

Title of Report:	Prompt Payment Statistics
Committee Report Submitted To:	Finance Committee
Date of Meeting:	14 December 2023
For Decision or For Information	For information
To be discussed In Committee YES/NO	No

Linkage to Council Strategy (2021-25)							
Strategic Theme	Cohesive Leadership						
Outcome	Council has agreed policies and procedures and decision making is consistent with them.						
Lead Officer	Chief Finance Officer						

Budgetary Considerations					
Cost of Proposal					
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/ NO				
Capital/Revenue	Revenue				
Code					
Staffing Costs					

Legal Considerations	
Input of Legal Services Required	YES/NO
Legal Opinion Obtained	YES/NO

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.							
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/ No	Date:					
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes /No	Date:					
Rural Needs Assessment	Screening Completed	Yes/ No	Date:					
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Data Protection Impact	Screening Completed:	Yes /No	Date:					
Assessment (DPIA)	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/ No	Date:					

1.1 Background

Department for communities (DfC) requires Council to record and publish statistics regarding the payment of supplier invoices with specific reference to two distinct measures namely invoices paid within 10 working days and invoices paid within 30 calendar days.

1.2 Detail

These figures are published on a quarterly basis by DfC with Councils required to do likewise. The purpose of the statistics is to encourage Councils to support businesses especially those local and/or small businesses for whom cash flow is of vital importance to their continued survival. In addition, as part of Council's performance improvement plan for this year the payment of our suppliers has been identified as one of the performance improvement objectives with a target of 90% of suppliers being paid within 30 calendar days. The tables below detail Council's performance since April 2020 the latest data being for quarter 3 of 23/24 year, up to and including end of November 2023. The implementation of the new Finance system on 1 April has had a negative impact on these statistics however we can see they have begun to recover in quarters 2 and 3, that improvement continuing during November, and it is anticipated that this improvement will continue.

1.3 Improvement Actions

The statistics will continue to be reviewed over the coming months to ensure this decline continues to be reversed and performance should be improved to pre-implementation levels and better with the enhancements of the new system taking effect. During November 90.94% (October 88.83%) of invoices were paid within 30 days, the year-to-date figure now being 85.90%, a steady improvement from the 82.89% recorded in Q1.

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