Vision

Our region will be recognised globally as a place with a strong, successful, inclusive economy where worldclass transport, skills and digital connectivity enables everyone to build great businesses, careers and lives

Mission

Developing and delivering economic and transport services, schemes and programmes in partnership with the public and private sectors, focussing on transport, skills, business support and digital connectivity

Aims

### Boosting **Productivity**

Helping businesses to grow and bringing new investment into the region to drive economic growth and create jobs in a post- Brexit landscape

### Enabling **Inclusive Growth**

Enabling as many people as possible to contribute to, and benefit from, economic growth in our communities and towns

### Delivering 21st **Century Transport**

Creating efficient transport infrastructure to connect our communities, making it easier to get to work, do business and connect with each other

### Tackling the Climate Emergency

Growing our economy while cutting emissions and caring for our environment

### Securing money and powers

Empowering the region by negotiating a devolution deal and successfully bidding for substantial additional funds

1. Complete investment of

March 2021

new government

prosperity fund)

European funds.

6 Ensure the successful

Our resources

Accommodation project - refurbishment of

Corporate Technology Programme -

efficiency, reduce carbon usage and

Rigorous financial management

harnessing new technology to improve

Wellington House

facilitate inclusive growth

objectives

requirements

growth deal into projects by

2. Progress a devolution deal

and ensure the LEP Meets

3. Influence the shape & size of

future regional funding

4. Secure funding to deliver

against key corporate

5. Maximise delivery against

transition of Future Mobility

Cities Fund bids into delivery

Zones and Transforming

(including the UK shared

Working in partnership with the





Ways of working

Working in partnership with the public and private sectors

Influencing locally and nationally to promote the aims of our region

Engaging with people. communities and businesses so that they shape what we do

### Objectives

Enablers

us)

(What will help

(What we want to achieve in 2020-21)

- 1. Support business to respond to the challenges & opportunities of Brexit
- 2. Implement the Local Industrial Strategy & Strategic Economic Framework
- 3. Complete delivery of the Skills Commission, maximising its influence & embedding it in the Leeds City Region
- 4. Provide 80 businesses with intensive support to boost productivity/innovation
- 5. Attract 30 global investors to the region creating 1700 jobs
- 6. Help 350 businesses to increase overseas trade
- 7. Embed the Regional Digital Framework

regional partnerships

Our partnerships

Work in partnership to influence Government

Deliver an agreed communications &

engagement programme to strengthen

on key priorities including strategic rail

devolution, skills and climate change.

Embed a consistent regional voice to

strengthen our contribution to national

- 1. Deliver an Inclusive Growth Programme in line with the Strategic Framework
- 2. Enable c20 million socially necessary passenger journeys
- 3. Implement an operating model for demand responsive transport services
- 4. Reach 250,000 people with targeted careers information
- 5. Engage 800 businesses with skills initiatives
- 6. Continued delivery of [re]boot & Employment Hub
- 7. Connect homes & businesses to superfast broadband
- 8. Embed inclusive growth in all our policies

- 1. Increase bus patronage & satisfaction through the West Yorkshire Bus Alliance
- 2. Transform passenger information & modernise travel centres
- Increase bus use amongst under 25s at no increased cost
- 4. Manage over 1 million MCard sales & launch a mobile app
- 5. Continue work on future bus options & alternative governance models
- 6. Develop a strategic business case for urban transit proposals
- 7. Establish a rail strategy. preparing for HS2 & Northern Powerhouse Rail
- 8. Deliver schemes in WY+ Transport Fund, LTP and Leeds Public Transport Investment Programme & delivery of a Transforming Cities Fund

Coalition, to achieve early vears targets to reach zerocarbon by 2038. 2. Deliver 10 priority projects in

1. Mobilise the Climate

- the Energy Strategy
- 3. Provide intensive clean growth support to 150 businesses (through Resource Efficiency Fund & the Travel Plan Network)
- 4. Enable 8 schemes to enter the Energy Accelerator
- Install 88 vehicle charging points
- 6. Establish a connectivity plan and pipeline, promoting active & decarbonised travel
- 7. Reduce carbon from the Combined Authority's assets

Key risks, issues and assumptions

Uncertainty surrounding devolution arrangements, funding cliff edges and changes in Government policy

Impact of Brexit on our businesses, our services and our supply chain

Striking the right balance between clean growth & improved productivity

Changes in `rail franchising governance & in bus company ownership

Managing shifting priorities in a post-Brexit landscape & ensuring we maintain a unified regional voice

### Our systems

Achieve highest standards of governance and transparency

Digitising key processes to improve efficiency

Embed the HR strategy & new policies on recruitment/performance management

Strengthen appraisal and evaluation across our capital portfolio

### Our people

Embed our culture change programme

Develop and implement inclusive plan in

Establish corporate learning and development programme

Further develop the employee wellbeing strategy

response to staff survey

### Our Values Working Together

debates

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### Working Intelligently

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Key performance indicators across all priorities, reported quarterly to the Combined Authority Growth Deal outputs (detailed indicators currently in development but to include metrics such as: no. businesses/individuals supported through our economic services, no. jobs brought to the Region, progress on capital projects and spending forecasts, customer satisfaction with public transport information and ticketing, % of procurement strategies including social value and carbon reduction targets associated with Combined Authority services and assets )

How we will measure success

2020-21

Vision

We lead thinking, developing policies and strategies to transform the region as an inclusive, clean economy; securing the investment and powers to put those policies into action; and championing the region's interests locally, nationally and internationally

Services

# **Communications & Marketing**

To engage with people, communities and businesses to deliver a positive profile to international, national, regional and local audiences.

**Supporting these Corporate Priorities:** 



# Research & Intelligence

To provide a best-in-class data and intelligence infrastructure to enable informed and strategic decision making, and efficient monitoring and evaluation.

Supporting these Corporate Priorities:



# **Economic & Transport Policy**

To develop transformative policies and strategies, and secure long-term funding and devolved powers to drive a clean and inclusive regional economy.

Supporting these Corporate Priorities:

Climate Coalition.



**Priorities** 

(What we want to achieve in 2020-21)

- Influence Government to secure change in relation to key priorities including strategic rail (NPR, HS2 etc), devolution, skills and climate change.
- Deliver communications strategy with LCR Climate Coalition to tackle the climate emergency.
- Establish and deliver a Communications and Marketing strategy to support organisational priorities, working with partners to embed a consistent regional voice.
- Raise the profile of key spokespeople and the CA/ LEP; strengthen our contribution to national debates.
- Promote the region nationally and internationally, and the CA/ LEP's transport and economic services locally and regionally to ensure take-up of those services.
- 6. Deliver an agreed partnership communications and engagement programme to strengthen relationships with partners across the region.
- Develop and launch a high-profile programme of active travel communications to champion healthier and low carbon means of travel, including through City Connect.
- Contribute to the next phase of organisational change through strategic and tactical internal communications.
- 9. Provide a high quality, responsive consultation and engagement function to the organisation and partners.

- Develop our information and intelligence assets to provide evidence for the region's strategies and policies; to monitor progress on all programmes; and to report on the state of the regional economy.
- Drive project evaluation and economic appraisal to support the design of key projects and programmes, including appraising carbon impact to tackle the climate emergency.
- 3. Develop targets and performance reporting to underpin the Strategic Economic Framework.
- Provide outstanding evidence and appraisal to support key priorities – including climate emergency, devolution, inward investment, skills commission and labour markets, European project appraisal, business case appraisal, Assurance Framework, UKSPF, Brexit.
- Raise the profile of the CA evidence advocacy across key policy areas and further strengthen working partnerships with district partners and external organisations.
- Ensure the CA and the LEP's analytical capability can respond to key operational and reactive requirements.
- Improve access to key content for partners across the region by developing, managing and communicating the Combined Authority's intelligence assets across all channels and enabling client self-service; implement Open Data Strategy.

- Tackle the Climate Emergency by publishing detailed carbon reduction pathways to net zero by 2038, delivering the Energy Strategy, and mobilising the
- 2. Progress a devolution deal to secure investment and powers, unlocking the potential of the region.
- Finalise and implement the Local Industrial Strategy and Strategic Economic Framework, and develop a pipeline of interventions across the foundations of productivity.
- Influence the shape and size of future regional funding, including maximising delivery of European funds, the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the 2020 Spending Review.
- 5. Develop and implement a pipeline of interventions across SEF priorities to enable inclusive growth.
- 6. Establish a rail strategy, secure HS2 & NPR, develop plans for Mass Transit and future of Bus services.
- Successful transition of Future Mobility and Transforming Cities bids into delivery and Bus Alliance into operation.
- 8. Establish a connectivity plan and pipeline, promoting active and decarbonised travel for all communities.
- Develop a Place Strategy articulating the full range of infrastructure needs, supporting an investment pipeline.
- 10.Complete delivery of the Skills Commission.

Resources (What we need)

### Our staff

Highlight staff figures to be included.

### Our budget

Highlight budget figures to be included.

## Our tools and support

Ensuring we have access to key specialist consultancy resources where we have gaps in internal capability (and to support building internal capability) particularly in areas such as carbon impact assessment work.

### Our key interfaces

Transforming Cities Fund and Transport Pipeline – Delivery and Transport Services

Local Industrial Strategy – Economic Services

Clean Growth Action Plan and Carbon Impact Assessment – Whole organisation

Communications, Consultation and Marketing
– Delivery, Economic Services, Transport

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How we will improve our service

Directorate Improvement Plan: 1) Build capacity and capability through renewed focus on learning and development; 2) Strengthen integration of directorate services; 3) Improve systems for information development, storage and retrieval; 4) Develop working arrangements with partners.

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# Corporate Priorities





transport

Boosting productivity





inclusive growth climate emergency

### Key risks, issues and assumptions

Uncertainty surrounding devolution deal arrangements, funding cliff edges, and changes in Government policy.

Ensuring we have the critical mass and capability to evaluate our projects and programmes as our delivery pipeline becomes more mature and we develop the right skill sets.

Managing expectations on shifting priorities, including responding to a post-Brexit economic landscape, and ensuring we develop and maintain a unified regional voice.

Needing to ensure that we adequately manage reputational risk.

# DELIVERY DIRECTORATE PLAN ON A PAGE (DRAFT)

Vision

Ensuring the delivery of a portfolio of projects and programmes within the agreed cost, time and quality framework, which meet our strategic priorities and derive maximum benefit for the region.

Services

### Portfolio Management and Appraisal (PMA)

Ensure a rigorous approach to the assurance process, including the appraisal of projects and monitoring and reporting on our portfolio, so we get the best schemes for our money

Supporting these **Corporate Priorities**:

and benefits realised.



### **Economic Implementation Team**

Working with partners to deliver economic regeneration and related capital infrastructure projects. Leading inhouse corporate ICT projects for the Combined Authority.

Supporting these Corporate Priorities:



## **Transport Implementation Team.**

Working with partners to deliver transport projects which meet our strategic priorities and derive maximum benefit for the region

1. Continued delivery of the West Yorkshire Plus

Connect cycling and walking programme.

programme by March 2021

additional resource

Growth

Programme / Connecting Leeds investment

Transport Fund portfolio and phase 3 of the City

2. Completion of the Leeds Public Transport Investment

3. Initiate delivery of Transforming Cities Fund portfolio

4. Complete Wellington House Accommodation project

development and project delivery, through an

recruitment - capacity and capability to deliver

7. Explore further opportunities to engage and work with

embedded business partnering approach

6. Support partners with delivery resources and

5. Supporting our partners in business case

the private sector on delivery

as part of the CA's contribution to supporting Clean

of projects once funding has been approved - secure

Supporting these **Corporate Priorities:** 



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**Boosting** 







**Enabling** Tackling the inclusive growth climate emergency

# **Corporate Priorities**





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# **Priorities**

(What we want to achieve in 2020-21)

- Meeting Growth Deal spend targets and delivering successful outcomes for communities.
   Embed Clean Growth targets and measures into the design of new projects to contribute to our climate emergency priorities. • Working across directorates & partners to learn lessons from past programmes in order to influence the design and scope of new programmes and ensure our readiness to deliver for the future. • Embed use of the Portfolio Information Management System with partners. • Explore opportunities for new ways of working to maximise our impact e.g. through joint venture partnerships or the Combined Authority directly delivering development projects • Celebrate the success of delivering projects as they are delivered
- Strengthen appraisals to ensure greater consistency
- Review and streamline the Assurance Framework
- State of readiness for Growth Deal 2024 review
- Delivery of the capital programme by influencing, checking and challenging to ensure we meet our strategic priorities and derive maximum benefit for the
- Incorporation of CA policies and strategies into the assurance process and monitoring and reporting processes, including inclusive growth and clean
- 6. Manage PIMS to ensure 'one version of the truth' and clear and concise monitoring and reporting in partnership with the Finance Team to our partners and leaders
- Planning for future funding programmes to ensure processes are in place to be able to manage them effectively
- 8. Evaluation of funding programmes

Our staff

Highlight staff figures to be

included.

- 1. Complete investment of Growth Deal into projects by March 2021
- 2. Ensure a 'State of Readiness' to deliver new investment through the proposed Shared Prosperity Fund, anticipated Devolution & new approaches to business finance
- Enable capital investment in 8 low carbon projects through the Energy Accelerator
- Deliver superfast broadband connectivity across the city region through the Broadband programme
- Reclaim brownfield land to enable over 170,000 hectares of new commercial floor space through the Enterprise Zone programme.
- Further develop mobile applications to make it easier for people to pay for public transport.
- Complete the Corporate Technology Programme
- Embed Clean Growth principles into the new **Business Finance Investment Strategy**
- Initiate the new Future Mobility Programme

Our budget

Highlight budget figures to be

## Our tools and support

Specialist consultancy support (technical, commercial & legal) will be required as we embed our new approach to delivery of:

- New rail stations
- Business finance
- Transforming Cities Fund

To provide additional capacity for district partners & for appraisal of complex schemes & assessment of carbon impacts Corporate Services support particularly Finance, Legal & Procurement - across all programmes, & HR for recruitment & retention, learning and development, & well-being

Our key interfaces

- Comms and Engagement support
- Cross-directorate representation for the Programme Appraisal Team and Strategic Assessment Review Group

### Key risks, issues and assumptions

Incorporating new / change of policies into assurance process and measuring impact on delivery

Recruitment and retention impacted by wellbeing, market pressures, pay, learning and development, lack of clear funding stream for economic projects

Failure to deliver funding programmes within timescales or costs and capture outputs and benefits - reputational impacts

Continuing Brexit uncertainty impacting private sector investment decisions

Post 2021 economic funding. Economic Growth Deal programme ends in March 2021 with future funding still to be identified

# Values

Resources

(What we need)

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Organisational Design structures embedded and reviewed as necessary – greater capacity, building our own, improved retention, efficient resource planning. Continuously improving appraisal & consistency of business cases, monitoring and reporting.

Planning for future funding – scoping and defining schemes with Policy directorate and partners to ensure rigour and deliverability, learning from the evaluation of past schemes.

Placing a greater emphasis on supporting Clean Growth and Inclusive Growth

# How we will improve our service

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Vision

A vibrant and inclusive economy which attracts and enables responsible and clean business investment and helps people from all backgrounds to develop their skills, access opportunities and progress in employment.

Services

# **Business Support**

Provide a comprehensive service to help identify, secure and fund solutions to clean growth, inclusive growth productivity and resilience.

Supporting these **Corporate Priorities:** 







# **Employment and Skills**

Develop Skilled People, working with businesses and education partners to create better jobs and opportunities

Supporting these **Corporate Priorities:** 



# Trade and Investment

Secure Investment projects which create jobs and world class assets, whilst generating global business opportunities.

Supporting these **Corporate Priorities:** 











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**Priorities** 

(What we want to achieve in 2020-21)

- 1. Support our businesses to respond to the challenges and opportunities arising from Brexit. Providing intensive support to 1,000 businesses
- Expand and enhance the range of business support available in the City Region, with a particular focus on clean growth, inclusive growth, innovation and productivity.
- Stimulate more demand for business support and external finance through closer collaboration with the private sector intermediary community, including funders.
- 4. Deliver a 'single front door' access point for investors and businesses to engage effectively with public sector funding opportunities in the City Region.
- 5. Encourage employers in the City Region to adopt more sustainable practices, providing 150 businesses with intensive clean growth support (through the Travel Plan Network and the Resource Efficiency Fund).
- 6. Secure the long-term future of the Growth Service and move towards an integrated physical hub for all business support professionals in the City Region.

- 1. Promote a system which delivers better outcomes at a local level through the Future-Ready Skills Commission.
- 2. Carry out a final review of delivery agreements with seven West Yorkshire FE Colleges to influence education and skills provision.
- Reach 250,000 people through the all-age FutureGoals platform, with information on careers linked to labour market information, and support 1,000 adults to upskill and re-train in skills shortage areas.
- Provide support for SMEs and levy-payers to create more apprenticeship opportunities.
- Showcase the employment and skills opportunities available within the Creative & Digital Sector, and work with partners to bring them to a more diverse audience.
- 6. Develop strong partnership between employers and 105 of our most disadvantaged schools to improve the attainment, ambitions and destinations of young people, influencing 800 businesses to engage with education.

- Identify, attract and secure inward investment into the region (businesses and infrastructure), bringing 30 successful projects to the Leeds City Region and creating 1,700 jobs.
- 2. Encourage and support more businesses to sell their products in international markets, with a particular focus on China and India, assisting 350 businesses with overseas trade initiatives.
- Raise the international profile of the Leeds City Region economic opportunities at major global events, such as MIPIM and SMART cities
- Maintain an effective Key Account Management service for indigenous foreignowned businesses, supporting 120 companies through active account management.
- Contribute to the ongoing growth of the Creative & Digital Sector, including through the delivery of # Grow, # Welcome and the Creative Industries Opportunity Programme.

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Resources (What we need)

### Our staff

Highlight staff figures to be included.

### Our budget

Highlight budget figures to be included.

### Our tools and support

Evolutive; Dynamics; Fame; EG Radius; Proactis; In-Tend; Policy team; Legal team; Information Governance team; Finance team; Procurement team; Research and Intelligence team. Policy and Strategy team; Marketing & Comms team; Office Facilities, external consultants

### Our key interfaces

Working with the Policy, Strategy & Comms directorate in securing additional external funding for core programmes and services.

Key risks, issues and assumptions

Impact of Brexit on our businesses and our services

Securing funding to deliver existing and new products and services

Delivery of large complex programmes with multiple providers, funders and beneficiary groups

- Striking the right balance between clean growth and improved productivity

- Government funding for careers activity is available in 2020/21

The UK leaves the EU on 31 January 2020

The required external funding from ERDF. ESF and DIT is secured.

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The development and implementation of a new CRM technology will deliver a more cost-effective, central access point for the businesses and people to our services. By ensuring we maximise funding and investment in our region, to grow job and career opportunities whilst ensuring they are inclusive, accessible and environmentally sustainable for future.

Vision

To enable more people to use sustainable transport and to ensure our property assets deliver the Combined Authority's priorities

Services

# **Customer Services**

Changing the way people plan and pay for their travel

Enabling more people under the age of 25 to use public transport

**Supporting these Corporate Priorities:** 







# **Assets and Facilities**

Delivering the Combined Authority's Asset Management Strategy Using land and property to deliver the Combined Authority's corporate priorities

Supporting these **Corporate Priorities:** 



# **Mobility Services**

Changing the way people travel around the region by public transport Enabling people to access employment, education and local services and facilities

Supporting these **Corporate Priorities:** 



**Priorities** 

(What we want to achieve in 2020-21)

# To modernise our travel payment and information

Our Customer Services team;

- Enable over 150,000 under 19s and over 250,000 older and disabled people to free or discounted public transport
- Manage over 1million MCard sales through over 700 outlets, Metro Travel Centres online and on smart phone
- 3. Answer 1.1 million travel information enquiries

In 2020/21, to improve our service, we will;

- 4. Increase bus use amongst under 25s at no increased cost to the Combined Authority through delivery of the West Yorkshire Bus Alliance workplan
- 5. Launch an MCard mobile ticketing app to grow the market for multi operator tickets as an early deliverable of our Future Mobility plans
- Transform information to bus passengers at a reduced cost to the taxpayer
- 7. Modernise the bus station Travel Centres
- Develop a system to retail MCards and administer travel bursaries for Further Education colleges

To strengthen our use of property to deliver the Combined Authority's strategic objectives

Our Assets & Facilities Team;

- Manage 20 bus stations situated in and around the Leeds City Region, over 14,000 bus stops and passenger shelters, 6 rail station car parks and a portfolio of non-transport assets
- Provide strategic and commercial property advice to the organisation

In 2020/21, to improve our service, we will;

- Maximise the commercial potential of the Combined Authority's portfolio through the delivery of the Asset Development Plan
- Reduce carbon generation from the Combined Authority's assets through a programme of projects and initiatives
- Enable the delivery of Connecting Cities and Transforming Cities Fund projects to our operational
- Enable the Combined Authority to adopt new ways of working by support the Wellington House refurbishment project

To innovate the current service offer and to explore new models of delivering bus and rail services

Our Mobility Services Team;

- 1. Fund, plan and procure socially necessary bus services for the region representing around 15% of the bus network (approx. 20 million passenger journeys a year)
- 2. Procure transport services for school and college students in line with the policies of the respective Local Authority
- 3. Deliver a quality, cost-effective and sustainable AccessBus service to people with limited mobility

In 2020/21, to improve our service, we will;

- 4. Increase bus patronage and customer satisfaction through delivery of the West Yorkshire Bus Alliance workplan
- 5. Identify new models of delivering bus services and respond to changes in the Combined Authority's role in rail emerging from the Williams review
- 6. Develop and implement an Operating Model for the provision of flexibly routed demand responsive transport services

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21st century **Boosting** transport productivity



Enabling Tackling the inclusive growth climate emergency

Key risks, issues and assumptions

Changes in bus company ownership and bus legislation

Changes in rail franchising and governance

Local and national trends in travel and retail behaviour

Transport Levy reduction extends into 2020/21

(What we need)

Resources

### Our staff

Highlight staff figures to be included.

### Our budget

Highlight budget figures to be included.

# The policies and programmes we help deliver

Strategic Transport Plan, Bus Strategy and daughter Information and Digital Payment strategies

Transport Fund, Connecting Leeds, Future Mobility Zone, Transforming

## Our key interfaces

- Bus and rail operators
- Local Councils
- DfT/ Transport for the North
- Emergency services

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We will:

Launch a new MCard app, pilot innovative demand responsive services, roll out a colour coded bus information system, refurbish Leeds Bus Station and plan similar improvements at Halifax. Huddersfield, Bradford and Dewsbury and implement schemes to reduce carbon generation from our property estate

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# CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE PLAN ON A PAGE (DRAFT)

Vision

Enabling our customers to deliver - working together to providing support and advice, operating the right systems and processes that form the centrepiece of strong governance and accountability, and taking advantage of technical solutions to improve efficiency.

Services

## **Finance**

Delivering a high-quality financial service, provided professional knowledge, advice and expertise.

Supporting these Corporate Priorities: (



# **Human Resources**

Enabling and supporting the organisation to manage and get the best out of its human resource and have the right people in the right place at the right time, through robust HR policies, procedures and arrangements. Supporting and guiding staff and managers in the implementation of those.

Supporting these **Corporate Priorities:** 

Specifically:



# **Procurement**

Driving value for money, by ensuring quality outcomes that deliver financial and social benefits through procurement activities.

Supporting these Corporate Priorities:



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Enabling Tackling the inclusive growth climate emergency

The team will deliver 50 procurement projects and 15 strategic procurement projects and provide a central contract management support. Additionally:

- 1. Increase resource resilience / capacity.
- 2. Embrace new technologies to improve service offer and define future system requirements.
- 3. Implement Contract management monitoring and reporting mechanisms.
- Refresh and implement social value through procurement approach including how clean growth and lower carbon emission ambitions will be met.
- 5. Embed Stakeholder Management
- 6. Lay foundations for Category Management
- 7. Lay foundations for Risk Management approaches with particular focus around preparing for and managing the implications of Brexit.

**Priorities** 

(What we want to achieve in 2020-21)

The team will continue to lead on the budget planning process and production of the statutory annual accounts. It will also provide full financial and management accounting support and financial transactional operations to the whole organisation through our business partnering model.

Additional transformational activities include:

- 1. Reviewing and updating finance policies and processes and user documentation and training
- 2. Progress the implementation of a new efficient finance, budgeting and HR system
- 3. Improving financial management information available to the directorates and senior management, including capital and revenue financial performance figures.

The team will continue to implement the HR strategy, seeking to put in place the foundations for robust HR management arrangements.

- 1. Progress the directorate priorities identified by the business partners through business partner
- 2. Devising a pay and reward strategy for the organisation
- Improve management information available.
- 4. Deliver improved health and safety processes and policies via the third year of the action plan
- 5. Further develop the employee wellbeing strategy, including mental health awareness training.
- 6. Embed new policies on recruitment and performance management and complete the updating of the remaining policies and procedures with an initial focus on improved recruitment and retention
- 7. Progress work on our learning and development offer.

Resources (What we need)

### Our staff

Highlight staff figures to be included.

### Our budget

Highlight budget figures to be included.

## Our tools and support

The corporate technology programme will deliver tools to improve the effectiveness of both corporate services and of the organisation.

Further ICT improvements planned including finance/HR systems

### Our key interfaces

Corporate services provide support to all teams to deliver. and early sight of the pipeline of work enables us to plan how best to use our resource.

We will be continuing to improve systems, policies and processes for the organisation.

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We will continue to deliver in line with our customer service principles. We will be looking at how technology can help us to continue improving the services we provide, and assist in adhering to revised processes and policies, aimed at ensuring good governance and transparency. Further resource will help provide improved information, including how to access and use our services and management information to assist all teams in achieving compliance and good decision making.

Key risks, issues and assumptions

Risk: Insufficient resource to deliver for new and emerging priorities including devolution, successful capital bids and bus options

Issue: Requirement for further ICT investment and development to complete modernisation of systems

Assumption: That major organisational restructuring/ reshaping is not required during the

Assumption: That sufficient funding certainty exists for both capital and revenue to enable a meaningful update of the medium term financial strategy

How we will improve our service

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**Priorities** 

2020-21)

(What we want

to achieve in

# ICT Services

Delivering a modern, secure and highly reliable technology service

Supporting these Corporate Priorities:



The team will provide an ICT service which encourages innovation and productivity that is delivered on a foundation of security, customer service and business engagement for the complete technology life cycle. Additional transformational activities include:

- 1. Completing delivery of the Corporate Technology Programme (CTP).
- 2. Harnessing technology to reduce corporate carbon usage and facilitate inclusive growth.
- 3. Innovating and developing new ways of working via the digitisation of processes using the new technology delivered via CTP.
- 4. Developing and resourcing a new programme of technology projects in Corporate Services and across directorates.
- 5. Working partnership with Transport Services to develop a new Real-Time strategy, procure an updated system and support the emerging Transport Technology Programme.

# **Legal and Governance**

Providing strategic and operational support within a framework of good governance, transparency and compliance.

Supporting these **Corporate Priorities:** 



The team will continue to provide support and legal, compliance and governance advice to all areas of the organisation and members. In addition key priorities will include:

- 1. Driving governance & compliance with a focus on data protection, compliance with our equality duty, internal governance and decision making and transparency
- 2. Enabling corporate priorities bus/rail projects, TCF, CTP, devolution and LEP Review
- 3. Greater use of technology to increase agility, efficiency and transparency - extending webcasting of meetings, online self service for clients and a new case management system
- 4. Building trusted business partnerships developing the business partner model and our training offer

# **Internal Audit**

Providing assurance and advice on the effectiveness of internal controls, governance and risk management.

Supporting these **Corporate Priorities:** 



The team will provide independent assurance, advice and consultation to continue to improve the internal control environment, governance and risk management arrangements. Key priorities include:

- 1. Delivering the annual audit plan, using agile audit techniques to improve the effectiveness of the audit work undertaken.
- 2. Providing an annual assurance opinion.
- 3. Providing advice and guidance across a range of internal control matters with particular emphasis on the supporting clean growth corporate priority.

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# **Corporate Priorities**



### Key risks, issues and assumptions

Risk: Insufficient resource to deliver for new and emerging priorities including devolution, successful capital bids and bus options

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### Our staff Resources

(What we need)

Highlight staff figures to be included.

### Our budget

Highlight budget figures to be included.

### Our tools and support

The corporate technology programme will deliver tools to improve the effectiveness of both corporate services and of the organisation. Further ICT improvements

planned including finance/HR systems

# Working Intelligently

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Our key interfaces

Corporate services provide

to use our resource.

for the organisation.

support to all teams to deliver,

and early sight of the pipeline of

work enables us to plan how best

We will be continuing to improve

systems, policies and processes

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How we will improve out service

Values

We will continue to deliver in line with our customer service principles. We will be looking at how technology can help us to continue improving the services we provide, and assist in adhering to revised processes and policies, aimed at ensuring good governance and transparency. Further resource will help provide improved information, including how to access and use our services and management information to assist all teams in achieving compliance and good decision making.