

Appendix II Workforce Plan 2016-2020 Progress January 2017

Key Theme	Need / Driver	Outcome	Action	Responsibility	Update / Timescale
Organisational culture and change	Increased partnership work.	Flexibility in workforce movement.	Secondments arranged into and out of partner sector	HR Manager	Ongoing – recent examples include Head of HR to Tower Hamlets, Head of ICT to Medway.
	Maintain and develop the organisation culture to be consistent with the values and priorities	Increased levels of employee engagement	Employee engagement survey Team talks/briefs; One Council meetings; Service planning and appraisal	Wider Leadership Team (WLT)	Ongoing liP engagement survey Dec 2016 – results awaited One Council briefing in July 16 and Jan 2017 Embedded regular Staff Forum and Managers’ briefings
			Minimise work related stress amongst the workforce	Programmes – recognising and managing stress (for managers)	L&D Manager
	Training for staff and managers to recognise and manage stress and reduce the organisational causes of stress	L&D Manager		Resilience training commenced October 2016	
	Increased income generation including through regeneration and commercialisation	Organisation structure designed to meet key priorities	Senior management restructure and development programme Strengthen project and programme management capacity and skills Learning from our first Commercialisation Strategy to review and update our approach	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) and WLT	Development Programme commenced July 2016, ongoing through 2017 Refreshed Commercialisation Strategy adopted by P&R and minor organisational change to create a capital project delivery team
	Senior Leadership is visible	Employees feel that senior leaders are approachable, listen and live the values	One Council briefings, back to the floor and attending local team meetings	Policy, Wider Leadership Team (WLT)	High recognition of approachability of senior managers evident from 360 degree feedback One Council briefing in July 16 and Jan 2017 Christmas “desk dressing” competition – CEx and Leader of

					the Council or Mayor spoke to every team Well-Being trolley event – February 2017
			Staff Forum representatives to attend CLT once a month	CLT	Not yet commenced
			WLT tea trolley, birthday and Long Service award tea and cake	WLT	Ongoing
	Employees are engaged with organisation purpose	Employees know where they fit in to the organisation and how they help deliver priorities	Team talks delivered by line managers	WLT Line managers	Ongoing
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Resourcing	The organisation is fully resourced with the right skills to deliver council priorities	Streamlined processes for greater efficiency	Electronic authorisation process and appropriate delegations	Head of HR (HHR) Web Team	Form design completed, launched in January 2017 and now in use
		Council is presented in the best light to attract good candidates	Council micro-site with attractive information for candidates	HR Manager	Used for senior management appointments
		Competitive employment package to attract and retain good people	Appropriate use of market supplements in skill shortage areas	HR Manager	Ongoing and has improved recruitment in hard to fill areas (Planning and Building Control)
		Maximise effectiveness of the full team to deliver council priorities	Line managers are trained and address performance and absence issues	Line managers	Absence management training delivered, absence monitored by Wider Leadership Team
	A representative and balanced workforce	Increase the % of employees under the age of 25	Apprenticeship programme	HHR	4 apprentices recruited end 2016
Resourcing Development	The organisation is fully resourced with the right skills to deliver Council priorities	No skill / knowledge gaps because of retirements or turnover	Succession planning and multi-skilling to ensure business continuity	WLT	Ongoing
		Organisational effectiveness increased, workloads reduced	Managers trained to use 'lean processing' approach to streamline work	L&D Manager WLT	Six sigma training organised Jan 2017
			Embedding of the Developing Everyone Framework	L&D, WLT	Following Appraisal, we were able to pull all the Developing Everyone results together to understand the profile of the workforce against the

					Framework. We now have an identified group in Ready for Next Role who should be the group referred for talent development, succession planning, project opportunities, etc.
Development	Develop consistency of approach by leaders and managers	Managers and leaders know what is expected of them as a 'Maidstone Manager'	Management development; 360°feedback.	L&D Manager and WLT	Team talk rolled out on 'the Maidstone Manager'
	The organisation is fully resourced with the right skills to deliver council priorities	Blended approach to learning All employees engaged in personal development	All employees have development plan; training plan in place to address future skill gaps	L&D Manager Line managers	Reinforced through the introduction of the 'Developing Everyone' appraisal process
			Development of new eLearning package with tailored programmes	L&D Manager	Ongoing
	A flexible workforce	Internal recruitment and selection enables horizontal movement to develop careers and give employment stability	Streamline processes for internal re-deployment. Training and support for new responsibilities and ways of working eg arising from service reviews and business transformation	HHR	Ongoing
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Development	A flexible workforce	Develop a range of skills	Secondments encouraged	HHR	Ongoing – see above
			Work shadowing process developed to facilitate people spending time in other areas	HHR	Not yet developed other than on an informal basis
	A safe workforce	A strong health and safety culture with minimal accident levels.	Deliver the Health and Safety action plan	Health and Safety Officer Line managers	Completed and a revised Health & Safety Strategy agreed by P&R with updated plan. Health & Safety award from KCC.

Rewards	Retain competitive position as an employer	Reinforce benefits package so that employees feel they are fairly rewarded.	Update and re-issue employee handbook	HR Manager	Completed
			Health and wellbeing initiatives developed	HR Manager Community Development	Ongoing, Well-being week arranged for February with activities also organised throughout the year.
			Total benefits statement developed	HHR	Draft in development phase
			Annual Pension briefings organised	HR Manager	Completed for 2016
		Employees feel they are fairly rewarded	Market review of pay scale	HHR	Completed
		Staff feel valued for their contribution	Awards ceremony continued and strengthened	HHR	Took place 18 Jan 2017
			Mechanisms developed to increase the ways for recognising staff	HHR	Ongoing Revised recognition process introduced by policy & performance. Managers nominate officers and teams who have made significant contribution to achieving service objectives in each quarter.