

Report

Report to:	Employee Issues Forum
Date of Meeting:	30 August 2022
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources)

Subject:	Housing and Technical Resources – Workforce Monitoring – April to June 2022
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to: -

- ◆ provide employment information for April to June 2022 relating to Housing and Technical Resources

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Employee Issues Forum is asked to approve the following recommendation(s): -

(1) that the following employment information for April to June 2022 relating to Housing and Technical Resources be noted: -

- ◆ attendance statistics;
- ◆ occupational health;
- ◆ accident/incident statistics;
- ◆ discipline, grievance and Dignity at Work cases;
- ◆ analysis of leavers and exit interviews;
- ◆ staffing watch as at 12 March 2022

3. Background

3.1. As part of the Council's performance management arrangements, regular workforce monitoring reports are submitted to the Employee Issues Forum. This report for Housing and Technical Resources provides information on the position for April to June 2022.

4. Monitoring Statistics

4.1. Attendance Statistics (Appendix 1)

Information on absence statistics is analysed for the month of June 2022 for Housing and Technical Resources.

The Resource absence figure for June 2022 was 6.4%, which represents an increase of 0.4% when compared to the previous month and is 1.1% higher than the Council-wide figure. Compared to June 2021, the Resource absence figure has increased by 1.8%.

Based on the absence figures at June 2022 and annual trends, the projected annual average absence for the Resource for 2022/2023 is 6.8%, compared to a Council-wide average figure of 6.1%.

For the financial year 2022/2023, the projected average days lost per employee equates to 5.3 days, compared with the overall figure for the Council of 4.3 days per employee.

Managers follow the procedures outlined in the Maximising Attendance Policy to support employees to remain at work, or to return to work after a sickness absence. There are comprehensive employee supports in place and additionally, Personnel Services work in close partnership with line managers and Resource Management Teams on a case management basis to ensure that appropriate actions are taken.

The attendance information contained in this report includes absences as a result of Covid-19, and employees are being supported through this difficult time to maintain attendance levels where they can. As this report was being prepared, at 1st August 2022, the Council overall absence level was 4.46% with 0.78% of this relating to Covid-19 for sickness and special leave.

4.2. Occupational Health (Appendix 2)

In terms of referrals to occupational health, which include medical examinations and physiotherapy, 176 referrals were made this period, an increase of 29 when compared with the same period last year.

4.3. Accident/Incident Statistics (Appendix 2)

There were 8 accidents/incidents recorded within the Resource this period, a decrease of 3 when compared to the same period last year.

4.4. Discipline, Grievance and Dignity at Work (Appendix 2)

There were no disciplinary hearings held within the Resource this period, which is a decrease of 4 when compared with the same period last year. There were no grievances raised within the Resource this period, which remains unchanged when compared with the same period last year. There were no Dignity at Work complaints raised within the Resource this period, which remains unchanged when compared with the same period last year.

4.5. Analysis of Leavers (Appendix 2)

There were 9 leavers in the Resource this period who were eligible for an exit interview, which is an increase of 1 when compared with the same period last year. Exit interviews were held with 67% of employees, an increase of 54% when compared with the same period last year.

4.6. When processing an employee termination, managers were asked to identify whether they intended to replace the employee who had left the Council. If they indicated that they did not intend to replace the employee, they were asked to select from three options:

- ◆ plan to hold for savings
- ◆ fill on a fixed term basis pending savings
- ◆ transfer budget to another post
- ◆ end of fixed term contract

4.7. Appendix 2a provides a breakdown of vacant posts and whether these are being replaced or held for savings. In the period April to June 2022, 36 (27.62 FTE) employees in total left employment, managers indicated that 34 (25.62 FTE) were being filled and 2 (2.0 FTE) are being left vacant pending a savings or service review.

5. Staffing Watch

- 5.1. There has been an increase of 7 in the number of employees in post from 12 March 2022 to 11 December 2021.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. There are no implications for employees arising from the information presented in this report.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. All financial implications are accommodated within existing budgets.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 8.1. There are no Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications in terms of the information contained within this report.

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. There are no implications for sustainability or risk in terms of the information contained within this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.
- 10.2. There was no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable
- ◆ Ambitious, self aware and improving
- ◆ Excellent employer
- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Working with and respecting others

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Monitoring information provided by Finance and Corporate Resources

Contact for Further Information

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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Housing & Technical Resources

APT&C				Manual Workers				Resource Total				Council Wide			
	2020 / 2021	2021 / 2022	2022 / 2023		2020 / 2021	2021 / 2022	2022 / 2023		2020 / 2021	2021 / 2022	2022 / 2023		2020 / 2021	2021 / 2022	2022 / 2023
April	4.1	3.2	5.5	April	3.5	3.6	10.6	April	3.8	3.3	7.6	April	4.4	4.3	5.6
May	2.8	2.9	4.5	May	2.0	4.2	8.1	May	2.5	3.4	6.0	May	3.1	4.9	5.4
June	3.2	3.5	4.9	June	2.0	6.2	8.5	June	2.7	4.6	6.4	June	2.7	4.7	5.3
July	2.7	4.0		July	2.7	5.7		July	2.7	4.7		July	2.3	4.0	
August	2.5	4.9		August	3.4	7.9		August	2.8	6.2		August	3.1	4.7	
September	2.1	5.8		September	3.3	8.1		September	2.6	6.8		September	4.2	6.4	
October	2.9	5.2		October	3.9	9.0		October	3.3	6.8		October	4.8	6.3	
November	3.7	5.7		November	5.6	9.2		November	4.5	7.2		November	5.8	6.9	
December	3.3	4.6		December	4.8	9.5		December	3.9	6.7		December	5.6	6.9	
January	3.5	5.2		January	4.4	8.8		January	3.9	6.7		January	4.8	7.0	
February	3.2	6.4		February	4.7	8.5		February	3.8	7.3		February	4.8	6.6	
March	3.1	7.8		March	4.5	10.7		March	3.6	9.0		March	4.9	7.9	
Annual Average	3.1	4.9	5.4	Annual Average	3.7	7.6	8.7	Annual Average	3.3	6.1	6.8	Annual Average	4.2	5.9	6.1
Average Apr-Jun	3.4	3.2	5.0	Average Apr-Jun	2.5	4.7	9.1	Average Apr-Jun	3.0	3.8	6.7	Average Apr-Jun	3.4	4.6	5.4

No of Employees at 30 Jun 2022	872	No of Employees at 30 Jun 2022	578	No of Employees at 30 Jun 2022	1450	No of Employees at 30 Jun 2022	16186
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For the financial year 2022/23, the annual average days lost per employee equates to 5.3 days.

APPENDIX 2		
HOUSING AND TECHNICAL RESOURCES		
	Apr - Jun 2021	Apr - Jun 2022
MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS		
Number of Employees Attending	46	66
EMPLOYEE COUNSELLING SERVICE		
Total Number of Referrals	13	14
PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICE		
Total Number of Referrals	56	58
REFERRALS TO EMPLOYEE SUPPORT OFFICER	32	38
REFERRALS TO COGNITIVE BEHAVIOUR THERAPY	0	0
TOTAL	147	176
	Apr - Jun 2021	Apr - Jun 2022
CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS		
Specified Injuries*	0	0
Over 7 day absences	1	4
Over 3 day absences**	1	0
Minor	8	1
Near Miss	0	0
Violent Incident: Physical****	0	0
Violent Incident: Verbal*****	1	3
Total Accidents/Incidents	11	8
*A Specified Injury is any fracture (other than to the fingers, thumbs or toes), amputation, loss of sight, serious burns, crushing injury, scalping, loss of consciousness caused by asphyxiation/ head injury, a chemical or hot metal burn to the eye or penetrating injury as defined by the HSE.		
**Over 3 day / over 7day absence is an injury sustained outwith specified injury category that results in a period of absence of absence as defined by the HSE.		
***Near Miss - Any unexpected, unplanned occurrence (except Dangerous Occurrences) that does not lead to injury of persons, damage to property, plant or equipment but may have done so in different circumstance.		
****Physical violent incidents are included in the "Specified" figures, where applicable, to provide the "Total Specified" figures.		
*****Physical violent incidents and ***** Verbal Violent Incidents are included in the "Over 3-day or Over 7-day" figures, where applicable, to provide the "Total Over 3-day or Over 7-day" figures.		
*****Physical Violent Incidents and ***** Verbal Violent Incidents are included in the "Minor" figures, where applicable, to provide the "Total Minor" figures.		
	Apr - Jun 2021	Apr - Jun 2022
RECORD OF DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS		
Total Number of Hearings	4	0
Total Number of Appeals	0	0
Appeals Pending	0	0
Time Taken to Convene Hearing Apr - May 2022		
0-3 Weeks	4-6 Weeks	Over 6 Weeks
0	0	0
RECORD OF GRIEVANCE HEARINGS		
Number of Grievances	0	0
Number Resolved at Stage 1	0	0
Number Resolved at Stage 2	0	0
Number Resolved at Stage 3	0	0
Still in Progress	0	0
RECORD OF DIGNITY AT WORK		
Number of Incidents	0	0
Number Resolved at Informal Stage	0	0
Number Resolved at Formal Stage	0	0
Number of Appeals	0	0
Appeals in Process	0	0
Still in Process	0	0
ANALYSIS OF REASONS FOR LEAVING		
Number of Exit Interviews conducted	1	4
Total Number of Leavers Eligible for Exit Interview	8	9
Percentage of interviews conducted	13%	67%

Appendix 2a				
	April 2022 - June 2022		Cumulative total (Apr 22 - Mar 23)	
	FTE *	H/C **	FTE	H/C
Number of Leavers	27.62	36	27.62	36
Replace Employee	25.62	34	25.62	34
Leave vacant pening savings review	2.00	2	2.00	2
Plan to remove for savings	0.00	0	0.00	0
Filling on a Temp Basis	0.00	0	0.00	0
Plan to transfer budger to another post	0.00	0	0.00	0
End of fixed term post	0.00	0	0.00	0
* Full time equivalent				
** Head count/number of employees				

**JOINT STAFFING WATCH RETURN
HOUSING & TECHNICAL RESOURCES**

As at 12 March 2022

Total Number of Employees

MALE		FEMALE		TOTAL
F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	
831	23	314	128	1296

*Full - Time Equivalent No of Employees

Salary Bands

Director	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Fixed SCP	Teacher	TOTAL
1.00	209.82	628.46	356.31	33.20	9.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	1239.79

As at 11 December 2021

Total Number of Employees

MALE		FEMALE		TOTAL
F/T	P/T	F/T	P/T	
839	24	311	129	1303

*Full - Time Equivalent No of Employees

Salary Bands

Director	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Fixed SCP	Teacher	TOTAL
1.00	210.89	634.14	360.12	30.60	10.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	1248.75