

AREA PERFORMANCE REPORT – FQ4 2023/24

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All Areas

FQ4 2023/24 Overall Performance Summary

The information presented is a summary of the agreed measures.

Unless stated otherwise, performance is presented at both Area and Council-wide levels.

The measures show the performance against target for the current and previous three reporting periods with an explanation of performance trend.

The data table for each indicator is colour coded to identify the level of reporting:

- Area level measures are blue.
- Council level measures are grey.
- Corporate Outcome Indicators (COIs) are white.

Where appropriate a Trend Line has been added to illustrate movement in 'Actual' over the reporting period.

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Corporate Outcome No.1 – People live active, healthier and independent lives

COI – Maximise distribution of Scottish Welfare Fund

This indicator is a Corporate Outcome Indicator that is reported quarterly. The performance presented is Council-wide only.

Reporting Period	Target	Actual	Status
FQ4 2022/23	95.3%	144.0%	

Corporate Outcome No.1 – People live active, healthier and independent lives

COI – Percentage of clients satisfied that they are better able to deal with their financial problems following our support and intervention

This indicator is a Corporate Outcome Indicator that is reported quarterly. The performance presented is Council-wide only.



Corporate Outcome No.2 –

Corporate Outcome No.2 – People live in safer and stronger communities

Car parking income to date – Helensburgh and Lomond

Car Park Location	FQ3 Actual	FQ4 Actual
Craignure, Mull	£1,052	£607
Fionnphort, Mull	£9,808	£3,268
OLI (parking permits)	£0	£0
Total	£215,660	£89,187

Car parking income to date – Argyll and Bute

Performance is presented cumulatively for both Area and Council-wide levels.

Reporting Period	Target (Cumulative)	Actual (Cumulative)	Status
FQ4 2022/23	£993,968	£817,788	Red
FQ1 2023/24	£234,056	£253,705	Green
FQ2 2023/24	£584,204	£486,151	Red
FQ3 2023/24	£797,331	£807,348	Green
FQ4 2023/24	£968,262	£937,090	Red

This indicator for FQ4 shows the cumulative amount of income collected is lower than the cumulative target. There is no performance trend as this data is cumulative.

FQ4 Comment

Overall, there is a 3% deficit in relation to the target. The new IPS parking meters, alongside its associated back office system, will allow better analysis of parking trends. The next 12 months will provide a solid baseline for future trends.

Responsible person: Hugh O'Neill

Corporate Outcome No.3 – Children and young people have the best possible start

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Corporate Outcome No.4 – Education, skills and training maximises opportunities for all

Maximise the percentage of 16-19 years olds participating in education, training or employment – Helensburgh and Lomond

Reporting Period	Target	Actual	Status	Trend of 'Actual' over the period
FQ4 2022/23	94.00%	92.40%	Red	
FQ1 2023/24	94.00%	92.54%	Red	
FQ2 2023/24	94.00%	94.49%	Green	
FQ3 2023/24	94.00%	92.58%	Red	
FQ4 2023/24	94.00%	92.37%	Red	

This indicator for FQ4 is below target and performance has decreased since the last reporting period.

FQ4 Comment

As of 21st March 2024, the Participation figure (16-19 year-olds in employment, training or education) in Helensburgh and Lomond was 1017 young people, which equates to 92.37%. This is 1.63% below target and 3.23% below the annual Argyll and Bute Participation figure of 95.60%, which was released by Skills Development Scotland at the end of August 2023. The Participation figure of 92.37% for FQ4 of 2023/24 is a decrease of 0.21% on the Participation figure for FQ3. Responsible person: Jennifer Crocket

Maintain the percentage of 16-19 years olds in Argyll and Bute participating in education, training or employment services – Argyll and Bute

Reporting Period	Target	Actual	Status	Trend of 'Actual' over the period
FQ4 2022/23	94.00%	93.62%	Red	
FQ1 2023/24	94.00%	93.75%	Red	
FQ2 2023/24	94.00%	95.94%	Green	
FQ3 2023/24	94.00%	94.37%	Green	
FQ4 2023/24	94.00%	93.59%	Red	

This indicator for FQ4 is below target and performance has decreased since the last reporting period.

FQ4 Comment

As of 21st March 2024, the Participation figure (16-19 year-olds in employment, training or education) for the whole of Argyll and Bute was 3697 young people, which equates to 93.59%. This is 0.41% below target and 2.01% below the annual Argyll and Bute Participation figure of 95.60%, which was released by Skills Development Scotland at the end of August 2023. The Participation figure of 93.59% for FQ4 of 2023/24 is a decrease of 0.78% on the Participation figure for FQ3. Responsible person: Jennifer Crocket

Corporate Outcome No.5 – Our economy is diverse and thriving

Number of affordable social sector new builds completed per annum – Helensburgh and Lomond

Reporting Period	Target	Actual
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Corporate Outcome No.5 – Our economy is diverse and thriving

Percentage of pre-planning application enquiries processed within 20 working days – Helensburgh and Lomond

Reporting Period	Target	Actual	Status	Trend of 'Actual' over the period
FQ4 2022/23	75.0%	40.0%	Red	
FQ1 2023/24	75.0%	34.6%	Red	
FQ2 2023/24				

FQ4 Comment

Performance across the Development Management Service continues to be impacted as it works through a backlog of casework that has accumulated through the Covid pandemic and which has been exacerbated by extended periods of operating with reduced staffing levels due to issues with recruitment to vacant posts, and the introduction of National Planning Framework 4. Whilst vacancies across the service have now largely been filled the focus of officers remains geared toward the resolution of statutory casework with the handling of pre-application enquiries afforded lower priority in caseload management. To assist with the management of reduced customer expectations the target for responding to pre-app enquiries has been temporarily extended to 6 weeks. During FQ4 48 pre-apps were responded to within OLI. 93.8% were issued within 6 weeks. This excellent performance is indicative of the more settled position of the OLI DM team.

Responsible person: Peter Bain

Corporate Outcome No.5 – Our economy is diverse and thriving

Householder planning applications – average number of weeks to determine – Helensburgh and Lomond

Reporting Period	Target	Actual	Status	Trend of 'Actual' over the period
FQ4 2022/23	8.0 weeks	20.6 weeks	Red	
FQ1 2023/24	8.0 weeks	25.1 weeks	Red	
FQ2 2023/24	8.0 weeks	17.9 weeks	Red	
FQ3 2023/24	8.0 weeks	15.7 weeks	Red	
FQ4 2023/24	8.0 weeks	21.6 weeks	Red	

This indicator for FQ4 has not met the target and performance has decreased since the last reporting period (lower is best).

FQ4 Comment

This measure only relates to planning applications received for alterations to existing premises.

Performance across the Development Management Service continues to be impacted as it works through a backlog of casework that has accumulated through the Covid pandemic and which has been exacerbated by extended periods of operating with reduced staffing levels due to issues with recruitment to vacant posts, and the introduction of National Planning Framework 4. Improving resource availability has allowed the focus of the DM Service to shift from the prioritisation of the most significant applications to addressing the accrued backlog of older applications. The determination of a higher-than-normal volume of older cases has a significant impact on "average time taken" performance measures as a relatively small number of older cases can skew the outcome. It is also noted that these performance measures are based on "raw data" and as such have not been adjusted to take into account delays to determination out with the control of the planning authority. FQ4 has seen the determination of 2 'legacy' applications and continued high volume of newer case work. The determination of an increasing proportion of older casework items during FQ4 has impacted negatively on overall performance from FQ3. 72% of applications determined in FQ4 were less than 6 months old; these items were determined in an average time of 12.0 weeks.

Responsible person: Peter Bain

Householder planning applications – average number of weeks to determine – Argyll and Bute

Reporting Period	Target	Actual	Status	Trend of 'Actual' over the period
FQ4 2022/23	8.0 weeks	17.3 weeks	Red	
FQ1 2023/24	8.0 weeks	21.6 weeks	Red	
FQ2 2023/24	8.0 weeks	18.1 weeks	Red	
FQ3 2023/24	8.0 weeks	16.8 weeks	Red	
FQ4 2023/24	8.0 weeks	20.0 weeks	Red	

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Corporate Outcome No.5 – Our economy is diverse and thriving

COI – Number of new homeless applicants who required temporary accommodation this period

This indicator is a Corporate Outcome Indicator that is reported quarterly. The performance presented is Council-wide only.

Reporting Period	Target	Actual	Status	Trend of 'Actual' over the period
FQ4 2022/23	No target	30	No target	
FQ1 2023/24	No target	32	No target	

Corporate Outcome No.5 – Our economy is diverse and thriving

COI – Maintain the percentage of local suppliers that benefit from the awards of contracts via the procurement portal

This indicator is a Corporate Outcome Indicator that is reported quarterly. The performance presented is Council-wide only.

Reporting Period	Target	Actual	Status	Trend of 'Actual' over the period
FQ4 2022/23	20.0%	22.5%	Green	
FQ1 2023/24	20.0%	10.8%	Red	
FQ2 2023/24	20.0%	26.5%	Green	
FQ3 2023/24	20.0%	27.8%	Green	
FQ4 2023/24	20.0%	14.3%	Red	

This indicator for FQ4 is below and performance has decreased since the last reporting period.

FQ4 Comment

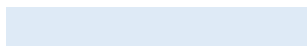
From the 63 contracts awarded during FQ4, 19 contracts received local bids. The nature of the types of contracts awarded can impact on submission of local bidders. Of the 19 contracts, 9 were awarded to local suppliers (47.4%) with an estimated total contract value of £2.5m. The Procurement, Commercial and Contract Management Team will continue to support local suppliers by providing useful information on the Council's website.

Responsible person: Anne MacColl-Smith

Corporate Outcome No.5 – Our economy is diverse and thriving

COI – Increase the number of community benefits that are delivered through contracts we award locally

This indicator is a Corporate Outcome Indicator that is reported quarterly. The performance presented is Council-wide only.



Corporate Outcome No.6 – We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth

Street lighting – percentage of faults repaired within 10 days – Helensburgh and Lomond

Reporting Period	Target	Actual	Status	Trend of 'Actual' over the period
FQ4 2022/23	75%	24%	Red	
FQ1 2023/24	75%	39%	Red	
FQ2 2023/24	75%	29%	Red	
FQ3 2023/24	75%	46%	Red	
FQ4 2023/24	75%	37%	Red	

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Corporate Outcome No.6 – We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth

Total number of complaints regarding waste collection – Helensburgh and Lomond

Reporting Period	Target	Actual	
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Corporate Outcome No.6 – We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth

COI – Percentage of waste recycled, composted and recovered

Performance is presented by Council-wide service provision.

Reporting Period	Target	Actual	Status	Trend of 'Actual' over the period
FQ4 2022/23	45.0%	52.0%	Green	
FQ1 2023/24	45.0%	47.6%	Green	
FQ2 2023/24	45.0%	59.8%	Green	
FQ3 2023/24	45.0%	49.0%	Green	
FQ4 2023/24	45.0%	74.0%	Green	

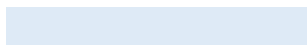
This indicator for FQ4 is above target and performance has increased since the last reporting period.

FQ4 Comment

74% recycling,

Renewi (formerly Shanks) – Percentage of waste recycled, composted and recovered

Performance is presented by Council-wide service provision.



FQ4 Comment

41.5% recycling, composting and recovery. Higher than normal mainly due to over 100 tonnes of wood being sent for recycling during the quarter from the Gartbreck (Islay) waste and recycling site. F/Year to date figures overall are 37.6% recycling, composting and recovery (37.6% recycling/composting and 0% recovery).

Responsible person: John Blake

H&L –

Corporate Outcome No.6 – We have infrastructure that supports sustainable growth

LEAMS (Local Environment Audit and Management System) – Helensburgh and Lomond

(Monthly data combined to show quarterly average)

Reporting Period	Target	Actual	Status	Trend of 'Actual' over the period
FQ4 2022/23	73	88	Green	
FQ1 2023/24	73	89	Green	
FQ2 2023/24	73	87	Green	
FQ3 2023/24	73	89	Green	
FQ4 2023/24	73	89	Green	

This indicator for FQ4 is above target with no change in performance since the last reporting period.

FQ4 Comment

Helensburgh and Lomond have well exceeded the target for this quarter, this shows a very high level of street cleanliness.

Responsible person: Tom Murphy

LEAMS (Local Environment Audit and Management System) – Argyll and Bute

(Monthly data combined to show quarterly average)

Reporting Period	Target	Actual	Status	Trend of 'Actual' over the period
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