West Yorkshire Combined Authority - Corporate Performance Report 2020 - 2021 (Apr -					
Boosting Productivity: Helping businesses to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and helping people find and retain good jobs	Indicator / Measure	Target	Previous RAG status in Q2 and direction of travel		Progress upo
1.Develop and implement our COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan	Successfully work with the West Yorkshire Economic Recovery Board to develop long term plans using robust economic and labour market intelligence, and to inform Government on investment required to drive the region's recovery	Economic Recovery plans supported by market intelligence and endorsed by Combined Authority at meeting in July. Secure Gov funding for delivery of 3 stages of the Economic Recovery Plan	\Leftrightarrow	On track	The West Vorkshire Economic Recovery plan has been developed in partnership with the West trade unions and the private and third sector and was endorsed in first version form by the Com Recover stage, to support Action Arcsi: Good Job & received trades unions and the bits and Infrastructur. The plan has been published on the Economic Recovery Board website. Leaders, with the chail taken forward. The funding saids were also calculated as part of the Comprehensive Spending F Arcfersh of the plan is taking place altead of a January meeting of the Recovery Board and Fell
2.Support business to respond to the challenges & opportunities of Brexit & COVID-19. Providing intensive support to over 1,000 businesses	Number of businesses receiving intensive support for growth and/or business resilience - supported through Growth Service/BGP/SBG/IR/Brexit voucher	Increased from 1000 to 2000	\Leftrightarrow	1,818	672 businesses have received intensive support from Local Authority based Growth Managers, resilience advisory support through the Strategic Business Growth and Investment Readiness pr
3. Take forward the Future Ready Skills Commission, delivering better skills and training opportunities to local people	Skills Commission: Complete delivery and agree recommendations. Publish/launch final report (September 2020)	Publish/launch final Skills Commission report by end of September 2020 then goes on to be influencing campaign		Completed	The Future-Ready Skills Commission is an independent, national Commission supported by the education, local government and think tanks. Its primary scope is to understand how the skills sys- beter meet the need of local economies with greater devolution across England, while meeting Launched on 24 September, work is now underway on a post launch implementation plan
4.Develop specialised business support programmes tailored to COVID-19 recovery	Alignment of programmes to the long term Economic Recovery Plan with support from West Yorkshite Economic Recovery Board and success demonstrated through market intelligence and consultation with local businesses and enterprise	Adaptable teams able to respond to the needs of businesses and local economy recovery, advising Government on regional business support requirements and managing, facilitating the issuing of grants and signposting businesses to available support	\Leftrightarrow	On track	Increased capacity of the Business Support Service has been made at pace, to accommodate 8 access to coaching support from private sector intermediaries. Developed a new Digital Resilien secure and effective remote working - over 500 applications received in its first week. Adapted to to finance, castific warnagement natio customeristroptice relations. Extended Strategic Business high growth SMEs. Further products are in development, including Peer to Peer Network, small
5.Invest in digital connectivity	Digital infrastructure: developing a full fibre infrastructure programme across the region, focusing on hard to reach areas	External funding secured: Working with Department for Digital, Culture, Media & and Sport (DCMS) / Building Digital UK (BDUK) on the new Outside In Programme to ensure the priorities of our region are represented and delivery of 100% coverage of glgabit capable broadband by 2025 (in line with national targets)	\Leftrightarrow	On track	Collaboration is ongoing with Department for Digital, Culture, Media & and Sport (DCMS) / Build local partners the opportunity to highlight local priorities that should be taken into account in the
6.Deliver another 170,000 square footage of commercial space through the Enterprise Zone programme.	Square footage of commercial floor space created through the Enterprise Zone programme	170,400 sq² ft	\Leftrightarrow	72,400 sq² ft	Construction progresses ahead of programme at South Kirby with a further 46,000 sq ft of accor 72,000 sq ft of accommodation on programme to be completed by March 2021.
Enabling Inclusive Growth: Enabling as many people as possible to contribute to, and benefit from economic growth especially those disproportionately affected by the pandemic	Indicator / Measure	Target	Previous RAG status in Q2 and direction of travel	Current YTD results (Apr - Nov 2020)	Progress upo
1.Provide a bus network that meets the needs of local communities in the context of COVID-19 recovery	The Bus Strategy contains measurements of accessibility to a bus service, patronage levels, modal and market share and environmental standards	The pre COVID headline target is to grow bus patronage by 25% from a 2018 baseline	\Leftrightarrow		Bus services continue to operate under emergency funding which is expected to extend until Me Partornity) with build operations. In divises in derivative to transition bus networks to meet a semergency bus indings to the Continue autority of a second second and a second second second and the emergency bus indings to the Continue autority or source anticipated are lanuary February developed for an Enhanced Partnership, to manage bus network jointly with bus operators in the
2.Support people to access employment & retrain, particularly those affected by the COVID-19 crisis	No, of people reached with information on careers linked to labour market information to promote better informed choices.	250,000	\Leftrightarrow	1,044,528	The FutureGoals website has continued to accelerate in reach throughout November. The most
3.Work closely with schools and colleges to support our most disadvantaged young people	Disadvantaged schools and colleges from deprived areas engaged to improve performance towards good careers benchmarks.	92	\Leftrightarrow	66	Supporting our schools and colleges by completing actions plans which will improve performant the November lockdown, and the team have been able to remain in contact virtually. External v focus is on curriculum catch up, preparing for mock exams in anticipation of any GCSE/ A level
4.Continued delivery of [re]boot & Employment Hub	Individuals supported to upskill through: [re]boot, Employment Hub and teacher Continuing Professional Development (CPD) sessions.	1,000	\Leftrightarrow	1,045	Employment Hub - Resource is currently stretched due to increased workloads with the addition employment means increased caseloads for advisors, [re]boot continues to deliver virtually, pro- challenging to adapt to the current climate. Our new delivery partner Go-Train have been induct
5.Connect homes & businesses to superfast broadband	Number of premises connected to Superfast Broadband as a direct result of the Broadband programme	44,623	\Leftrightarrow	1,083	The West Yorkshire and York Broadband Contract 2.1s on track for delivery despite Covid-19 in Combined Authority broadband team and supplier have worked together to address issues and millestone which is end Q2 2020-21.1.029 Premises connected within in 2021 as part of the cut expected that the cumulative target will be achieved within the financial year.
6.Embed inclusive growth in all our policies	Ensure our pipeline of (new and existing) interventions, covering all policy areas, draws on and delive against the Inclusive Growth Framework (once adopted).	Adoption of the Inclusive Growth Framework by Combined Authority and LEP in July 2020	仓	On track	The Inclusive Growth Framework is going to the LEP Board for adoption as part of the Strategic inequalities and delivering an inclusive economic recovery. It is proposed interventions are align
Delivering 21 st Century Transport: Ensuring our transport network recovers to provide the services that people need, while laying the foundations for future improvements	Indicator / Measure	Target	Previous RAG status in Q2 and direction of travel	Current YTD results (Apr - Nov 2020)	Progress up
1.Restore the bus network to meet changing demand in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and adapt to a new financial environment	Bus mileage is a measure of the level of provision Bus patronage is a measure of the level of bus use	To return the bus network to 100% of 2019 mileage and patronage	\Leftrightarrow		Whilst bus mileage has been restored to 2019 levels, demand for bus travel remains constraine funding gap created by the missing fare revenue is jointly covered by DTT and the Combined Au expected to continue at least until the end of the financial year. Details of Government "recovery emergency" (recovery funding does not match the revenue gap caused by reduced patronage.
2.Refresh travel information to reflect changing travel behaviour	Adapt the travel information system and data provided to passengers to include occupancy information	Bus occupancy data on real time system available by September 2020		Completed	Functionality was delivered in November 2020 and now provides information for the travelling p
3.Introduce a Fare Deal for under 19s with a simple fare structure	Approval of Fare Deal for Young People under 19 approach and scheme by Combined Authority in March 2020, implementation September 2020	Combined Authority approval in March 2020, implementation September 2020	\Leftrightarrow		COVID-19 related restrictions on bus capacity have delayed the implementation of the "Fare dea arrangements were ratified by the Transport Committee in November 2020 and in the case of th MCard' in December 2020. A 2021 implementation is anticipated at such time as COVID-19 rer
4.Launch an MCard mobile ticketing app offering new products to a changed market	Launch a new MCard app	Launch a new MCard app by May 2020	\Leftrightarrow		The App was launched for bus only products in October 2020. Delays to acceptance of the App rail) product range. It is now anticipated that this will go live in January 2021. Development work ability for parents to 'gift' tickets to their children's mobile phones.
5.Continue to develop plans for a Mass Transit system for West Yorkshire.	Mass Transit: Secure sufficient funding and develop effective plans	Milestones Secure funding from Combined Authority (June 2020), Strategic Outline Business Case (June 2021)	\Leftrightarrow	On track	In December, the Combined Authority agreed in principle to the launch of the engagement of the progressing on the Strategic Outline Business Case (SOBC). Government reaffirmed funding for the funding from Government. The procurement of a Development Partner has completed and in
6.Work with our partners to secure HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail for our region.	Strategic Rail: Influence Government to deliver HS2 Phase 2b in full and Northern Powerhouse Rail with a City Centre station in Bradford	Milestone (Government announcement dependent) – Agree petitioning approach and work with Transport for the North (TIN) on an Strategic Outline Business Case for March 2021 (subject to the review of HS2)	\Leftrightarrow	In progress	Transport for the North (TN) board meeting in November agreed an initial preferred network for We are deeply concerned about the National Infrastructure Commission's conclusions in its Rail are making representations to Government to express our opposition. Further engagement is plu
7.Start delivery of the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF), to reduce reliance on the car and promote public transport, cycling and walking.	TCF 2020/21 spend achieved in accordance with agreed target	All projects underway in FY 20/21 / spend targets TBC	\Leftrightarrow	On track	The majority of Transforming Cities Fund Programme projects achieved Decision Point 2 approx. Spend has been against scheme development costs and designs. Forecast indicates spend will communications and engagement team who are developing public and statesholder engagement COVID-19 restrictions and forthcoming local and Mayoral elections. Programme/project reviews Partner has been procured to enable Unline Business Case work to progress at pace
Tackling the Climate Emergency: Ensuring a green recovery and accelerating our plans for a net zero carbon economy by 2038 at the latest	Indicator / Measure	Target	Previous RAG status in Q2 and direction of travel	Current YTD results (Apr - Nov 2020)	Progress upo
1. Publish a roadmap setting out how we achieve our ambition of becoming a net zero carbon economy by 2038 at the atest	Tackling the Climate Emergency: Sectoral pathways agreed and delivery plans developed	Milestones / Progress measure: Draft pathways produced (May 2020), final pathways produced (June 2020), number of delivery plans in place (tbc)	\Leftrightarrow	On track	Carbon Emission Reduction Pathways (CERP) study split into 3 tasks: 1. Pathways; 2. Impleme Task 1 completed and endorsed by Combined Authority 27 July. Currently engaging with West 4th February Combined Authority to acknowledge the recommendations and to approve their us
2. Deliver priority projects in the Energy Strategy	Energy Strategy: Performance against the Energy Strategy and Delivery Plan (performance dashboard capturing progress of projects is in development and will be amalgamated into an overall RAG)	The dashboard of progress on projects to be Green and on track	\Leftrightarrow	On track	Of the 39 projects highlighted on the performance dishboard over half are either in progress or stalled and are not being progressed at this time. Resources to deliver the full programme of activity highlighted in the dashboard continues to be the upper stalled and the stall programme of activity highlighted in the dashboard. Significant progress is being must be develop at highlighted in the dashboard. Significant progress is being must be develop at progress proving energy efficiency activity of discision making in the light of the Climate Emergency. A new carbon impact assessment tool is
3.Help 150 businesses to lower their carbon impact through the Travel Plan Network and the RE:Biz resource efficiency programme.	No. of businesses intensively supported through TPN and REF/RE:Biz	150	仓	106	The Travel Plan Network's (TPN) ability to support business's intensively continues to be effect (workplace co-coordinators) within business's either been pulled into different departments or be to this we have developed TPN communications to include more contact via social media and di access business support effectively minorig ahead. As a result we practic we will be able to work working with a pipeline of businesses and are working to complete diagnostics with all the referr
4.Enable 8 schemes to enter the Energy Accelerator	Number of Low Carbon Projects supported through the Energy Accelerator to Gateway 2 (achieving signed Sponsorship Agreement) by 2021	8	\Leftrightarrow	10	10 agreements have been supported through The Gateway, 3 of these projects have completed
		Milestones: Input into Spending Round (July 2020), Road Map and Action Plan is finalised	\Leftrightarrow	On track	West Yorkshire Emission Reduction Pathway Study Road Map and Action Plan is in developme the Connectivity Plan in January 2021. Work progresses on communications and engagement p
5.Establish a connectivity plan & pipeline, promoting active & decarbonised travel for all communities	Establish a connectivity plan and pipeline promoting active and decarbonised travel	Spring 2021.			Spending Round 2020 reaffirmed Government plans for a Transport Settlement for Mayoral Con

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West Yorkshire Economic Recovery Board, bringing logether local authority leadership, public partners, Combined Authority in September. Plans and Performance indicators are being developed as part of the nuture - as detailed in the Economic Recovery Plan. chair of the LEP, have sent a letter to the Chancellor asking to meet to discuss the plan and how it can be ing Review (CRS) submission. d February Combined Authority Board, including the addition of a proposition on culture.

rrs, 525 businesses have received capital investment grants, 330 businesses have received business s programmes and 291 businesses have been supported to join a membership organisation

y the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and made up of experts and leading thinkers from business, ills system, from post-16 education through to adult skills and career development, could be shaped to telling future challenges and opportunities in the workplace.

ate 80% increase in business enquiries. Business Coaching scheme introduced for small firms to gain free silience Voucher scheme to provide funding of up to £5k for small firms that need to invest in ICT to enable ted the Investment Readiness programme to incorporate webniars on key recovery topics, such as access iness Growth programme by two months to provide additional intensive COVID-19 recovery support to 300 small firms immethering backet and object security support

Suilding Digital UK (BDUK) with initial meetings taking place in August and September 2020, which gave the new national programme.

commodation to be completed by December 2020. Activity also continues at Gain Lane, with delivery of

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Il March 2021, delivering largely the pre-pandemic network managed through the Bus Alliance (Voluntary the charged economy (Network navigation). MCard Mobile app and flexible ticketing introduced. Bus grinter 2021. Proposition to Government Spending Review and National Bus Strategy to devolve lary, when Government "recovery funding" package is expected. An 'In principie' agreement is being the region.

ost visited page of the website is the [re]boot page which equates to 12% of all the website's traffic.

mance towards good careers benchmarks is still positive. Schools and colleges have remained open during nal visits and students accessing IT equipment for virtual career packages is still somewhat problematic. The evel exam changes or challenges.

tionality of 'all age' delivery and difficulties in progressing participants into learning, apprenticeships and providing online courses remotely. The majority being digital as construction courses have been more fucted and will commence delivery shortly. School Partnership – virtual CPD has taken place in November

9 impact causing some minor slowdown on the fibre delivery by our supplier, Openreach. However the and Q1 2020-21 build was on target and we are looking to successfully achieve our next contractual ourrent Broadhand Programme, in total across this contract 39/718 premises have been connected. It is

tegic Economic Framework in January 2021. The Plan has a strong focus on addressing socio-economic aligned with the Framework's strategic ambitions and goals. Revised target date January 2021

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g public for all stops with real time information displays fitted across West Yorkshire.

e deal for young people', the objective of which is to grow bus patronage in this market. The fares of the multi-operator ticket range, agreed by the West Yorkshire Ticketing Company (responsible for the I) erstrictions have been releaved.

pp at railway station gates have resulted in a delay to implementation across the whole MCard (bus and rk will be undertaken in Q1 and Q2 of 2021 to deliver further functionality within the App including the

of the Connectivity Plan, including the approach to Mass Transit and the Mass Transit Vision. Work is ng for Mayoral Combined Authorities for a Transport Settlement from 2022. We await the process to access and inception meeting held Procurement of Interim client-side support nearly complete.

rk for NPR, including a new line from Leeds, Bradford city centre to Manchester. Rail Needs Assessment of the North and Midlands. It does not reflect the rail needs of our region and we is planned for the new year to make our case.

proval (Strategic Outline Case) in Quarter 2, with 2 further projects progressing through Decision Point 3 will increase over the next two quarters. YTD spond £4,149,418. The TCP programme has a decicated next schedule of consultation, on a schemb-by-scheme basis, taking indre consideration constraints of ews ongoing to determine latest forecasts and milestones for each project. A Strategic Development

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vementation Roadmap; 3. Policy Recommendations / Actions. Vest Yorkshire Councils and internally on the recommendations of Tasks 2 and 3 with a view to taking to the eir use in engagement with wider stakeholders.

or have been completed. A further 6 projects are pending the outcomes of the CERP. 11 projects have

the factor limiting progress. Extensive engagement with partners and stakeholders has and is being a scress the City Region's homes. The Combined Authority has also started a new project to strengthen

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fected by both the number of employees working from home across West Yorkshire and key contacts or been placed on the furiough scheme. As a result we remain behind on our overall targets but in response developed a new online platform on Linkedh in order that members can communicate more regular and work more intensively with business's in the coming months. The Inovation Growth Managers are now derrarish this should conflue to gather pace during the coming months

pment. It was agreed in principle at the Combined Authority meeting in December to start engagement on nt plan. Combined Authorities (MCAs) from 2022 – the process for accessing the funds is still to be announced.

and contracts in Bus Stations for delivery during 2021 and Transforming Cities Fund projects. Unfortunately has been offset by a reduction in waste production generally and hence the overall environmental impacts and jurning lockdown, with a phased term planned for 2021. Reduchshmet Works at Wellington House have lifty and Environmenal improvements project will see the CA's ageing diself fleet replaced with electric vans from April 2021.

Corporate risk summary

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Very high	CRR- SD1	There is a risk that we fail to fully deliver projects and programmes (i.e. Growth Deal) within timescales or budget, or with the anticipated level of benefits, due to over-optimistic profiles, capacity within both the Combined Authority and District partners and recruitment and retention challenges.	Possible 3	Critical 5	 Significant monitoring and controls in place through PMO Continuing support through 'District Pool' project resource Ongoing Review of WY+TF portfolio with Chief Highways Officers
	CRR- SD2	There is a risk that there are challenges and disruption to the way in which the Combined Authority provides services and the resources available to deliver those, due to uncertainty surrounding the UK's future relationship with the EU.	Possible 3	Critical 5	 Organisation wide Brexit action plan in place Ongoing liaison with Bus Operators for reassurance on preparation for fuel or labour shortages Communications and media campaign focusing on effective signposting and support Monitoring of legislative developments Additional grant funding available to support local businesses Secured additional resources, and refocussed existing ones, to support more businesses to prepare for Brexit and to gain a better understanding of impacts/opportunities on the economy. Continuing to monitor projects which may be vulnerable to shortages in skilled labour or supply chain disruption
	CRR- SD5	There is a risk that there will be a major impact on achievement of organisational objectives and/or a need to reconsider objectives and divert resources, due to a major unanticipated change in national policy (Brexit; major change in govt policy).	Possible 3	Critical 5	 Continued dialogue with Government Policy and Strategy directorate continuing to monitor emerging national trends Continued work with local LEPs and Combined Authorities
	CRR- SD6	There is a risk that key corporate objectives cannot be met due to the long term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the regional economy and on travel habits.	Possible 3	Critical 5	 Research and Intelligence team modelling potential impacts and long term scenarios Working closely with partners and representative groups to identify possible long term impacts and develop joint responses Updating business plans to identify key areas for re-prioritisation

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CRR – FR3	There is a risk that the immediate, medium and long term financial health of the Combined Authority will be adversely affected due to the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic	Possible 3	Critical 5	 Financial scenario planning undertaken and being continually updated Continued liaison with Government to understand funding opportunities Budget Working Group meeting to oversee response
CRR- SD8	There is a risk that there will be a significant increase in unemployment across the region, due to the ongoing economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 crisis and the end of the national Job Retention Scheme (furlough)	Likely 4	Serious 4	 Joint intelligence gathering on the employment impacts- including the demographic, sectoral and geographical impact Current programmes - particularly the Employment Hub and [re]boot - have been flexed to support redundant and furloughed workers Lobbying government for Combined Authorities to be resourced to support people into work and for a national job creation/wage subsidy scheme. Recovery Plan developed including a focus on creating employment and self-employment opportunities.
CRR- FR4	There is a risk that the Combined Authority is placed under pressure to fund the reinstatement of commercial bus services threatened with withdrawal, due to premature withdrawal of emergency government funding support	Possible 3	Critical 5	 Continued liaison with Government on funding Close liaison with bus companies to identify cost neutral/effective solutions Review and adapt current mechanism to appraise social and commercial value of threatened services
NEW	There is a risk that the Local and Mayoral Election planned for 6 May 2021 may be postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the current national lockdown measures that are in place	Likely 4	Serious 4	 Close monitoring of the situation and liaison with government officials underway to keep abreast of the developing situation Contingency planning has commenced to understand the impact of a delay on the MCA Ready Programme to ensure we are prepared for this scenario Letter sent from LCC to government minister to seek assurances on this issue Assurances sought from MHCLG that the timetable for the Mayoral Order can progress as planned, meaning gainshare and Non-Mayoral Functions will be conferred onto the Combined Authority as scheduled

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High	CRR- DR1	There is a risk that a major contractor/supplier/recipient of Combined Authority funding encounters significant financial difficulties, or enters administration or liquidation, and are therefore unable to deliver agreed projects, due to current uncertainties within the construction industry.	Possible 3	Serious 4	 Contractual KPIs & penalty clauses Agreed escalation routes in contracts Ability to de-scope via change requests with partner buy-in Embed security measures into as many contracts as possible e.g. bond, legal charge, priority in lending hierarchy Regular financial checks in place through Procurement & contract/loan monitoring External consultants procured to advise on future investment strategy/due diligence processes for more commercial deals
	CRR- FR2	There is a risk that there is insufficient floorspace to generate projected business rates income, due to challenges in bringing forward Enterprise Zone sites within Growth Deal funding and occupier incentive timescales.	Possible 3	Serious 4	 Progress policy gap workstreams in parallel with Delivery Progress detailed due diligence & potential funding/overage agreement negotiations Identify other potential land/property income streams for GD monies
	CRR- SS1	There is a risk that a major accident or injury occurs at a Combined Authority facility, due to the high volume of people and inherent operational risks present in a bus station, transport interchange or Combined Authority facility.	Unlikely 2	Critical 5	 Health and safety policies, procedures and processes in place Staff training Ongoing review of Health and Safety risks Working with district emergency planning units to share knowledge and develop joint plans Continued working with police on preventative measures Business Continuity and Disaster Management workshops taking place at corporate level
	CRR- DR2	There is a risk that significant travel disruption arises from the implementation of major transport investment programmes, due to their intrusive nature, and a lack of effective communication or co-ordination.	Possible 3	Serious 4	 Close working with programme sponsors on phasing out of construction Mitigating travel arrangements Creation of a 'travel demand management plan' to inform and influence travel behaviours Economic analysis taking place to further assess current situations and potential future risks
	CRR- SD3	There is a risk that there is a substantial reduction or alternation of services to customers, due to the business failure, sale, or substantial change in bus/rail providers.	Possible 3	Serious 4	 Close relationships with operators to obtain early warnings Dialogue with DFT, TFN Work commissioned and in progress to consider future bus options
	CRR- SD7	There is a risk that frontline services and business as usual activities cannot be adequately provided due to staffing	Possible 3	Serious 4	 Staffing levels being monitored and individual circumstances being regularly reviewed Additional staff trained and redeployed into frontline positions Productivity being actively monitored

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	availability issues as a result of the Covid pandemic			
CRR- SS2	There is a risk that a cyber security malware infection could infiltrate the organisation, due to the growth of cyber crime and organisation targeting which is increasing due to covid19	Possible 3	Serious 4	 Systems protected through firewalls Additional cyber security software in place Increased training for ICT staff Regular testing
CRR- SD11	There is a risk that the corporate processes, systems and structures needed to support the MCA will not be in place by May 2021, due to the scale of work required within challenging timescales and the need to maintain business as usual activities.	Possible 3	Serious 4	 Comprehensive resource mapping exercise taken place across the Corporate Services directorate, and action taken to address key pressure points Areas identified where consultancy support can be used to relieve pressure on staff