					Indicator	Lead Directorate	2007-08	2008-09	Latest Outturn		Activity Reported		rating	Direction of Travel		Reason for judgements
NIS	LAA HCS	CP :	BVPI F	PAF APA		_caa z.rectorate	Outturn	Target	July	September	September	July	September	July	September	
14		Yes			Avoidable contact: The average number of customer contacts per resolved request Deputy Chief Executive Establish baseline by March 2			There is a requirement that, for certain service areas, the first submission is to be made in April 2009. We are aiming to start monitoring in October, possibly using Customer Relationship Management (CRM); however, due to the planned upgrade, this may not be possible, so a sample survey will be run in each of the required service areas.	A	R			Activity suggest that a baseline that meets the definition may not be achieved			
179		Yes			Value for money – total net value of ongoing cash- releasing value for money gains that have impacted since the start of the 2008-09 financial year	Resources		£1.5m		1.75m		A	G			Target achieved
180					Changes in Housing Benefit / Council Tax Benefit entitlements within the year	Resources		19,500	6,404	9,898		A	A			Proportionately, latest outturn is marginally worse than target
181					Time taken to process Housing Benefit / Council Tax Benefit new claims and change events	Resources		20	19.57	16.68		A	G			Latest outturn better tha target
			8		Creditor Days - The average number of days taken to pay for purchases	Resources		19	17.68	17.89		G	G			Latest outturn better tha target
			9		The percentage of council tax collected by the Local Authority in the year	Resources	98.62%	98.80%	40.14%	58.90%	Last year, 49.5% at end of August.	A	G	∇	Δ	Latest outturn better tha last year
			10		The percentage of non- domestic rates collected	Resources	98.63%	98.80%	44.41%	61.57%	Last year, 63.27% at end of September.	G	G	Δ	▽	Latest outturn worse tha last year
			78a		The average processing time taken for all new Housing and Council Tax Benefit (HB/CTB) claims submitted to the Local Authority, for which the date of decision is within the financial year being reported	Resources	27.08 days	24 days	24 days	23.73 days		G	G	Δ	Δ	Latest outturn better tha target and last year
			78b		The average processing time taken for all written notifications to the Local Authority of changes to a claimant's circumstance that require a new decision on behalf of the Local Authority	Resources	13.26 days	14 days	16 days	13.95 days		R	G	▽	∇	Latest outturn better tha target but worse than las year
			79b i		The amount of Housing Benefit (HB) overpayments recovered during the period being reported on as a percentage of HB deemed recoverable overpayments during that period		62.30%	63%	68.45% (June)	60.38%	Last year, 69% at end of August.	G	Α	Δ	∇	Latest outturn slightly below last year
			79b ii		Housing Benefit (HB) overpayments recovered during the period as a percentage of HB overpayment debt outstanding at the start of the period plus amount of HB overpayments identified during the period	Resources	48.90%	49%	27.26% (June)	38.72%	Last year, 13.5% at end of August (cumulative)	G	G	Δ	Δ	Latest outturn better tha target and last year

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NIS LA	A HCS CP	BVPI PAF A			Outturn	Target	July	September	September	July	September	July	September	
	Yes		Use of Resources score	se of Resources score Resources 2		3	Outturn known in December Outturn known in March		The Council's current Use of Resources score of 2 relates to the 2006/07 year of account. The Use of Resources self assessment for 2007/08 was submitted to the Audit Commission in September 2008. Progress was evident in all elements of the assessment in line with the Use of Resources improvement plan for the 2007/08 assessment and corporate governance improvement plans. The Audit Commission will not be determining councils' Use of Resources scores until early 2009.	A A			Activity showing progress towards target, but no outturn available	
	Yes		VFM PROC SI 5: Percentage of total non-pay channelled directly through collaborative procurement arrangements with other buying organisations	Resources	s 3% Outtu				We continue to monitor compliance with the Council's policy on using West Mercia Supplies. The Strategic Procurement Manager advises on the use of framework contracts wherever possible. A rolling programme of financial management training for officers and councillors including procurement is scheduled with positive feedback on the sessions held to date. Resources continue to reinforce the message but all directorates need to ensure they adhere to Council policies and procedures.	A	А			Activity showing progress towards target, but no outturn available
	Yes	11b	The percentage of the top-paid 5% of Local Authority staff who are from an ethnic minority	Deputy Chief Executive	2.36%	3%	2.26%	2.33% (3 / 129 staff)	Work is ongoing to develop this area and build our profile within this staff group, in line with our agreed approach to equality and diversity.	R	R	▽	▽	Latest outturn is worse than target and last year.
	Yes	11c	The percentage of the top-paid 5% of staff who have a disability (excluding those in maintained schools)	Deputy Chief Executive	0.79%	1.40%	0%	0.00%	Due to staff changes our recent % level within this area has been lost, which is partially due to the relatively small numbers employed overall in the staff group. Work is ongoing to develop this area and build our profile within this staff group, in line with our agreed approach to equality and diversity.	R	R	∇	▽	Latest outturn is worse than target and last year.
		14	The percentage of employees retiring early (excluding ill-health retirements) as a percentage of the total work force	Deputy Chief Executive	0.28%	<0.28%	0.07%	(18	There has been an increase in the last quarter, which is a result of a number of staff leaving C&YPD. The bulk of these leavers are teaching staff leaving in August 08, which is linked to the ability for teachers to leave after the age of 60 with full pension payments. As this is an area where we do not have to underwrite any actuarial reduction there is no cost to the Council.	G	R	Δ	▽	Latest outturn is worse than target and last year.
		15	The percentage of Local Authority employees retiring on grounds of ill health as a percentage of the total workforce	Deputy Chief Executive	0.16%	<0.16%	0.07%	0.07% (3 employees)	There continues to be low levels of activity.	G	G	Δ	Δ	Latest outturn is better than target and last year.
	Yes		Direction of Travel assessment based on the rate of improvement	Deputy Chief Executive	Improving adequately		Outturn known in February 2009		Outturn for 2007/08 (and reported to Cabinet in July 08) shows that the % of PI's improving has slowed to 63% compared with 74% in 2007. This rate of improvement still lies within the 60.8% - 63.2% average of single tier authorities in 2007. On the other hand, 77% of PI's have improved over the last 3 years (51% in 2006). Initial reports on the in year assessments of adult social care, children, use of resources, data quality etc indicate improvements but the impact of the individual service scores on the overall DoT assessment is not clear.		Α			Activity showing progress towards target, but no outturn available
	Yes		Investors in people accreditation	Deputy Chief Executive		Accreditation (2009-10)			Work is underway to develop a corporate action plan which will lead to accreditation in 2009/2010.	G	G			Activity showing progress towards target, but no outturn available
	Yes	Average days per full-time employee per year invested in learning and development Deputy Chief Executive Establish baseline by March 2009				March 2009	The is a complex area as information has not been collated centrally to date. Work is underway to establish the current overall expenditure on learning and development within the council.	G	G			Activity reported that should impact on the baseline		

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NIS I	AA HCS	CP	BVPI	PAF APA	Illuicatoi		Outturn	Target	July September		September	July September		July	September	Latest outturn is worse than target and last year
		Yes	12		Average working days per employee (full time equivalent) per year lost through sickness absence		8.58 days	8 days	9.21 days	9.16 days	There is a revised policy on absence management, which has been published. There will be work with Directorates to embed this new policy, including a review of remedial activity we can implement to address the increase.	R				
		Yes	11a		Percentage of leadership posts occupied by women	Deputy Chief Executive	40.94%	42%	42.86%	40.31% (52 / 129 staff)	There is a revised policy on absence management which has been published. There will be work with Directorates to embed this new policy, which will include reviewing any remedial activity we can implement to address the increase seen.	G	R	Δ	▽	Latest outturn is worse than target and last year.
		Yes	16		Percentage of employees who consider themselves to have a disability	Deputy Chief Executive	0.86%	>0.86%	0.96%		This is generally on target at present (though a statistical blip has led to an apparent slippage) and we will be maintaining the momentum to achieve the improvements still required to meet future expectations.	G	G	Δ	Δ	Latest outturn is better than target and last year.
		Yes	17		Percentage of Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) employees in the workforce	Deputy Chief Executive	0.73%	>0.73%	0.68%		We will be looking to increase our profile in terms of attracting staff from diverse backgrounds that will both enhance our ability to deliver quality services to the people of Herefordshire and to reflect our population profile within our workforce.	R	R	∇	▽	Latest outturn is worse than target and last year.
		Yes			Data quality measured in terms of the Audit Commission's four- point scale		2	2	Outturn known in December		The Council is audited each year between June and August essentially on its data quality improvement work in the previous financial year. The results are published in the following February i.e. some 10 months after the end of the year to which they primarily relate. This is not a scored audit, rather the results are deduced from the auditor's feedback. Progress against the Council's data quality improvement plan is reported regularly as required by the Cabinet approved policy. The draft results of the 2008 audit are expected shortly.	G	G			Activity showing progress towards target, but no outturn available although feedback is positive
	Yes			Commissioner and user satisfaction index – measuring the perceptions of service users and commissioners of the effectiveness of the service.	Deputy Chief Executive		Establish	Establish baseline by March 2009		This is the first time performance has been measured in relation to this indicator. Discussions are underway to establish appropriate targets. Surveys underway.	G	G			Activity reported that should impact on the baseline	
		Yes			Unavailability of ICT services to users	Deputy Chief Executive		Establish baseline by March 2009			This is the first time performance has been measured in relation to this indicator. Discussions are underway to establish appropriate targets. It should be noted, however that this figure can only be measured at present against internet and microsoft exchange. Additional resources will be required to broaden this analysis to all business critical systems.	G	A			Activity reported that should impact on the baseline, although activity suggests there may be issues with resources