



Prompt Payment Statistics	20/08/2019
Corporate, Policy and Resources Committee – For information	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Innovation and Transformation
Outcome	The Council will continuously examine and introduce ways to provide services in more accessible and efficient ways
Lead Officer	Chief Finance Officer
Cost: (If applicable)	Performance improvement target

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 2017 the latest data for the early part of quarter 1 of 2019/20 being up to and including early end of May 2019. Q1 performance has deteriorated from previous figures which is extremely disappointing.

1.3 Improvement Actions

Whilst the recent drop performance in comparison to previous periods is unwelcome council officers continue to seek improvements to overcome these difficulties and ultimately improve the performance. As previously reported there were a number of procedural issues impacting upon the performance, updated procedures have now been implemented which should see an improvement in the workflow of purchase orders and supplier invoices through Council systems. This is in parallel to the ongoing systems implementation referred to in previous reports.

Prompt Payment Statistics 2017/2018

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Total No of Invoices	5204	7475	6424	9383	28486
Total amount paid	£ 7,361,588	£ 11,484,968	£ 9,477,430	£ 15,933,863	£ 44,257,849
Number of invoices paid within 10 days	1332	2503	2765	5364	11964
% of invoices paid within 10 days	25.60%	33.48%	43.04%	57.17%	42.00%
Number of invoices paid within 30 days	3943	5845	5507	8135	23430
% of invoices paid within 30 days	75.77%	78.19%	85.73%	86.70%	82.25%
Number of invoices paid outside 30 days	1261	1630	917	1248	5056
% of invoices paid outside 30 days	24.23%	21.81%	14.27%	13.30%	17.75%
No. of Disputed Invoices	9	7	2	84	102
Average Payment Days	24.78	24.47	20.43	21.33	22.58

Prompt Payment Statistics 2018/2019

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Total No of Invoices	4785	8355	7245	9823	30208
Total amount paid	£ 6,610,672	£ 13,234,217	£ 11,722,216	£ 18,675,670	£ 50,242,775
Number of invoices paid within 10 days	2222	3629	3205	4406	13462
% of invoices paid within 10 days	46.44%	43.44%	44.24%	44.85%	44.56%
Number of invoices paid within 30 days	4330	6845	5992	7679	24846
% of invoices paid within 30 days	90.49%	81.93%	82.71%	78.17%	82.25%
Number of invoices paid outside 30 days	455	1510	1253	2144	5362
% of invoices paid outside 30 days	9.51%	18.07%	17.29%	21.83%	17.75%
No. of Disputed Invoices	2	14	22	88	126
Average Payment Days	19.24	23.45	31.17	23	24.49

Prompt Payment Statistics 2019/2020

	Q1	Q2*	Q3	Q4	Total
Total No of Invoices	5453	3430			8883
Total amount paid	£ 11,235,850				£ 11,235,850
Number of invoices paid within 10 days	1767	1236			3003
% of invoices paid within 10 days	32.40%	36.03%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	33.81%
Number of invoices paid within 30 days	4177	2731			6908
% of invoices paid within 30 days	76.60%	79.62%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	77.77%
Number of invoices paid outside 30 days	1276	699	0	0	1975
% of invoices paid outside 30 days	23.40%	20.38%	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	22.23%
No. of Disputed Invoices	36	25			61
Average Payment Days	23.52	22.66	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	23.19

* Incomplete period