



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

Performance Indicators

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Appendix 3 - Chief Executive's Directorate - Compliments and Complaints - Quarter 2 (1st April - 30th September) - 2022/23

How will we know we are making a difference (01/04/2022 to 30/09/2022)?

PI Title	Qtr.2 Actual 20/21	Qtr.2 Actual 21/22	Qtr.2 Actual 22/23	Qtr.2 Target 22/23	Perf. RAG
CHIEF EXECUTIVES					
PI/252 - Chief Executive's Directorate - % of closed stage 1 complaints upheld/partially upheld in the financial year	23.53	20.00	16.67	N/a	
<p>Twelve stage 1 complaints were closed in Quarter 2 2022/2023 (April to September) of which two were upheld. Five stage 1 complaints were closed in Quarter 2 2021/22 of which one was upheld.</p> <p>Thirteen stage 1 complaints were received in quarter 2 2022/23 compared to 4 received in quarter 2 2021/22</p> <p>The two complaints upheld in this period are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Council Tax – a resident had contacted the office at the end of March to pay his first instalment of council tax for April 2022. He then contacted the office at the end of April to set up a direct debit to be taken on 28th of each month (from May) and so on. During this phone call the officer took another payment by card, which was taken in error as the direct debit was due to be taken at the end of May, this resulted in him paying twice. The officer during that call, should have amended the direct debit to commence on 28th June. This error also corrupted the payment profile and no further payments were taken. An offer of apology and options were given which included refunding the overpaid amounts or paying less going forward. Elections – A resident attended to vote to find she was not on the register and unable to vote at the election. On further investigation it appears that correspondence had been received in relation to her being removed, however the Registration Officer had made an error by not performing secondary checks before removing her off the register, therefore an apology was given and additional training for staff put in place. 					
PI/253 -Chief Executive's Directorate - % of closed complaints at stage 2 that were upheld/partially upheld in the financial year	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/a	
<p>Three stage 2 complaints were closed in Quarter 2 (April to September) 2022/2023 which were not upheld (one of the closed complaints was received and carried forward from quarter 4 2021/2022). Two stage 2 complaints were closed in Quarter 2 2021/2022 which were not upheld.</p> <p>Two stage 2 complaints were received in quarter 2 2022/23 and two were received in quarter 2 2021/22.</p>					
PI/254 - Chief Executive's Directorate - % of closed complaints dealt with by the Public Services Ombudsman (following Stage 1 and Stage 2 process) that were upheld/partially upheld					
No ombudsman complaints have been received following a stage 1 and stage 2 for quarter 2 for the previous 3 years.					
PI/255 - Chief Executive's Directorate - Number of compliments received from the public	66.00	40.00	52.00	N/a	
52 compliments received for quarter 2 2022/23 as opposed to 40 received in quarter 2 2021/22.					
Business Support - 1 compliment received thanking the Land Charges Team for help with a local search					

Council Tax – 13 compliments received, thanks for assistance with disabled reduction fee (1), cost of living grant (3), assistance during COIVD (1), Winter/Fuel Allowance (4), assistance with overpayments (1), providing copy of bill (1), assistance with a query on class j exemption (1) and praise for response time on an appeal with the Valuation Office Agency (1)

Benefits – 1 Compliment received – excellent help and attention, treated with kindness since the death of customer’s husband. “Cannot praise staff enough, much appreciated.”

Human Resources – 7 Compliments received for Health and Safety Team from Outdoor event organisers (April – June) giving thanks for the huge success of the Safety Advisory Group supporting various event registrations and / or applications to use Council land.

Mayoral Service – 9 compliments received – 5 from volunteer groups who attended afternoon tea at Margam Orangery on 30th August and 4 from volunteer culture and heritage groups who attended afternoon tea on 22nd September. The events were organised to recognise and bring together volunteers working in our communities. Compliments included how well run the event was, location, catering, the ability to network with other groups and officers of the Council.

Communications Team – 1 compliment from officer of Welsh Government stating that our ‘Help with the cost of living website’ was a good example of work we are doing to help with cost of living crisis.

Corporate Policy and Engagement team - 6 Compliments received, 4 were relating to Armed Forces Day event which was overseen by the Regional Armed Forces Covenant Liaison Officer. Three compliments said that it was a great event. One from Bethel Trust food bank for help and support provided and one from the WLGA complimenting a member of the team after working together, that she was ‘fab’ to work with and hopes to work with her again in the future

Registration Service – 6 compliments including thanks for an excellent service whilst registering a death, being both empathetic, kind and respectful during a difficult time, and making it as easy as it could possibly be (x2) thanks for help with obtaining copy certificate, and for help and support when death was registered in another district. Thanks received for excellent service before and during wedding service (x2)

Customer / Digital Services – 8 Compliments received including thanks of assistance with blue badge applications x2 – One compliment commented it was a first class service. The speed of which a Customer Services Officer reported needles found at a children’s bus stop which were cleared by the Council within 15 minutes. Also, provision of an update to a customer with regards to ‘Tell us Once’, assistance with booking a slot at the Recycling Centre and for the service of delivery of recycling and food bags as well as help putting them in contact with the service (x3).