment of the current economic implications of higher inflation and interest rates					Savings and Transformation Strategy (STS)				have a balanced budget again. Under new government, national priorities and actions need to be carefully tracked.				
		Failure to deliver identified savings / Additional income					Statement of Accounts containing Audit and Value for Money Opinion. 2023/24 accounts closed in accordance with statutory requirements, and a positive position noted.				Ensure that Business Rate income is maximised for benefit of TMBC prior to any Reset by any incoming Government (expected post 25/26)				
							Growth in business rate income above baseline is assisting overall financial position in current year 24/25.				Interim update of MTFS presented to Members in November 2024 showing sensivitiy analysis and a likely increase in funding gap which will need to be addressed over the next 3 to 4 years. Final update of MTFS (once LG Finance Settlement received) in Feb 2025.				
							The Council also considers it has the following				Ensure robust scrutinisation and response to any consultations in respect of LG finances, including				
	F, R			3	4	12	Effective Budgetary control and reporting procedures covering areas such as Leisure Trust Utility costs	3	3	9	Fair Funding and Extended Producer Responsibility				
							Effective monitoring covering Business Rates and Council Tax income including reporting to the Kent Pool. Regular reviews undertaken on the forecast of				Three key financial risks were highlighted to Members: namely Waste (including the proposed Extended Producer Responsibility scheme which has been delayed), Homelessness and Local Plan. All three have significant financial implications for				
							the Local Government Settlement.				the Council in different ways and need to be continually assessed and managed.				
							2023/24 outturn was positive, mainly due to continued high interest rates. This has enabled some additional funds for reserves serving important priorities, but cannot provide a long term solution.				MT and Cabinet continuing to work to consider the best way of delivering transformation which could also to assist with identification and delivery of efficiencies				
							Minimum level of General Revenue Reserve maintained at £3m. In addition, a Budget Stabilisation Reserve is held.				Carefully review any knock on implications from upper tier spending and funding decisions and where appropriate consider action to address this.				
							Update of MTFS presented to Members in November. Current financial position within MTFS shows balanced budget for final year. This is after allowing for assumptions made on long term resourcing issues covering Fair Funding, Business Rates reset and allows for increased contract costs on major council contracts.								
							Budget monitoring to date shows overall budget on track, although individual areas need careful review and attention				Continue to actively monitor in year budgets to enable swift action as needed				

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3	Performance Management	F,R,S	Without an effective performance management framework in place, the authority will not be able to monitor delivery, understand any required improvements or achieve value for money for our residents.	30/08/2023 (separated from Corporate Plan)	3	3	9	With the adoption of the new Corporate Strategy 2023-2027, the authority established new aligned KPIs to monitor progress, and provide detail on direction of travel, and targets. These have developed over the course of 18 months to include improved benchmarking and measures have also been undertaken to embed the culture of using performance management. An internal audit of performance management was undertaken in Nov 2023-Feb 2024, finding substantial assurance with very good prospects for improvement. KPIs are initially discussed at SMTs, before being presented to Management Team and Informal Cabinet and then shared with the Scrutiny Select Committees/O&S and Cabinet on a quarterly basis. Following a review of Performance Management, Cabinet approved new measures in October 2024 to streamline the reporting process, so that following consideration by Management Team, the KPIs are reported to O&S in their entirety and then on to Cabinet.	1	3	3	Following the internal audit and the report to Cabine in October 2024 setting out proposals for embedding performance management within the organisation, the streamlined reporting process will be implemented in Q3 and the move to the Annual Service Delivery Plan will be approved in February 2025 for 2025/26.	t One of the priorities in the new Corporate Strategy is "Efficient services for all our residents, maintaining an effective council"	CE/MT	1	Mar-25
4	Achievement of Savings and Transformation Strategy	F, R, S	Failure to meet objectives and/or make savings. Impact on quality of service, budget overspends, salami slicing, etc. staff motivation impacted and increased risk of fraud or error.	01/04/2017	4	4	16	STS reviewed and updated in line with review of MTFS. Regular reports to update MT and Members. The 24/25 Budget is balanced with contribution to General Revenue Reserve and significant contributions to Earmarked Reserves for Corporate priorities. s25 statement reported to Members in Feb 24 MTFS updated, as interim measure, in November 2024 and reported to Members. Will be updated again once settlement received., Taking all opportunities to maximise income receipts where appropriate Savings, new income and transformation contributions of £820k accrued to date (report to FRPSSC Sept 24 refers) but negated by growth of £96. However, this means overachievement of savings against the in year target of £305k.	3	3	9	The priorities and focus of the incoming government could have an impact on the financial picture for the Council, either adversely or positively at the time of updating we do not know the extent o how this will impact. Responses to any consultation will be important. Continued updating of MTFS model as new information emerges. Exercise to commence in Spring on identification and assessment of savings opportunities for initial review by Cabinet in Summer 2025		Chief Executive / Director of Finance and Transformation/ Management Team	*	Feb-25
5	Failure to agree Local Plan	F, R	Lack of sound-legal footing for Plan through- inadequacies in evidence base, legal advice or process, including duty to cooperate. Leading to widespread public concern, or rick of failure at Examination. External factors or widespread planning- reforms leading to delays to timetable, Reputational risks around not being able to agree a Local Plan. Impacts around not meeting the timeframe for submission of the Local Plan. Impacts on development management processes through protracted period with no up-to-date plan, likely speculative development. Infrastructure not delivered. Potential for central Government intervention.		4	4	16	Members are updated via email updates and reports to the Housing & Planning Scrutiny Select Committee Local Plan risk register in place to manage full range of individual risks Ensure that all other policy tools, including 5 year housing land supply evidence, is up to date The Council has decided to continue progressing the Local Plan under the current legislative and National Planning Policy Framework. It will be critical that the new plan is prepared in compliance with the regulatory framework and relies on a robust evidence base that meets the requirements of the NPPF so that the plan can be found to be sound at the examination stage.	3	3	9	Regular review of Government policy announcements that may impact on delivery, including housing standard methodology and WMS relating to Planning. Regular review of project plan to ensure plan can be delivered within current Government timeframes. Ongoing engagement with Counsel Ongoing engagement with Members including implementation of new engagement strategy Regular analysis of budget position and programme Maintain staff levels within Planning Policy team to ensure capacity to manage process Regular analysis of programme - within Policy team on a weekly basis, reporting to Head of Planning/DPHEH bi-weekly.	Local Plan which will ensure the provision of new homes in appropriate locations, focusing on tackling the need to deliver a range of housing for the whole community.	Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health		Feb-25

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Organisational development inc. staff recru retention/skills mix. Impact of loss of capar by recruitment difficulties upon delivery of o objectives. Increase in rate of inflation and	corporate		Lack of resources or the right skills to deliver required outcomes, loss of key professionals/senior officers due to pay constraints and pressures, reduced staff morale and quality of work, leading to financial loss,	01/04/2017				Review of staff resources and skills via service reviews.				Succession planning and staff development to be prioritised and reflected in an updated appraisal process by 1 April 2025.	HR Strategy Savings and Transformation Strategy	Director of Central Services and Deputy Chief Executive/ Chief Executive	\Leftrightarrow	Feb-25
pressure on level of pay award.			reputational damage and detrimental impact on staff wellbeing.					Organisational structure reviews are part of S&TS to achieve efficiency, coordinated service delivery and reflect changing legislative and policy requirements and priorities.				Engagement of agency staff, external consultants and specialists where required. Reviewed by MT on a monthly basis to ensure Value for Money.				
												Resilience and rationalisation of existing structures.				
								The Council implemented it's Market Supplement policy in October 2023.				Pay award for 2025/26 for all staff. GP Committee to consider proposals in January 2025.				
		F, R, S			3	4	12	At present all 'qualified' Planning Officer roles receive a market supplement. Vacant Planning Officer roles are advertised with a 'Golden Hello' payment.	3	4	12	Structural reviews approved by Members on an ongoing basis.				
								Specific workstream on Building Control due to Building Safety Act requirements for all surveyors to be recertified - looking at different certification routes and HR processes for staff.				Workforce Strategy approved by General Purposes Committee in June 2022. Revised version to be considered by General Purposes Committee in final quarter 2024/2025.				
7 Health and Safety			Significant reputational impact should a service user, officer, member or contractor come to harm and TMBC	01/04/2017				Lone working policy and service based practices to be continuously monitored.				Embedding and dissemination of good practice through staff briefings.	Staff wellbeing and customer care underpin the Council's	Director of Planning, Housing and	\Leftrightarrow	Ongoing
			are unable to demonstrate appropriate processes were in place.					Health and Safety considered by management at weekly SMT meetings.				Corporate Health and Safety Group (chaired by DPHEH) identifying cross organisational issues with feedback to Management Team and Health and	fundamental service and corporate objectives	Environmental Health		
								Staff involvement with Health & Safety Group				Safety Officer. All services have reviewed all their Health & Safety local Procedures in particular Lone working and service specific risk assessments.				
		F, R, S			3	4	12	Ongoing review undertaken to react to potential key risk areas.	2	3	6	Staff survey on H&W completed spring 2021, result reviewed and a future survey will be incorporated into general staff survey approach	S			
								Organisational learning and response to national events.				Corporate Health & Safety Policies and procedures are up to date and reviewed regularly which all staff can access.				
								Incident and near miss reporting.				Continuing focus on risk assessment process including reviews as a result of Coronavirus pandemic. Further staff wellbeing survey to focus or working at home and wellbeing.	1			
												working at notine and wellbeing.				
8 Cyber Security			Loss of data and legislative breach, leading to financial penalties and reputational impact.	01/04/2017				The Council has; Information Security Policy deployed via Policy Management System.				The Council has; Prioritised the resources (both financial and staff) to ensure relevant updates and security mitigations are carried out in a timely manner.		Director of Finance and Transformation		Feb-25
								Implemented network security measures including access controls.				Scheduled annual IT Health Check (ITHC), quarterly PCI scans, and monthly vulnerability scans, feeding into remediation plans. Investigating and resolving				
								Considered cyber insurance. Established an Information Governance Group.				detected security issues from previous ITHC. New ITHC completed August 2024, including the TMBC Microsoft 365 environment with remediation of				
								Appointed a Member Cyber Champion. Rolled out Cyber awareness training to all staff and Members via eLearning.				security improvements underway.				
								Deployed 'Next generation' Palo Alto firewall technology for improved visibility and control.				Regular email messages are sent out to all staff and Members on cyber security vigilance.	1			
								Deployed software solution to identify potential confidential data held on file servers. Implemented secure email in accordance with				Continuing to investigate emerging threats and cyber alerts, communicating with 3rd party suppliers to check compliance/obtain security updates and implementing mitigations as required to reduce				
								Mosc guidelines. Maintained dual level firewall security with the KPSN gateway being primary and the Council's				liniplementary imagacions as required to reduce likelihood of compromise. Training for IT staff on security aspects of Cloud environment is underway.				
								own firewalls secondary. Implemented Solarwinds Security Event Manager.				Investigating further improvements to DR capability with specific regard to recovery from cyber incidents				
								1 member of IT team obtained Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) qualification October 2020.				Ensuring new staff have been invited to undertake training cyber security training. Further training and audits will follow to ensure the Council is as aware and prepared as possible to respond to potential				

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C	Cyber Security. Continued							Implemented cloud backup and DR facilities to improve resilience; and embedded cyber security into DR and BCP processes.				cyber attacks.			
								Continued to monitor Cybersecurity alerts via LGA Cyber Security email; through membership of NLAWARP and CiSP; and attending information sharing events such as Kent Connects Information Security Group.				Procured NCSC approved cyber security training for staff and members, deployed during 2023, continued training throughout 2024.			
								Cloud based web and email filtering has been deployed to improve availability and resilience.				As at June 2024, All staff, with exception of new starters have completed Cyber Training, As of December 2024 28 Members have completed the			
					3	4	12	Completed firewall ruleset review following migration to Cloud to ensure our configuration is in line with best practice guidelines. Done Annually at ITHC	3	3	9	training, a further 10 have started but have yet to complete leaving 6 members yet to start.			
								Carried out phishing simulation exercises for awareness training for staff and members, to highlight areas of risk and to identify training needs. Subsequent online training sent out to all staff and members.				Phishing simulations are carried out on an ad-hoc basis, without prior notification, to check effectiveness of training, and as regular assurance of staff and member awareness.			
								Developed and deployed wallpaper/ lock screen to all TMBC laptops and PCs, with cyber security reminder to further reduce risk by increasing awareness.				Maintaining of industry standards, PCI DSS, Cyber Essential and Cyber Essential Plus annually to ensure that any changes in the IT environment still demonstrate that our technical controls are designed to defend against the most common cyber			
								Head of IT appointed Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO) from October 22. This role has responsibility for information and data risk and protection.				threats.			
								Obtained Cyber Essentials accreditation in May 2025, demonstrating that our technical controls are designed to defend against the most common cyber threats.				Enrolment and management of devices in Intune is now live. It has replaced SCCM for deployment of all line of business apps to PCs and laptops, and Microsoft Defender for Endpoint is being used to leverage additional security features including			
								NCSC approved cyber security training has been evaluated and made available via the Council's new LMS.				network blocking when malware is detected and enforcement of encryption on laptops and removable media.			
								Achieved 'Substantial' rating for Cyber Security at Internal Audit Report TM19-2023 & TM07-2023 - Cyber Security and ICT Infrastructure (Combined Report).				Test restore to sandbox environment carried out to validate our ability to recover successfully from a cyber incident. Areas for improvement identified, documentation of process underway and training for all technical support staff planned for Q4 2024/25.			
								An in-depth phishing training package, to highlight specific risks and increase staff awareness, was deployed to all staff and				Continued ongoing development training to ensure			
								followed up by phishing simulations to check effectiveness of training.				that knowledge is kept up to date. Investigating Microsoft Defender for Cloud to further enhance security of the Council's Azure laaS infrastructure.			
								PCI DSS accreditation achieved to demonstrate that standards have been met by the Council with compliance of the PCI DSS standards to help protect sensitive payment card information and help reduce the risk of data breaches and fraud.				Investigating preventative analysis, monitoring and remediation of suspected malicious network activity and NCSC approved cyber incident response retainer services to allow on hand cyber experts to assist with any Cyber Incident that may occur.			
								Obtained Cyber Essentials Plus accreditation in October 2024, demonstrating that our technical controls are designed to defend against the most common cyber threats which were independently checked and verified.				Investigating and working towards the new government framework Cloud Assessment Framework (CAF) to ensure critical systems are documented and robust.			
												Operation member of the IT team to be trained in the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) qualification to ensure there is a higher knowledge of security within the team - Training due to take place Jan 2025			

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9	Business Continuity and Emergency Planning (incl. Civil Contingencies)		Failure to provide statutory service or meet residents' needs resulting in additional costs, risk of harm and	updated January				The Council has in place;				Emergency planning documentation undergoing constant review and key aspects exercised .	Business continuity underpins the delivery of the Council's	Director of Street Scene, Leisure &	\Leftrightarrow	Mar-25
	Own Contangencies)		reputational impact. Impact/pressures on services and resources. Failure to ensure proper safeguards to					Business Continuity Plan.				Increase % of staff trained in roles identified in the	essential services and is a core of the authorities risk	Technical Services		
			prevent or to respond adequately to a significant disaster/event e.g. terrorist attack at a large scale					Corporate Business Continuity Risk Register				Emergency Plan Training organised by Kent Resilience Team .	management			
			public event , fire or flood					Emergency Plans				Business Continuity working group established to review and update existing Plan. Updated plan to be considered by Management Team and tested by a				
								Disaster Recovery Plans				training exercise. Duty Officer rota in place to support Duty Emergency Coordinators out of hours. All staff fully trained before commencing duties.				
								Inter-Authority Agreements				Out of Hours Manual reviewed and regularly updated.				
								Mutual Aid Agreement				DSSLTS sits on Kent Resilience Forum Strategic Board.				
								Partnership agreement with Kent Resilience Team.				Actions taken in response to the Covid 19 pandemic will be reviewed and lessons learnt for the future. Any approved changes will be reflected in the Corporate Business Continuity Plan. Business Continuity Group including all members of Management Team meets twice weekly to oversee				
		F, R, S			3	4	12		3	4	12	and coordinate response to pandemic.				
								Emergency Planning Support Officer.				Annual Emergency planning review to be reported to Management Team.				
								Duty Emergency Coordinator System and Duty Officer System introduced to provide greater resilience.				Exercising of plans must be undertaken regularly to ensure they are fit for purpose and to validate them.				
								Covid Secure rest centre plan has been developed				Recruitment into roles in the Emergency Plan is ongoing.				
												Enhanced staff training being developed to ensure rest centre staffing levels				
								Flood Risk Assessments along with Support from Parishes with Flood Wardens	1			Funding allocated in Council's Capital Plan to support works to Leigh Flood storage area which will be completed by 2025.				
								EA support for expansion of Leigh Storage Area and works to Medway River Wall				Possible partnership working with EA in improving flood resilience in Wouldham linked to the replacement of the river wall.				
10	Sustained or increasing levels of Housing need.		Increased demand on Housing and Revenues & Benefits services.	01/04/2017				TMBC run Welfare Reform Group with partner agencies invited. Knowledge sharing and issue identification.				Improved working with TA providers leading to more guarantees of available accommodation and developing a TA Procurement Strategy	Improving housing options for local people, whilst protecting our outdoor areas of importance	Director of Planning, Housing and		Feb-25
								Council has joined the ReferKent network				Improved working with main housing provider to	- use every power we can to support those who are most in	Director of Finance & Transformation		
			Significant cost of providing temporary accommodation									identify trends/specific cases across borough to jointly agree approach to preventing homelessness	need of housing support and at risk of becoming homeless			
			Inability to meet our legislative requirements - increased risk of decisions being challenged.									using housing provider mechanisms, DHP payments and homeless prevention funding where needed.				
								Working with owners to bring long term empty properties back into use. Ongoing work on Empty Homes is being supplemented by fixed term resource. Council in February 24 agreed empty homes premium and second homes premium.				Development of council owned/leased temporary accommodation portfolio - including delivery of the Local Authority Housing Fund £1.6m funding received.				
		F, R, S			4	3	12	EQIA assessment of key decisions included in all Board reports.	3	3	9	Continue to facilitate Welfare Reform group and widen participation from external partners so as to ensure best support for those affected by welfare reforms in T&M.				
								Signposting now to UC rather than HB for new working age claimants. Keeping track of welfare statistics				Work with Kent councils collaboratively to ensure grants and support targeted to those most in need				
								CTR Scheme approved for 24/25 .				Continued focus on homelessness prevention through staff training, team structure and delivery of homelessness action plan				
								Downsizing incentive policy agreed				Distribute latest Household Support Fund				
								Homelessness services externally reviewed and Member approved action plan being implemented								

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11	Political factors including stability of political leadership and decision making		Decisions required to achieve objectives including corporate strategy and savings and transformation may not be made and therefore required savings not achieved.	01/04/2017				Close liaison with Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet in developing the Savings & Transformation Strategy.				Member briefings and training sessions.	Underpins delivery of overall strategy and Savings and Transformation.	Chief Executive		Feb-25
		F, R			3	4	12	Clear and comprehensive reports to support Members in making appropriate decisions to support the S&TS.	3	3	9					
						,	.2	Regular Group Leader meetings in place and stability of leadership following election. Regular pattern of informal MT/Cabinet meetings to provide stability and cohesiveness	ŭ		, and the second					
1:	2 Implementation of Agile system		Service impacts from level of staff time required to configure the Agile product for use as operating system.	01/11/2022				Programme of liaison meetings with Agile in place including Project Board and catch ups with various levels of counterparts Employment of Business Change PM to manage project on behalf of TMBC and coordinate all				Further escalation of issues to IEG 4 CEO (Agile parent company)	Digital Strategy	Director of Planning, Housing and Environmental Health	\Leftrightarrow	Feb-25
			Significant level of concern from staff about implementation process results in a lack of confidence in implementation, which will adversely impact service					issues Regular informal briefings to Cabinet				Revised PLACIS implementation programme to be agreed				
		F, S	delivery and record keeping Post implementation issues result in inefficient service delivery		5	3	15	Internal meetings with staff, managed by Business Change Project Manager Risk and issue log	2	2	4	Weekly review of project plan and considerations of service impacts required to meet go live programme to be reported into MT and informal Cabinet on a regular basis				
								Post-implementation review of APAS implementation being carried out by internal Audit Agreement to deliver enhancement project in				APAS outstanding post go live issues programme to be agreed. Review of project governance and use of Project				
								24/25 financial year At least 2 stand ups per week between Business				Board for escalation of issues, to include review of Project Board attendees Completion of all modules for go live				
12	Carbon Neutral 2030 Aspiration		Significant reputational risk, particularly if other similar	01/09/2023				Change PM and SRO (DPHEH) Development of climate evidence (e.g. for the				New strategic planning, oversight and commitment	Climate Change Strategy 2020 -	Chief Executive		Feb-25
	Caldott Neutral 2000 Aspiration		councils have achieved similar goals or targets. Significant financial cost to purchasing offsets to meet carbon neutral. High cost of increased frequency and intensity of extreme events (floods, heat waves) that increase costs and disrupt service delivery.	01103/2023				Local Plan), partnerships (residents, community and other Councils) and pathway analysis to support move towards transformative and larger-scale emissions reductions				by Members, senior management and services to ambitious actions beyond 'business as usual'. Improved understanding of financial returns from climate mitigation measures that can be reinvested. Innovative thinking and delivery of services and mitigation options. Gap analysis report endorsed at Overview and Scrutiny Committee January 24	2030, Corporate Strategy 2023 - 2025	One Executive		165-23
		F, R, S			3	3	9	Increased contributions to Climate Change Reserve to Support match funding as well as capital projects.	3	2	6	Funding is dependant on successful applications and awards being achieved, otherwise Council Resources will be needed.				
								Grant Award received for Energy Efficiency measures for Sports Facilities. Total grant award of £1.6m will support installation of LEDs, solar PV and a heat pump at Larkfield Leisure Centre, reducing vulnerability to energy price variations and tackling a significant source of carbon emissions.				Successful delivery of decarbonisation projects using grant funding. Ensure all delivery, project and monitoring milestones set by funders are met.				

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	14 Contract/Contractor Procurement	F, R	Failure to appoint suitably experienced and qualified contractors leading to poor quality of service, reputational damage and increased costs to the Council.	01/02/2024	2	3	6	Compliance with Council's adopted Procurement Rules and Strategy. Consultation undertaken with Property and Legal Services to ensure appropriate Lease/License/Contract arrangements are in place. Procedure adopted and monitored for the engagement of contractors setting out and seeking minimal requirements including Risk Assessment and Public Liability. Establishment of cross-departmental working groups for key contracts and projects. Contracts awarded on an evaluation of 'most economically advantageous' and 'best value' and not solely on financial benefit. Directorate representatives on the Council's Procurement OSG. Use of Mid-Kent Procurement Partnership Use of specialist advisors on major contracts. Contracts to include break clause and/or extension periods based on performance. Use of contract frameworks where appropriate. Risk assessment approach to appointment of contractors.		3	3	Corporate Procurement Strategy adopted Procurement documentation being reviewed. Cabinet 2 April for procurement resources through Mid Kent Partnership agreed Corporate Training progressing for staff and Members Annual report to audit committee on procurement performance	Procurement Strategy. Compliance with legislation. Health and Safety.	Director of Street Scene, Leisure & Technical Services	1	May-25