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#### **TO COUNCILLOR:**

Mrs L M Broadley (Chair) 1 Kaufman

Mrs L Kaufman C D Kozlowski

Mrs S B Morris

Dear Sir or Madam

I hereby **SUMMON** you to attend a meeting of the **PEOPLE COMMITTEE** to be held at the COUNCIL OFFICES, STATION ROAD, WIGSTON on THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 2020 at 6.30 PM for the transaction of the business set out in the Agenda below.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs Anne E Court Chief Executive



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#### 1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence from Members to determine the quorum of the meeting in accordance with Rule 7 of Part 4 of the Constitution.

#### **Appointment of Substitutes** 2.

To appoint substitute Members in accordance with Rule 26 of Part 4 of the Constitution and the Substitution Procedure Rules.

#### **Declarations of Interest** 3.

Members are reminded that any declaration of interest should be made having regard to the Members' Code of Conduct. In particular, Members must make clear the nature of the interest and whether it is 'pecuniary' or 'non-pecuniary'.

#### 4. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

To read, confirm and sign the minutes of the previous meeting in accordance with Rule 19 of Part 4 of the Constitution.

#### 5. **Action List Arising from the Previous Meeting**

There was no Action List arising from the previous meeting.

#### 6. **Petitions and Deputations**

To receive any Petitions and, or, Deputations in accordance with Rule(s) 11 and

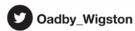


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#### 7. People Update (Q2 & Q3 2019/20)

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Report of the HR Advisor

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# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PEOPLE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, STATION ROAD, WIGSTON ON THURSDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2019 COMMENCING AT 6.34 PM

#### **PRESENT**

Mrs L M Broadley Chair

#### **COUNCILLORS**

J Kaufman

#### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

S J Ball Trainee Solicitor

Mrs A E Court Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service

Ms S Ingman HR Manager

Miss J Sweeney Democratic & Electoral Services Officer

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillors G A Boulter, M H Charlesworth and Mrs S B Morris.

Having counted the numbers of Members present and declared that there was not quorum present, the Chair adjourned the meeting.

#### THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.35 PM

<b>∠</b>
Chair
Thursday, 12 March 2020

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# Agenda Item 7



**People Committee** 

Thursday, 12 March 2020

Matter for Information

**Report Title:** 

People Update (Q2 & Q3 2019/20)

**Report Author(s):** 

**Andrew Collin (HR Advisor)** 

Purpose of Report:	To provide an overview of key management statistics in relation to HR, current projects/initiatives and introduce any relevant policies or procedures to Members.
Report Summary:	The report sets out the latest Management information (statistics) for ill health absence, ER cases and staff turnover.
Recommendation(s):	That the content of the report be noted.
Senior Leadership, Head of Service, Manager, Officer and Other Contact(s):	Stephen Hinds (Deputy Chief Executive) (0116) 257 2681 stephen.hinds@oadby-wigston.gov.uk  Victoria Hewitt (HR Manager) (0116) 257 2721 victoria.hewitt@oadby-wigston.gov.uk  Andrew Collin (HR Advisor) (0116) 257 2638 andrew.collin@oadby-wigston.gov.uk
Corporate Objectives:	Providing Excellent Services (CO3)
Vision and Values:	Accountability (V1) Respect (V2) Teamwork (V3) Innovation (V4) Customer Focus (V5)
Report Implications:-	
Legal:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Financial:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Corporate Risk Management:	Reputation Damage (CR4) Organisational / Transformational Change (CR8)
Equalities and Equalities Assessment (EA):	There are no implications arising from this report. EA not applicable.
Human Rights:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Safety:	There are no implications arising from this report.
Statutory Officers' Comm	nents:-

Head of Paid Service:	The report is satisfactory.			
Chief Finance Officer:	The report is satisfactory.			
Deputy Monitoring Officer:	The report is satisfactory.			
Consultees:	None.			
Background Papers:	None.			
Appendices:	None.			

#### 1. Workforce Report

1.1 This report looks at the workforce profile of Oadby & Wigston Borough Council during the third quarter of the financial year and runs from the period 01 October 2019 – 31 December 2019.

The key findings from the workforce profile report are as follows:

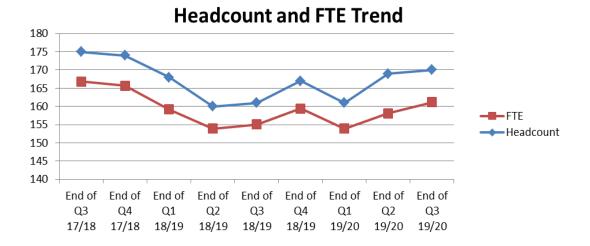
- The workforce had a headcount of 170 and an FTE (full time equivalent) count of **161.14** as of 31 December 2019. The total number of employees is up from 169 at the end of the second quarter as is the FTE count which was 158.08 at 30 September 2019.
- The annual average sickness figure has increased from the previous Quarter to **2.73** days lost per FTE but this is lower than the same period last year where 3.13 days were lost per FTE.
- The total number of days lost in Quarter Three was higher than in the previous Quarter, with both short term and long-term sickness rising. This does however reflect the typical trend of lower absences in summer months.
- 72.5% of the workforce had no sickness during Quarter Three.
- **7** employees had long term sickness in Quarter Three. This has gone up from **5** in the previous quarter.

#### 2. Employee Profile

#### 2.1 Headcount and FTE

At the end of Quarter Three (31st December 2019), the total number of employees employed by Oadby and Wigston Borough Council was 170 and the number of full-time equivalent posts was 161.14. (Figures do not include agency staff or contractors:

(Continued overleaf)



	End of	End	End	End					
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	of Q1	of Q2	of Q3
	17/18	17/18	18/19	18/19	18/19	18/19	19/20	19/20	19/20
FTE	166.8	165.6		153.9		159.3	153.8	158.0	161.1
	6	7	159.2	1	155.1	9	7	8	4
Headcount	175	174	168	160	161	167	161	169	170

#### 2.2 High Earners

Under the guidance of the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG), the Council publishes positions in the Council that attract a salary above £58,200 in its Pay Policy Statement. The number of employees earning this figure at the end of Quarter Three stood at 4. This is higher than the previous Quarter where this figure stood at 3 employees.

#### 2.3 Leavers

During Quarter Three, 5 employees left the Council. All were permanent employees with 4 working full time and one working part time. All leavers were through voluntary resignation. This is compared to 10 departures in the previous quarter.

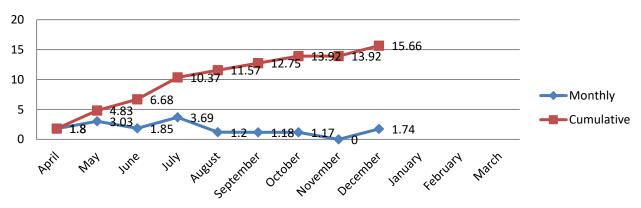
Leaving Reason	Service	Total
Voluntary Resignation	Environmental Health Customer Service Revenues and Benefits Depot Mayor's Office	1 1 1 1

#### 2.4 Turnover

The below chart shows the employee turnover across the Council for the full Financial year, up to the end of Quarter Three. Turnover measures the percentage of employees who

leave an organisation over a period of time. In Quarter Three there was accumulative turnover of 2.91%. This is a reduction on the previous quarter where turnover was measured at 6.07%.

# Staff Turnover 2019/20



#### 3. Sickness Absence

A period of Long Term sickness is classified as a continuous period of absence that exceeds 4 weeks. All other periods are considered to be short term.

Trigger points for management action under the OWBC policy are as follows:

- 3 or more periods of absence over a 12 month rolling period (5 periods for DDA employees).
- 10 or more days absence within a rolling 12 month period (15 days for DDA employees).
- Long term absence of 4 working weeks or more.

#### 3.1 Trend of the Working Days lost across OWBC per quarter

The total number of working days lost in Quarter Three is higher than in the previous quarter and the days lost per FTE has also increased. This is a typical trend as sickness levels tend to be lower in the summer months. However there has been a reduction on the days lost and FTE days per person lost compared to this time last year with a chart below for comparison.

#### (Sickness Stats 2019/20)

Month	Total FTE	Long term	Short term	Total days	Averag e days per FTE per Month	Cumulati ve Figure (YTD)	Fi	umulative gure (per quarter)
April	158.39	30.00	45.00	75.00	0.47	0.47		0.47
May	155.97	0.00	48.00	48.00	0.31	0.78	Qu 1	0.78
June	153.87	20.00	55.00	75.00	0.49	1.27		1.27
July	155.53	54.00	52.50	106.50	0.68	1.95	2	0.68
August	156.59	43.00	37.00	80.00	0.51	2.46	nò	1.19

September	158.08	52.00	85.00	137.00	0.87	3.33		2.06
October	161.2	115.00	80.00	195.00	1.21	4.54		1.21
November	163.2	100.0	48.50	148.50	0.91	5.45	5 nè	2.12
December	161.14	48.00	50.00	98.00	0.61	6.06		2.73
January	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	#0	0		0
February	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0	Qu 4	0
March	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0	0		0

# (Sickness Stats 2018/19)

Month	Total FTE	Long term	Short term	Total days	Averag e days per FTE per Month	Cumulati ve Figure (YTD)	Figu	nulative ire (per arter)
	160.9	72.00	F1 00	124.00	0.77	-		0.77
April	7	73.00	51.00	124.00	0.77	0.77	-	0.77
May	160.5 6	80.00	48.00	128.00	0.80	1.57	nò	1.57
June	159.2	100.00	46.50	146.50	0.92	2.49		2.49
July	156.6 2	84.00	44.00	128.00	0.82	3.31		0.82
August	155.1 2	83.00	51.50	134.50	0.87	4.17	Qu 2	1.68
September	153.9 1	52.00	47.00	99.00	0.64	4.82		2.33
October	154.9 1	112.00	70.00	182.00	1.17	5.99	eo	1.17
November	156.4 1	78.50	104.00	182.50	1.17	7.16	nð	2.34
December	155.1	75.00	47.00	122.00	0.79	7.94		3.13
January	157.0 2	66.00	51.00	117.00	0.75	8.69		0.75
February	157.7 1	20.00	24.00	44.00	0.28	8.97	Qu 4	1.02
March	159.3 9	21.00	62.00	83.00	0.52	9.49		1.54

# 3.2 Reasons for Sickness Absence

The reasons for sickness across Quarter Three are shown in the table below.

Sickness Absence Reason	Quarter Three 2019/20			
	Employees	Days Lost		
Allergy	1	3		
Anxiety	2	5		
Chest/respiratory	3	13		

Cold/Flu	11	20.5
Deep Vein thrombosis	1	63
Diarrhoea/vomiting	7	16
Dizziness/faint	3	4
Fatigue	2	34
Genito- urinary/gynaecological	1	14
Headache/migraine	6	17
Hernia	1	1
Infection	1	4
Musco-skeletal	8	157
Other	5	46
Operation/Surgery	1	2
Stomach/liver/kidney/digesti on	1	44
Work related stress	1	31

Musco-skeletal issues was the main cause of days lost in Quarter Three. This includes aliments such as joint disorders, sprains, strains and back pain. Cold and flu was the most common cause of absence.

During Quarter Three, 3 members of staff were off due to mental health conditions with 36 working days lost in the Quarter. This has come down drastically from the same Quarter last year where 166 working days were lost to Mental Health issues. The Council subscribes to a Employee Assistance Programme as part of the staff benefits. Employees can ring this service in confidence and get support for mental health conditions. The Council has also recently trained members of staff to be Mental health first aiders.

#### 3.3 Sickness Absence Reporting by Department

The below charts show a breakdown of the sickness by department throughout the Third Quarter. They break down how many days were lost and the split of long term and short term sickness and the average days lost per person.

Sickness Report Summary - October 2019

Service Area	Total FTE	Long term	Short term	Total days	Average days per FTE
Customer Services	14.50	0.00	3.00	3.00	0.21
Finance and Resources	41.73	23.00	15.00	38.00	0.91
Community and Wellbeing	58.14	92.00	28.00	120.00	2.06
Built Environment	27.80	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.04
Senior Leadership Team	6.00	0.00	5.00	5.00	0.83

Grand total	161.2	115.00	80.00	195.00	1.21
Law and Democracy	13.03	0.00	28.00	28.00	2.15

Sickness Report Summary - November 2019

Service Area	Total FTE	Long term	Short term	Total days	Average days per FTE
Customer Services	15.50	0.00	3.00	3.00	0.19
Finance and Resources	41.73	21.00	12.50	33.50	0.80
Community and Wellbeing	50.54	37.00	8.00	45.00	0.89
Built Environment	36.40	21.00	22.00	43.00	1.18
Senior Leadership Team	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Law and Democracy	13.03	21.00	3.00	24.00	1.84
Grand total	163.2	100.00	48.50	148.50	0.91

Sickness Report Summary - December 2019

Service Area	Total FTE	Long term	Short term	Total days	Average days per FTE
Customer Services	14.50	0.00	6.00	6.00	0.41
Finance and Resources	41.67	0.00	16.00	16.00	0.38
Community and Wellbeing	50.54	16.00	15.00	31.00	0.61
Built Environment	36.40	16.00	13.00	29.00	0.80
Senior Leadership Team	6.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Law and Democracy	12.03	16.00	0.00	16.00	1.33
Grand total	161.14	48.00	50.00	98.00	0.61

## 3.3 Number of Employees with any days of sickness absence in the Quarter

47 employees were absent due to sickness in Quarter Three, which is 27.5 of all those employed during the period.

## 4. Employee Relations

#### 4.1 ER Cases

The number of active cases during Quarter Three are shown in the table below.

Reason	Number of Cases
Disciplinary	4

Capability	1
Grievance	0
Sickness	1
Tribunal	2