Summary Position October 2023

	Almost Certain	5					
	Highly Likely	4				CORSER002 ICT001 CONT001 SUS001	
ПКЕГІНООВ	Possible	3				HRA001 HRA002 CORSER001 FIN002 FIN003 PEOPLE001	COMP001 FIN001
	Unlikely	2		ECDEV001			
	Negligible	1					
			1	2	3	4	5
			Negligible	Low	Medium	High	Very High
					IMPACT		

Key

CORSER002- Business continuity arrangements
ICT001- Cyber security
CONT001 - Failure of waste contractor/service
HRA001- Increase in demand from homeless increasing financial need
HRA002-House building/regeneration programme
SUS001- Climate change (previously titled Failure to achieve carbon emissions targets)
COMP001-Compliance with social housing regulations
CORSER001-Data/ information breach
FIN002- Ensuring the continued financial viability of

Qualis.
FIN003- Maintaining and improving VFM.
ECDEV001- Economic Development
FIN001- Delivering a balanced budget and sustainable
Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP)
PEOPLE001 – Future proofing the workforce

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HRA001 Increase in demand from homeless increasing financial need	Increase in numbers of homeless households and lack of supply of suitable accommodation could result in adverse financial impact directly affecting the general fund.	5	4	20	1. 2. 3.	Senior officers authorise all placements. Entered into a block booking arrangement with a local provider at a reduced cost. Building our own stock.	3	4	12			Interim Service Director Housing & Property	Jan 24	OPEN
CURRENT REVIEW DATE	CAUSE - EFFECT (detail narrative)		4. 5.	New provision other social housing providers. Taskforce of key staff in place to improve collection rates of charges	STA					DIRECTION OF TRAVEL	ACTION OWNER	ACTION DATE		
Oct-23	We have seen an unprecedented increase in households ecoming homeless due to national factors (cost of living nd the implications of the Domestic Abuse Act). There is possible additional risk of increasing numbers locally om the bridging hotels (2 in the district) if they are made a leave without arrangements for rehousing elsewhere eing in place.						TREA	AT		1) 2) 3) 4)	Project to improve tenancy sustainment in the private rented sector has been included in the Service Plan for 2023/4. The purpose being to prevent homelessness at an earlier stage. Review the effectiveness of current support to people experiencing domestic abuse and our ability to prevent homelessness. Investigating an Essex wide solution. Exploring with Qualis whether they can assist with TA provision.		(Ali) EG	Dec 23

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HRA002 House building/ regeneration programme	Inability to provide adequate new build social housing would result in not meeting the Council's housing targets.	5	4	20	Programme-wide risk management schedule is in place. Robust assessment of contractors' ability to undertake role.	3	4	12		Interim Service Director Housing & Property	Jan 24	OPEN
CURRENT REVIEW DATE	CAUSE – EFFECT (detail narrative)				 Ensure contractors are sufficiently insured. Include provisions in contracts to deal with poor performance/failure of contract. 	TREA T STA	ATMEN ATUS			DIRECTIO N OF TRAVEL	ACTION OWNER	ACTION DATE
Oct -23	If the Council fails to implement an asset meanstrategy to include regeneration, retrofit of and/or development of new builds for social Council will not be equipped to deal with inconsocial housing. This will result in adverse financial impact for pressures for temporary accommodation fail delivery and reputational damage.	existing housing the creased	proper ng the d dema Council	nd for	5. Project management of all schemes to ensure effective delivery of the schemes is in place. 6. Involve Planning staff at early stages and throughout. 7. Provide robust feasibility studies.	TREA	T		 Implementation of sequel to manage cashflows for the schemes. Business case prepared. Monitoring the Phase 5 schemes against the business plan budget, given huge build cost increases and planning is being submitted. Seeking further collaborative working with Qualis and other partners for consideration of joint ventures and other contract mechanisms. Further consideration to the Local Plan for development opportunities. Review of HRA business plan including development schemes underway. Close monitoring of expenditure required. HRA business plan review underway Q3 2023/24 including consideration of development schemes underway 		(All) RH	Dec 23

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ECDEV001 Economic Development	A failure to deliver projects linked to the council's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) bid, mean that the council will miss out on the benefits linked to £1 million worth of external funding.	4	5	20	Strategic Partnerships specialist/Economic Lead responsible for overseeing delivery of various business support programmes to be delivered through economic development team.	2	2	4	Present to Strategic Leadership Team on the delivery plan. Deliver 2023 programmes, which include the procuring of several business support	Local Strategic Partnership Manager	Jan 24	OPEN
CURRENT REVIEW DATE	CAUSE - EFFECT (detail narrative)				2) A full-time officer is working on ensuring that other departments accessing the funds are aware of all the expectations around deploying these.	TREAT	TMENT JS		programmes alongside the completion of the Ninefields Playground which is partially funded through the UKSPF. Conduct quarterly and sixmonthly reports highlighting	DIRECTION OF TRAVEL	ACTION OWNER	ACTION DATE
Oct 23	i) A lack of staff resource to coordinate means that the council is unable to r back to the UK Government on the u ii) A failure to follow UK Government le procurement rules risks the delivery projects. iii) A failure to attend to marketing and crules linked to the programme leads Government withdrawing funding su	eport use of egal ar of UK comm to risk	adequ funds and SPF unicat k of the	iately ions	 This full-time officer is also responsible for organising quarterly and six-monthly reports back to the UK Government around delivery. Dedicated account manager working with economic development team is aware of key requirements regarding financial returns to government. A process has been set up between the economic development team and the legal and procurement teams, to ensure all contracts for projects are reviewed before sign off. 	TREA	ΛŢ		outcomes and outputs associated with UKSPF projects. • Understand status of Rural England Prosperity Fund which would bring an added £450,000 worth of extra funding into play in tangent with the existing UK Shared Prosperity Fund programme. Bid submitted but no confirmation of award yet. • Continue to build communications channels with neighbouring authorities to understand any changes in UK Government reporting requirements and areas for joint delivery.		DH (all)	Jan 24

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CORSER001 Data/ information breach	Risk of data held by the Council ends up in inappropriate hands.	4	4	16	The Council continues to have a designated SIRO, Data Protection Officer, and FOI Officer. A Strategic Information Governance Group and an	3	4	12		Service Director Corporate Services	Jan 24	OPEN
CURRENT REVIEW DATE	CAUSE - EFFECT (detail narrative)				Information Asset Owner Group are in place and meet quarterly to monitor breaches and learn lessons where needed. 3) The Information Governance Group 23/24 work programme is	TREAT	TMENT JS			DIRECTION OF TRAVEL	ACTION OWNER	ACTION DATE
Oct-23	Breach of the 2018 Data Protection Act General Data Protection Regulations (G significant fines or/and intervention by the Commissioner's Office (ICO)	iDPR) ne Info	leadin	g to	in place and is being prioritised and subject to ongoing review by the SIRO, Chief Auditor and DPO quarterly. 4) GDPR &Cyber security e-learning training on Litmos was provided	TREA	ιT		FOI infographic eLearning on Litmos along with raising awareness communication and data governance will be rolled out		1) PM/ SM/LR	Dec 23
	Reputational damage to the Council				during 2022. Cyber Security - 92.3% completion and GDPR 73.6% completion. People Team review employees who have not				during 2023. 2) Data quiz to be circulated.		2) PM/ MKS	Dec 23
					undertaken the training. Automated reports are sent to managers. 5) Training is underway with SLT,				Review of this to be completed. 4) ICT and Information		3) PM/SL	Dec 23
					started on 30 January 2023 is ongoing until March 2024. Quarterly sessions in place for 2023. 6) ICT information Governance policy review completed. 7) Align electronic data to retention and disposal policy. Data cleanse project launch summer 2023 initially focussing on F drives. 8) Microsoft Tenant Audit completed.				Governance Group to discuss further controls following review of the Microsoft Tenant audit.		4) PM	Jan 24

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CORSER002 Business Continuity arrangements	Failure to ensure robust plans are in place for critical services and regularly tested could result in an event occurring having adverse impact on service delivery.	5	5	25	There is a well-established MIM process for ICT issues to be managed. All 'office' based employees can work from home.	4	4	16		Service Director Corporate Services	Jan 24	OPEN
CURRENT REVIEW DATE	CAUSE - EFFECT (detail narrative)				The Council has alternative locations it could work from. BC Plan templates and manager training completed in conjunction	TREA' STAT	TMENT US			DIRECTION OF TRAVEL	ACTION OWNER	ACTION DATE
Oct-23	The Council is required to develop and ir Business Continuity Plans in line with the the Civil Contingencies Act 2004. Failure result in loss of service delivery. • Possible loss of income • Staff absence	requ	iremer	nts of	with Essex Police BC Team. 5. BCP framework in place. 6. Service BC Plans and BIAs in place.	TRE	EAT		Finalise Corporate BC Plan. Include the role of internal Gold officer and Group also Silver and Bronze response 1st draft completed.	\longleftrightarrow	1) LL	Dec 23
	Hardship for some of the community Council criticised for not responding effort.	ective	ly						For both sets of BC Plans identify specific processes and agreed decisions related to the situation.		2) LL	Dec 23
									BC Officer booked to attend specific BC course and take exams.		3) LL	Dec 23

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ICT001 Cyber security	Every organisation carries multiple risks in relation to cyber threats and as a government organisation, access to our systems and data is particularly appealing to threat factors. If we do not work to mitigate each angle of exposure, then we are more likely to fall victim to a cyber incident or data breach.	5	5	25	-All data back up now directly to the cloudDocumented and tested incident management procedures in placeMandatory Cyber security training completed by 92% of staff	4	4	16		Joint ICT & Transformation Director	Jan 24	OPEN
CURRENT REVIEW DATE	CAUSE - EFFECT (detail narrative)				-People Team notifies ICT of all leavers to ensure access rights are promptly disabled. -Access to the Council's Active	TREA' STATI	TMENT US			DIRECTION OF TRAVEL	ACTION OWNER	ACTION DATE
Oct-23	The Authority handles a large amount of business data. Either through hacking or security of the data could be compromise. • Loss of system access and/or data. • Unable to provide Council services. • Increased costs. • Reputation damaged. • Ransomware payment. • Corporate fines.	carel	essne	SS,	Directory domain is protected by robust authentication and password settings. -Firewall appliances have been deployed to protect the Council's network. -Mystery Phishing campaign completed in March 23 -Updated Information Security, Security Breach, ICT Remote Access and ICT Security policies in place. -60% of staff attended Essex Police Cyber training in October 2023 - PSN compliance check, both internal and external completed.	TRE	EAT		1. Microsoft audit has been undertaken across Epping and Colchester and a prioritised action plan will be created to increase our security posture. 2. VMware expired Nov 2022 works to purchase parts and implement in progress. 3. Additional information sharing and best practice across Essex Councils 4. Continued emphasis on educating and supporting colleagues, as human mistakes remain biggest threat		PT (All)	Dec 23

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SUS001 Climate change	Failure to achieve carbon emission targets will result in not achieving our targets contained within our Corporate Plan and will result in increased costs.	5	5	25	Policy controls: Climate Change Action Plan – overarching document to set actions to meet the 2030 target. Planning policy new development - Local Plan policies on flooding and environmental policies.	4	4	16	Include energy efficiency investment in Housing Asset Management Strategy 50% Stock Condition survey in place containing	Chief Operating Officer/ Service Director Planning	Jan 24	OPEN
CURRENT REVIEW DATE	CAUSE - EFFECT (detail narrative)				Sustainability Guidance vols 1-3 covering major and minor development and extensions/refurbishments. Transport and Air Quality -	TREAT STATU	TMENT JS		effi8ciency data. Plan to complete remaining stock in 2023/24. Additional overlay of efficiency data analysis via organisation called Parity to be commissioned Q3 23/34/ 2.Include energy efficiency investment	DIRECTION OF TRAVEL	ACTION	ACTION DATE
Oct 23	The Council declared a climate emerger pledged to do everything within its powe Epping Forest District carbon neutral by Areas key to this climate risk are transportant points, new builds and EFDC's of the Council of	r to ma 2030. ort incl wn pro	uding	EV ,	Interim Air Pollution Mitigation Strategy – to reduce impacts of pollutants on the Epping Forest Special Area of Conservation (SAC). Air Quality Action Plan – to reduce impact on human health. Other controls:	TRE	AT		in operational asset management strategy 3.EV charge points on EFDC land to be part of asset management strategy. 4.Identify EFDC planning staff with required specialist knowledge to oversee carbon emissions and climate		1) SB/ DG 2) DG	Nov 23 Nov 23
	planning for new developments and mass considering carbon emissions and flood new waste depot and subsidence from the lift we fail to achieve our targets could research. Reputational damage	risk, tł rees.	ne pot		-Climate Change Steering Group set up with officers from across the Council to oversee delivery of the Climate Change Action Plan -Fleet conversion to Electric Vehicles, EV charge points at Civic,				considerations. 5.Investigate carbon emissions of non-EV waste fleet at proposed depot. 6.Implement a tree policy to protect against subsidence and building damage.		3)SLJ 4) GC	Nov 23 Nov 23
	Greatly increased costs from 0 Adaptation requirements (floor subsidence from drought, increased)	ding, c	verhe	ating,	Oakwood Hill and North Weald AirfieldCharge points on EFDC public land. Pilot training Carbon Literacy course for service managers - Net zero training given to planning officers				7. Asset Management Strategy work underway with Ark Consultancy appointed Oct 23, strategy due to be in place early 2024		5) JW 6) MT	Nov 23 Nov 23
											7)SB	Feb 24

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CONT001 Failure of waste contractor/ Service	Failure of Waste Contractor to deliver service and failure of the Council to determine and implement waste service delivery method by Nov 2024	4	5	20	Daily communications with Biffa, keeping members and residents informed. Biffa have agreed a further 2-year pay deal with the GMB and have already managed to recruit an	4	4	16	Biffa have a vehicle repair/replacement plan in place and are applying for planning permission to have a workshop at their depot to maintain the vehicles. Puture Waste services project	Service Director Contracts	Jan 24	OPEN
CURRENT REVIEW DATE	CAUSE - EFFECT (detail narrative)				additional 6 drivers who will commence employment shortly. 3. Biffa have invested resources to improve the service delivery in terms of increasing pay, training, and new	TREA' STA'	TMENT TUS		steering group set up and meet fortnightly 3) Planning permission will need to be sought for the new depot. Informal	DIRECTION OF TRAVEL	ACTION OWNER	ACTION DATE

Oct-23 1)	Failure of Waste Contract Inability of the Council's partnering contractor, Biffa Municipal Limited to provide waste collection services as specified in Contract. Failure to procure new Waste Contractor to commence in Nov 2024 Consequences: Reputational damage to the Council Significant additional costs to the Council Environmental impact – increased rubbish on street, and health issues if waste left out too long before collected. Ongoing service delivery issues	vehicles. Additional external waste contractor has been deployed to help deal with the missed collections. 4. Cabinet approval for capital and permission to develop an EFDC waste depot at NWA granted in Feb 23. 5. Cabinet decision to go out to procurement for the waste contract was agreed in October 2022. Decision was reversed in July 2023 and approved set up of wholly owned company. 6. OPS Ltd appointed to project manage Future Waste Services Project. There are 3 workstreams: 1 – Determine the preferred forward arrangements for Waste Collection provision. 2 - Mobilise a waste vehicle facility at NWA. 3 - Procure a Vehicle Fleet	TREAT	meeting with planning taken place. Drawings and layout in development. Pre-planning application to be submitted in October2023. 4) Internal Waste workshops have taken place with Cabinet. Report approved by Place scrutiny committee in June and Cabinet in July to determine preferred option for delivery of waste services. 5) Waste vehicle specification developed, soft market testing completed, and procurement documents issued to market on 19 October 2023.		JW (all)	Jan 24
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COMP001 Compliance with social housing regulation	If the Council, is unable to demonstrate compliance with numerous statutory H&S requirements it could face a Regulatory Notice and/or heavy fines. There is also a need to meet Consumer Standards and Consumer Standards as laid out in the Social Housing (Regulation) Bill (2023). If the Council is unprepared, it will face serious reputational damage.	4	5	20	All key (Big 6) compliance polices have been adopted through Cabinet in Q1 & Q2 2023/24 So% Stock Condition Survey in place Trance 1 of the Tenant Satisfaction Measures (TSMs) completed September 2023 Compliance data available via dashboard for senior	3	5	15			Interim Service Director Housing and Property	Jan 24	OPEN
CURRENT REVIEW DATE	CAUSE - EFFECT (detail narrative)				management to review monthly. 5) Weekly gas meetings take place monitoring and improving gas compliance. 6) Asbestos Re-Inspection	TREA ENT STA					DIRECTION OF TRAVEL	ACTION OWNER	ACTION DATE
Oct -23	In addition to the requirements of the S Regulator described above there are not the Building Safety Act 2022 and Fire S HSE is now the new regulator for build whilst currently applies to 7 storeys and intention is to reduce this down to lower	equire Safety ling sa d abo	ments Act 20 Ifety ar Ve the	from 021. nd	programme completed October 2023. 7) COO is agreed lead on Health and Safety for Housing (as required by the Regulator) 8) The Director for Housing &	TRE	AT		1)	Stock condition survey to be completed. Survey of social housing residents' satisfaction with housing services will take place in the summer of 2023.		1) SB 2) SB	Mar 24 Apr 24
	Requires a competent person to be for and 'golden thread' of records and rete documents. Fire Safety Act 2021 – applies to EFD0 2023 and will amend the existing regul safety order 2005. Applies to all buildin housing. The Council must self-refer if Fire Safety (England) Regulations 202	rmally ention C from atory ngs no not co	appoir of Janua (reform t just	nted ary n) Fire	Property is lead for Consumer Standards. As required by the Regulator.				4)	Asset Management Strategy to be in place for Autumn 2023 ensuring that structural and compliance needs for the council's council housing are given priority and are fully resourced. HAMS project is delayed and not on course which may result in non-compliance and unable to monitor repairs costs adequately. Urgent review underway.		3) SB 4) SB	Jan 24 Aug 24

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FIN001 Delivering a Balanced Budget and Sustainable Medium- Term Financial Plan (MTFP)	Failure to maintain a Balanced Budget and Sustainable Medium- Term Financial Plan (MTFP) would breach a legal duty to maintain a balanced budget and could potentially result in the bankruptcy of the Council.	5	5	25	The active monitoring and reporting on internal and external factors affecting the MTFP, including the 2024/25 Budget through the established Financial Planning Framework Regular communication of financial position and future prospects to Members (through	3	5	15		Strategic Director of Resources (Section 151 Officer)	Jan 24	OPEN
CURRENT REVIEW DATE	CAUSE – EFFECT (detail narrative)				the Cabinet and Scrutiny process) and senior management (via SLT route).	TRE/ ENT STA				DIRECTION OF TRAVEL	ACTION OWNER	ACTION DATE
Oct 23	The Council has a legal duty under the Finance Act 1992 to maintain a balance Furthermore, Section 114 (3) of the Lo Finance Act 1988 dictates" the CFC Officer) of a relevant authority shall mathis section if it appears to them that the authority incurred (including expento incur) in a financial year is likely to eresources (including sums borrowed) ameet that expenditure". The updated Medium-Term Financial F 2023/24 to 2027/28 adopted by the Co February 2023 showed a forecast Gendeficit of £2.389 million for 2024/25, whe eliminated in order to set a balanced be The General Fund outturn 2022/23 recideficit (contingency balance now below	ed bu cal Go (Sec like a r lie exp diture exceed availab Plan (P lieral F nich n ludget corded	dget. Diverning tion 15 Diverning 15 Diverni	nent 51 under re of posses t to h udget o be		TRE	EAT		 Maintain (effective) Recruitment Freeze in 2023/24. Develop and deliver Action Plan for balancing 2024/25 Budget. Develop Shared Services Strategy Develop and deliver Transformation Plan (including Shared Services) 		AS CH TBC TBC	April – March (23/4) Nov 23 Nov 23 Feb 24

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FIN002 Ensuring the continued financial viability of Qualis.	Failure to ensure the continued financial viability of Qualis represents a major financial and reputational risk to the Council.	3	5	15	Quarterly monitoring and reporting on progress against Qualis Business Plan through the established Governance Framework. Quarterly reporting on Council budget position (including Qualis loop marries and other	3	4	12		Strategic Director of Resources (Section 151 Officer)	Jan 24	OPEN
CURRENT REVIEW DATE	CAUSE – EFFECT (detail narrative)				Qualis loan margins and other transactions) through Cabinet and Scrutiny process. 3) Enhanced reporting (with effect from 2023/24 in compliance with December 2021 codes) through	TREAT MENT STATUS				DIRECTION OF TRAVEL	ACTION OWNER	ACTION DATE
Oct 2023	The Council's LATCO, the Qualis Grouperate in particularly difficult economic conditions since its inception. This is prin property development especially, wisharp increase in worldwide interest rathe viability of planned housing and reschemes. In particular, the Council's mincome assumptions are dependent or delivery of these schemes through the makes on on-lending to Qualis. The Council has obtained security who against its financial commitments to Quarinst its financial commitments to Quarinst the event that Qualis fails to establis financial viability in the medium-term, to potentially suffer significant financial longer reputational damage.	ic and proving ith the lates the general nedium in the semang erever ualis, ent. Nesh and the Co	trading challed recent reaten ation ation at the control of the control of the challed recent reaten at the control of the challed reaten at the control of the challed reaten at the challed reaten a	g enging t ing sful ti it ble seless, ain its	Audit & Governance Committee re Capital and Treasury Management strategies (especially on Qualis-related Service and Commercial Investments). 4) Monitoring and reporting on monthly Cash Flow Statement from Qualis.	TRE	EAT		Monitor and report quarterly on Qualis-related Council risk exposure.		AS	Dec 23

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FIN003 Maintaining and improving value for money (VFM).	A failure to maintain and improve Value for Money (VFM) in the commissioning and delivery of services would potentially jeopardise public funds and cause the Council significant reputational damage.	4	5	20	1)	Quarterly performance monitoring and reporting through established Cabinet and Scrutiny progress. Ad hoc scrutiny of Qualis service-delivery performance.	3	4	12		Strategic Director of Resources (Section 151 Officer)	Jan 24	OPEN
CURRENT REVIEW DATE	CAUSE – EFFECT (detail narrat			TRE MEI STA	NT			DIRECTION OF TRAVEL	ACTION OWNER	ACTION DATE			
Oct 2023	The Council is a Best Value authority under the Local Government Act 1999 and is under a general Duty of Best Value, which requires it to "make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness" (an optimal balance thereof representing "Value for Money"). The Council's Duty of Best Value is further reflected in Sections 20 and 21 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, which require (external) auditors to be satisfied that the Council "has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources". The Council is redesigning service delivery arrangements in a range of areas (including the transfer of some services to Qualis), so has to ensure that the Duty of Best Value continues to be met.						TRE	EAT		1) Ensure protection of taxpayers' interests in Grounds Maintenance contract from 2023/24. 2) Ensure protection of taxpayers' interests in Commercial Assets contract from 2023/24. 3) Further develop, monitor and report on VFM metrics, including benchmarking and 'baselining' services prior to outsourcing. 4) Benchmark Housing Maintenance contract performance against industry standards. 5) Complete VFM assessment of Housing Maintenance contract based on 2022/23 performance.		AS AS JG AS	Nov 23 Nov 23 Nov 23 Jul 23

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PEOPLE001 Future proofing the workforce	The Council is facing significant pressures with not having the right skills, behaviours, productivity and capacity in place to deliver services to our residents and deliver the Corporate Plan 2023-27.	4	5	20	People Strategy 2020/22 in place that recognises the importance of attraction & retention, employee development, supports our new ways of working and engagement with employees and trade unions,	3	4	12		Service Director – Corporate Services	Jan 24	OPEN
CURRENT REVIEW DATE	CAUSE - EFFECT (detail narrati	ve)			and wellbeing support. 2. A successful Apprentice Scheme which maximises expenditure of the Apprenticeship Levy	TRE ME STA				DIRECTION OF TRAVEL	ACTION OWNER	ACTION DATE
Oct-23	The Council requires a highly skilled a workforce to deliver the Corporate Pla our residents. Public services are factimes regarding; Infinancial restraints cost of goods and services for enemployers tight labour markets increasing trade union unrest The Council needs to attract, recruit, a workforce that can meet these challen high standards of delivery	n and ing change	servic allengi es and ain a	es to ng d	 Well established hybrid/flexible ways of working Leadership development programmes A dedicated L&D (Learning and Development) budget and team Partnership working/shared services other authorities and public services which offers potential career, specialist, and personal development. Officers involved in a range of Essex wide groups discussing attraction and recruitment to wider Essex. People Strategy 2023/27 in place. 	TRE	EAT				1) JB/ CG	Dec 23