

Title of Report:	Prompt Payment Statistics
Committee Report Submitted To:	Finance Committee
Date of Meeting:	10 October 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 2021 the latest data being for quarter 2 of 24/25 year, up to and including end of September 2024.

1.3 Analysis

The statistics will be continually to ensure the performance levels and where possible improved. Council's self-imposed target remains at 90% of invoices being paid within 30 days. During September 88.90% (August 88.68%) of invoices were paid within 30 days, a greatly improved starting position when compared to the figures from the previous year where 85.80% was recorded for the entirety of Q2 compared to 90.13% for the current year thus far. This does represent a reduction in performance from Q1 which was 91.06% and we will seek to reverse that reduction in subsequent periods.

Prompt Payment Statistics 2021/2	.022						
	Q1		Q2	Q3	Q4		Total
Total No of Invoices		5830		+	_	6567	25956
Total amount paid	£	12,255,753	£ 14,938,664	· · ·	_	16,652,683	£ 55,671,462
Number of invoices paid within 10 o	days	4139	411			4331	17823
% of invoices paid within 10 days		70.99%	63.859	+	_	65.95%	68.67%
Number of invoices paid within 30 of	days	5447	588			5893	23839
% of invoices paid within 30 days		93.43%	91.379		_	89.74%	91.84%
Number of invoices paid outside 30) days	383	55)4	674	2117
% of invoices paid outside 30 days		6.57%	8.639	7.08	%	10.26%	8.16%
No. of Disputed Invoices		32	2		18	28	134
% of disputed invoices		0.55%	0.409	6 0.67	%	0.43%	0.52%
Average Payment Days		15.80	17.2	3 15.	27	16.81	16.27
Prompt Payment Statistics 2022/2	:023						
	Q1		Q2	Q3	Q4		Total
Total No of Invoices		6461			25	6265	25641
Total amount paid	£	17,214,458	£ 17,078,164	£ 12,851,51	1 £	35,804,964	£ 82,949,097
Number of invoices paid within 10 o	days	4446	348	7 48	06	4628	17367
% of invoices paid within 10 days		68.81%	57.269	6 70.42	%	73.87%	67.73%
Number of invoices paid within 30 of	days	5872	526	7 62	52	5829	23220
% of invoices paid within 30 days		90.88%	86.499	6 91.60	%	93.04%	90.56%
Number of invoices paid outside 30) days	589	82	3 5	73	436	2422
% of invoices paid outside 30 days		9.12%	13.519	6 8.40	%	6.96%	9.44%
No. of Disputed Invoices		33	3	5	51	20	149
% of disputed invoices		0.51%	0.579	6 0.89	%	0.32%	0.58%
/s or disputed involves							16.33
Average Payment Days		16.24	18.5	5 15.	92	14.28	16.2
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