

Title of Report:	Prompt Payment Statistics
Committee Report Submitted To:	Finance Committee
Date of Meeting:	11 April 2024
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:			
(RNA)	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/ No	Date:			
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 4 of 23/24 year, up to and including end of March 2024. 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 December, there was a slight drop in performance for January due to the Christmas holidays and some December invoices slipping into January, the situation continued to reverse in March and it is anticipated that this improvement will be sustained in coming periods with the last few weeks as we strive towards the 90% target for invoices being paid within 30 days.

1.3 Improvement Actions

The statistics will continue to be reviewed over the coming months to ensure these declines continues to be reversed and performance should be improved to preimplementation levels and better with the enhancements of the new system taking effect. During March 91.93% (February 91.88%) of invoices were paid within 30 days, the year-to-date figure now being 87.32% (February 86.86%), a steady improvement from the 82.89% recorded in Q1.

Prompt Payment Statistics 2020/2021						
	Q1		Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Total No of Invoices		3424				
Total amount paid	£	5,602,247	£ 10,310,263	£ 10,622,455	£ 17,216,296	£ 43,751,261
Number of invoices paid within 10 days		2414			1	14613
% of invoices paid within 10 days		70.50%				69.37%
Number of invoices paid within 30 days		2846	4951	5184	-	1836
% of invoices paid within 30 days	_	83.12%				87.179
Number of invoices paid outside 30 days		578			1	270
% of invoices paid outside 30 days		16.88%				12.839
No. of Disputed Invoices		10	-	-	-	25:
% of disputed invoices		0.29%				1.19%
Average Payment Days		15.52	13.85	16.26	17.06	15.74
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	Q1		Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Total No of Invoices		5830				25956
Total amount paid	£	12,255,753	£ 14,938,664	£ 11,824,362	£ 16,652,683	£ 55,671,462
Number of invoices paid within 10 days		4139	4113		1	17823
% of invoices paid within 10 days		70.99%	63.85%			68.67%
Number of invoices paid within 30 days		5447	5886		1	23839
% of invoices paid within 30 days	_	93.43%				91.84%
Number of invoices paid outside 30 days		383	556			2117
% of invoices paid outside 30 days		6.57%			10.26%	8.16%
No. of Disputed Invoices		32	26		-	134
% of disputed invoices		0.55%			1	0.52%
Average Payment Days		15.80	17.23	15.27	16.81	16.27
Prompt Payment Statistics 2022/2023						
	Q1		Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Total No of Invoices	Q1	6461	Q2 6090	Q3 6825		
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Total No of Invoices			6090 £ 17,078,164	6825 £ 12,851,511	6265 £ 35,804,964	2564: £ 82,949,097
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