Appendix 1: Best Value Improvement Plan 2009/10

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1-Strategic Leadership

1.1-Develop strategic leadership by the CMT

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Action	Status	Due Date	Progress Bar	Latest Note	Department
Review and refine the appropriate parts of the action plan for Strategic Leadership & Decision Making by Elected Members		31 Jan 2010	66%		Chief Executive's Department
Further develop scrutiny process for poorly performing services		31 Mar 2010	75%		Chief Executive's Department
Develop key corporate performance scorecard for CMT		31 Mar 2010	0%	Research being undertaken with other Councils and external specialists on most appropriate format. Aiming to create a Strategy Map in Covalent	Chief Executive's Department
Review the Councils strategic direction, vision, mission, values and priorities		26 May 2010	20%		Chief Executive's Department
Engage peer support to improve decision making and improvement		31 Mar 2010	33%		Chief Executive's Department
Develop the CMT processes, remit and terms of reference to include monitoring the overall progress of the BV Improvement Plan and the 8 key priority areas		31 Mar 2010	0%		Corporate Services

1-Strategic Leadership 1.2-Improve decision making for the strategic priority areas and scrutiny of organisational performance

Action	Status	Due Date	Progress Bar	Latest Note	Department
Coordinate the establishment of feasibility assessments and project management arrangements for each of the 8 key strategic priorities		31 Mar 2010	66%		Chief Executive's Department
Define terms of Stakeholder engagement and Elected Member sponsorship and scrutiny for each of the 8 key strategic priorities		31 Mar 2010	33%		Chief Executive's Department
Review long-term financial planning implications for each of the 8 key strategic priorities		31 Mar 2010	0%		Corporate Services
Review long-term workforce planning implications for each of the 8 key strategic priorities		31 Mar 2010	0%		Corporate Services

1-Strategic Leadership

1.3-Lead process of continuous improvement through self assessment							
Action	Status	Due Date	Progress Bar	Latest Note	Department		
Implement PSIF in selected service areas		31 Mar 2010	42%	Evecutive decision on way forward on feam development	Chief Executive's Department		
Agree and implement Plan for strategic PSIF reviews		31 Mar 2010	// %		Chief Executive's Department		

1-Strategic Leadership 1.4-Develop a long-term financial planning framework

Action	Status	Due Date	Progress Bar	Latest Note	Department		
Develop 2-year financial plan, incorporate into rolling 10-year financial strategy (IC/6)		31 Mar 2010	60%	The financial strategy with a 3 year projection at summary level has been approved by CEGC in September 2009. However, the projection are only indicative.	Corporate Services		
Develop & deliver Members and Senior Officers training programme on strategic financial issues		31 Mar 2011	0%	The financial strategy with a 3 year projection at summary level has been approved by CEGC in September 2009. However, the projection are only indicative.	Corporate Services		
Review budget process		31 Mar 2011	0%	The financial strategy with a 3 year projection at summary level has been approved by CEGC in September 2009. However, the projection are only indicative.	Corporate Services		
Complete review of income maximisation project		31 Mar 2011	0%	The financial strategy with a 3 year projection at summary level has been approved by CEGC in September 2009. However, the projection are only indicative.	Corporate Services		
Develop framework to assist in the setting, measuring and realisation of efficiency targets into the budget process		31 Mar 2011	0%	The financial strategy with a 3 year projection at summary level has been approved by CEGC in September 2009. However, the projection are only indicative.	Corporate Services		
Develop financial planning process through new commissioning strategies		31 Mar 2011	0%	The financial strategy with a 3 year projection at summary level has been approved by CEGC in September 2009. However, the projection are only indicative.	Corporate Services		
Further develop linkages between budget planning, service planning and workforce planning		31 Mar 2011	0%	The financial strategy with a 3 year projection at summary level has been approved by CEGC in September 2009. However, the projection are only indicative.	Corporate Services		

2.1-Assess competitiveness and options

Action	Status	Due Date	Progress Bar	Latest Note	Department
Develop and oversee programme of competitiveness reviews of selected services		31 Mar 2010	70%	Competitiveness Framework produced. Initial position statements on 21 priority services produced. KPMG action plan responded to.	Chief Executive's Department
Establish framework for options review of services		31 Mar 2010	19/0		Chief Executive's Department
Undertake competitiveness review of priority services within Chief Executives		31 May 2010	10%	Aspects of Corporate Communications and Marketing (along with printing services) now included as a further priority area.	Chief Executive's Department
Undertake competitiveness review of 5 priority services within Corporate Services		31 May 2010	20%	Priority service areas are: Legal, Contact Centre, Printing, Recruitment and Procurement	Corporate Services
Undertake competitiveness review of 5 priority services within Educational Services		31 May 2010	20%	Priority service areas Sports Development, Community and Learning Development, Libraries, Pre-5 provision and Outdoor Education.	Educational Services
Undertake competitiveness review of 5 priority services within HEED		31 May 2010	20%	Priority services are Grounds Maintenance, Soft Facilities Management, Architectural Services, Planning & Building Control and Housing Management	Housing, Environmental and Economic Development
Undertake competitiveness review of 5 priority services within Social Work Services		31 May 2010	20%	Priority service areas are Homecare, Older Peoples Residential, Social Work Field work, Older peoples daycare and Welfare Rights	Social Work and Health

2-Competitiveness 2.2-Improve benchmarking							
Action	Status	Due Date	Progress Bar	Latest Note	Department		
Deliver benchmarking training, support and guidance to departments		31 Mar 2010	80%	Milestones reviewed and updated. Work being overseen by Competitiveness Group	Chief Executive's Department		
Set up PI benchmarking data in Covalent		31 Mar 2010	40%	SPI benchmarking data entry complete. APSE Performance Network data being loaded. Future tasks include SHBVQ data, CIPFAstats and other efficiency measures	Chief Executive's Department		
Develop Activity Based Costing		31 Mar 2010	30%	Initial scoping meetings have been held with Departments involving departmental finance staff to start the process of collecting robust cost-related indicators	Corporate Services		

3-Organisational Culture 3.1 Facilitate a comprehensive approach to developing management practice and behaviour

Action	Status	Due Date	Progress Bar	Latest Note	Department	
stage 1 - Develop Senior Manager Network forum to embed ownership of organisational performance and improvement plan		31 Mar 2010	20%	Purpose of SMN reviewed and suggested development themes discussed; draft programme and revised remit in progress.	Corporate Services	
Establish a corporate behaviour and values framework for all managers and staff - stage 1		31 Mar 2010	0%	There will be additional milestones due on 31/04/10 Launch behaviour value framework through SMN and on the 30/9/10 - Complete pulse survey to assess impact on management practice and behaviours		
Implement revised performance and personal development framework - stage 1		31 Mar 2010	0%	2 milestone to complete this action will take place later in 2010 - implement monitoring process for compliance with annual cycle (31/05/10) and Evaluate and report impact on management practice (30/09/10)	Corporate Services	
Implement manager's induction framework - stage 1		31 Mar 2011	50%	Design of induction development programme completed; CMI Introduction to Team Leading launching 25/01/10	Corporate Services	
Stage 1 - In partnership with Trade Unions, develop a framework to support a range of early dispute resolution measure to promote the effective resolution of workplace conflict at an informal stage.		31 Mar 2010	50%	TU and management agreement for joint working on future development programmes linked to HR policy	Corporate Services	

3-Organisational Culture 3.2- Support development of Strategic Leadership

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Action	Status	Due Date	Progress Bar	Latest Note	Department
Identify leadership skills and behaviours and associated development programme to support strategic leadership and culture change - stage 1		31 Mar 2010	0%	The final milestone to complete this action will take place later in 2010 - review effectiveness of programme in supporting culture change.	Corporate Services
Build organisational clarity and capacity to support culture change and promote leadership at all levels - stage 1		31 Mar 2010	0%	The three additional milestones will be completed later in 2010. Evaluation of feedback from staff engagement programme (30/04/10), Establishment of ongoing programme to support staff engagement and leadership at all levels to support culture change (30/6/10) and individual departmental programmes established to support cultural change based on actions identified through employee survey and Culture web diagnostic	Corporate Services
Development of communication programme to support culture change and ensure strong and consistent message on strategic intent, direction and priorities for the Council - stage 1		31 Mar 2010	50%	Employee survey communicated through SMN & Core Brief; results published to all staff on intranet. Pull-out edition of Westlife scheduled for January 2010.	Corporate Services
Provide strategic challenge on systems and processes to ensure alignment with the required culture change		31 Mar 2010	0%		Corporate Services

3-Organisational Culture 3.3 Development of technology and systems to support organisational culture change

Action	Status	Due Date	Progress Bar	Latest Note	Department		
Strategic review and re-launch of the intranet to provide a central information destination for staff and managers - stage 1		31 Mar 2010	28%	The final two milestones to complete this action will take place later in 2010 - Test and proof content $31/4/10$ and launch modern intranet site $01/05/10$	Corporate Services		
Develop web editor training and skills programme for contributors		31 Mar 2010	50%		Corporate Services		
Develop a framework of communications which enables staff in remote locations to access a wide range of information. Stage 1		31 Mar 2010	0%	There is an additional milestone that will be realised at the end of July 2010. Prepare project plan and implement in line with the implementation of the Employee Self Serve.	Corporate Services		
Develop basic IT training and skills programme to support access for all		31 Mar 2010	40%		Corporate Services		
identify and publish relevant HR policies and procedures on the Council internet site		31 Jan 2010	50%		Corporate Services		

4-Community Engagement

4.1	Promote	Community	Engagement	Opportunities
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Action	Status	Due Date	Progress Bar	Latest Note	Department		
Organise and run WDC Budget Consultation		31 Mar 2010	58%		Chief Executive's Department		
Investigate the viability of a Petitions Committee		10 Mar 2010	20%		Corporate Services		
Implement initiatives to actively encourage young people and the community to participate in decision making		31 Mar 2010	31%	NEC card has been successfully rolled out with 981 cards distributed in 08/09. 09/10 card distribution will commence at the beginning of new schools term in Aug 09. Due to the non filling of the vacancy which incorporates the NEC agenda, there has been limited opportunities to promote and develop the Young Scot initiative. The post is expected to be filled by Oct and Young Scot initiatives will be progressed thereafter.	Educational Services		
Review WDC Parental Involvement Strategy Group		31 Mar 2010	50%	The Parental Involvement Act changed the legislative framework for this area of engagement. A new WDC Parental Strategy Working Group has been established, with input from various areas of the service, including staff from Community Learning and Development, who are also involved in youth engagement.	Educational Services		
Implement HE&ED consultation plan for 2009/10		31 Mar 2010	50%		Housing, Environmental and Economic Development		
Implement, monitor and evaluate the Tenant Participation Strategy Action Plan		01 Jul 2010	42%		Housing, Environmental and Economic Development		
Improve client strategy group as a means of promoting Community Engagement and Participation		31 Mar 2010	0%		Social Work and Health		

4-Community Engagement 4.2 Improve the effectiveness of Community Engagement & Consultation Activity						
Action	Status	Due Date	Progress Bar	Latest Note	Department	
Develop the Consultation Network to support the delivery of improvement		31 Mar 2010	63%		Chief Executive's Department	
Develop and organise delivery of consultation training		31 Mar 2010	46%		Chief Executive's Department	
Develop good practice guidance on community engagement and consultation for the intranet and website		31 Mar 2010	50%		Chief Executive's Department	
Develop CED's Consultation Programme		31 Mar 2010	100%		Chief Executive's Department	

Action	Status	Due Date	Progress Bar	Latest Note	Department
Ensure the effective implementation of CPP report on Community Engagement to support engagement by both CPP and individual Partners		31 Mar 2010	60%		Chief Executive's Department
Review Community Day		30 Sep 2010	50%		Chief Executive's Department
Develop community engagement/consultation evaluation framework to measure impact		31 Mar 2010	0%		Chief Executive's Department
Develop Covalent Consultation Module and Reports		31 Mar 2010	66%		Chief Executive's Department
Improve consultation across Social Work & Health		31 Mar 2010	50%		Social Work and Health

4-Community Engagement 4.3 Promote a partnership approach to Community Engagement							
Action	Status	Due Date	Progress Bar	Latest Note	Department		
Co-ordinate partner community engagement		31 Mar 2010	50%	Agreement on priorities being discussed by Thematic Groups	Chief Executive's Department		
Develop partner consultation plan for Citizens' Panel 10 -11		31 Mar 2010	0%		Chief Executive's Department		

4-Community Engagement 4.4 Improve support for the Voluntary Sector							
Action	Status	Due Date	Progress Bar	Latest Note	Department		
Work in partnership to support Voluntary Sector Activity		31 Mar 2010	75%		Chief Executive's Department		

4-Community Engagement 4.5 Improve public information provision							
Action	Status	Due Date	Progress Bar	Latest Note	Department		
Improve public information across Social Work & Health		31 Mar 2010	20%		Social Work and Health		