

Report

Report to:	Community and Enterprise Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	12 November 2019
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Community and Enterprise Resources – Workforce Monitoring – July to September 2019
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide employment information for July to September 2019 relating to Community and Enterprise Resources

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

(1) that the following employment information for July to September 2019 relating to Community and Enterprise Resources be noted:-

- ◆ attendance statistics
- ◆ occupational health
- ◆ accident/incident statistics
- ◆ discipline, grievance and Dignity at Work cases
- ◆ analysis of leavers and exit interviews

3. Background

3.1. As part of the Council's performance management arrangements, regular workforce monitoring reports are submitted to Committee. This report for Community and Enterprise Resources provides information on the position for July to September 2019.

4. Monitoring Statistics

4.1. Attendance Statistics (Appendix 1)

Information on absence statistics is analysed for the month of September 2019 for Community and Enterprise Resources.

The Resource absence figure for September 2019 was 5.4%. This figure has increased by 0.5% when compared to last month and is 0.9% higher than the Council-wide figure. Compared to September 2018, the Resource absence figure has decreased by 0.8%.

Based on the absence figures at September 2019 and annual trends, the projected annual average absence for the Resource for 2019/2020 is 5.3%, compared to a Council-wide average figure of 4.5%.

For the financial year 2019/2020, the projected average days lost per employee equates to 12.2 days, compared with the overall figure for the Council of 9.7 days per employee.

4.2. Occupational Health (Appendix 2)

In terms of referrals to occupational health, which include medical examinations and physiotherapy, overall 344 referrals were made this period. This represents a decrease of 25 when compared with the same period last year.

4.3. Accident/Incident Statistics

There were 48 accidents/incidents recorded within the Resource this period, an increase of 23 when compared to the same period last year.

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

During the period, 23 disciplinary hearings were held within the Resource, a decrease of 1 when compared to last year. One appeal was heard by the Appeals Panel. Two grievance hearings were held within the Resource. This figure has increased by 1 when compared to the same period last year. Two Dignity at Work complaints were raised within the Resource. This figure has decreased by 1 when compared to the same period last year.

4.5. Analysis of Leavers (Appendix 2)

There were a total of 77 leavers in the Resource this period, 45 of these were eligible for an exit interview. This figure has increased by 4 when compared with the same period last year. Two exit interviews were conducted.

4.6. From September 2019, when processing employee terminations, 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

4.7. In September 2019, 32 employees in total left employment and managers indicated that 3 of these would be filled on a fixed term basis pending savings and the remaining 29 are being filled.

4.8. A reconciliation of existing workforce information at 10 October 2019 showed there were 99.33 FTE vacant posts in the Resource. Of these, 70.23 FTE were being filled through a recruitment process and the remaining 29.1 were being held pending savings discussions. It should be noted that some of the posts at recruitment may be currently covered on a fixed term basis pending recruitment.

5. Employee Implications

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

6. Financial Implications

6.1. All financial implications are accommodated within existing budgets.

7. Other Implications (including Environmental and Risk Issues)

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

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. 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.
- 8.2. 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

Previous References

- ◆ Community and Enterprise Resources – 3 September 2019

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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ABSENCE TRENDS - 2017/2018, 2018/2019 & 2019/2020
Community and Enterprise Resources

APT&C				Manual Workers				Resource Total				Council Wide			
	2017 / 2018	2018 / 2019	2019 / 2020		2017 / 2018	2018 / 2019	2019 / 2020		2017 / 2018	2018 / 2019	2019 / 2020		2017 / 2018	2018 / 2019	2019 / 2020
April	3.9	3.2	4.0	April	5.2	5.4	4.4	April	4.8	5.0	4.3	April	3.9	4.1	4.0
May	4.4	2.8	3.6	May	5.7	6.0	5.1	May	5.4	5.5	4.9	May	4.2	4.2	4.4
June	4.2	3.8	3.9	June	5.1	5.8	5.5	June	4.9	5.5	5.3	June	3.9	4.3	4.4
July	3.4	4.3	3.9	July	4.2	4.5	4.3	July	4.0	4.4	4.3	July	3.0	3.4	3.4
August	3.6	4.8	4.0	August	4.5	5.3	5.1	August	4.3	5.2	4.9	August	3.2	3.6	3.7
September	3.4	6.0	2.9	September	5.0	6.2	5.9	September	4.8	6.2	5.4	September	4.0	4.4	4.5
October	3.8	3.8		October	5.6	5.8		October	5.3	5.5		October	4.1	4.4	
November	4.5	4.8		November	6.2	6.2		November	5.9	6.0		November	4.8	5.1	
December	3.6	4.1		December	6.4	6.0		December	5.9	5.7		December	5.1	4.8	
January	3.0	3.4		January	6.3	6.1		January	5.7	5.6		January	5.0	4.9	
February	3.0	4.1		February	6.8	6.3		February	6.1	5.9		February	5.0	5.2	
March	3.4	4.8		March	6.1	5.6		March	5.6	5.5		March	4.7	4.9	
Annual Average	3.7	4.2	3.9	Annual Average	5.6	5.8	5.5	Annual Average	5.2	5.5	5.3	Annual Average	4.2	4.4	4.5
Average Apr-Sep	3.8	4.2	3.7	Average Apr-Sep	5.0	5.5	5.1	Average Apr-Sep	4.7	5.3	4.9	Average Apr-Sep	3.7	4.0	4.1

No of Employees at 30 September 2019	553	No of Employees at 30 September 2019	2876	No of Employees at 30 September 2019	3429	No of Employees at 30 September 2019	15781
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For the financial year 2019/20, the projected average days lost per employee equates to 12.2 days.

COMMUNITY AND ENTERPRISE RESOURCES

	Jul-Sep 2018	Jul-Sep 2019
MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS		
Number of Employees Attending	99	90
EMPLOYEE COUNSELLING SERVICE		
Total Number of Referrals	37	14
PHYSIOTHERAPY SERVICE		
Total Number of Referrals	133	157
REFERRALS TO EMPLOYEE SUPPORT OFFICER		
	88	80
REFERRALS TO COGNITIVE BEHAVIOUR THERAPY		
	12	3
TOTAL	369	344

CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS/INCIDENTS	Jul-Sep 2018	Jul-Sep 2019
Over 7 day absences	3	7
Over 3 day absences**	0	2
Minor	15	24
Near Miss	3	5
Violent Incident: Physical****	2	10
Violent Incident: Verbal*****	2	0
Total Accidents/Incidents	25	48

*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 7 day 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.

RECORD OF DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS	Jul-Sep 2018	Jul-Sep 2019
Total Number of Hearings	24	23
Total Number of Appeals	2	1

Time Taken to Convene Hearing Jul - Sep 2019

0-3 Weeks
18

4-6 Weeks
1

Over 6 Weeks
4

RECORD OF GRIEVANCE HEARINGS	Jul-Sep 2018	Jul-Sep 2019
Number of Grievances	1	2
Number Resolved at Stage 1	0	1
Number Resolved at Stage 2	1	1

RECORD OF DIGNITY AT WORK	Jul-Sep 2018	Jul-Sep 2019
Number of Incidents	3	2
Number Resolved at Formal Stage	3	0
Still in Process	0	2

ANALYSIS OF REASONS FOR LEAVING	Jul-Sep 2018	Jul-Sep 2019
Career Advancement	4	0
Travelling Difficulties	1	0
Childcare/caring responsibilities	2	0
Other	1	2
Number of Exit Interviews conducted	8	2

Total Number of Leavers Eligible for Exit Interview	41	45
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Percentage of interviews conducted	20%	4%
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