

#### Law & Democracy **Democratic Services**

#### TO COUNCILLOR:

Mrs R H Adams Mrs H E Darling JP Miss P V Joshi J Kaufman

Mrs L Kaufman Mrs S B Morris (Chair)

I summon you to attend the following meeting for the transaction of the business in the agenda below.

**Meeting:** People Committee

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, 6 July 2022, 6.30 pm

Council Offices, Bushloe House, Station Road, Wigston, Leicestershire, LE18 2DR Venue:

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Yours faithfully

Council Offices Wigston

28 June 2022

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**Mrs Anne E Court** Chief Executive



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#### 2. Appointment of Substitutes

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

#### 3. Declarations of Interest

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

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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

To read, confirm and note the 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 12 of Part 4 of the Constitution and the Petitions Procedure Rules respectively.

#### 7. People Update (Q4 2021/22)

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Report of the Strategic Director

#### 8. Verbal Update/Presentation

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Presentation of the Strategic Director

- a. Update HR Structure
- **b.** New Proposed Training Programme Update
- c. Croner HR Support
- d. People Strategy Discussion on Potential Scope

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## Agenda Item 4

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PEOPLE COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, STATION ROAD, WIGSTON ON TUESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM

#### **PRESENT**

Mrs S B Morris

Chair

#### **COUNCILLORS**

Mrs L M Broadley J Kaufman Mrs L Kaufman Ms C D Kozlowski

#### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs A E Court

Chief Executive / Head of Paid Service

#### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Miss P V Joshi (Remote Attendee)

#### 17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs R H Adams.

Miss P V Joshi attended the meeting remotely as a non-voting Member.

#### 18. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

Councillor F S Broadley substituted for Councillor Mrs R H Adams.

#### 19. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

None.

#### 20. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

#### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 August 2021 be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

#### 21. ACTION LIST ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There was no Action List arising from the previous meeting.



Chair's Initials



#### 22. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

#### 23. **PEOPLE UPDATE Q1 (2021/22)**

The Committee gave consideration to the report as set out on pages 6-11 of the agenda, which asked it to note the key HR statistics and updates on current projects and recruitment during the first quarter.

It was moved by the Chair, seconded by Mrs L M Broadley and

#### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

The content of the report be noted.

#### THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8:30 PM

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|                        |  |
| Chair                  |  |
| Wednesday, 6 July 2022 |  |

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## Agenda Item 7



**People Committee** 

Wednesday, 06 July 2022

Matter for Information

Report Title: People Update (Q4 2021/22)

Report Author(s): Philippa Fisher (Strategic Director)

| Purpose of Report:  | To provide an overview of Q4 key HR statistics and to report on current projects and recruitment  |
|---|---|
| Report Summary:   | The report sets out latest management information and statistics for ill-health absence, employment relations and staff turnover.                   |
| Recommendation(s):  | That the content of the report and appendix be noted.   |
| Senior Leadership,<br>Head of Service,<br>Manager, Officer and<br>Other Contact(s): | Philippa Fisher (Strategic Director) (0116) 257 2677 philippa.fisher@oadby-wigston.gov.uk  Trish Hatton (Head of Customer Service & Transformation) |
|   | (0116) 257 2700<br>trish.hatton@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<br>Management:   | Reputation Damage (CR4) Organisational / Transformational Change (CR8)  |
| Equalities and Equalities<br>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' Comments:-  |   |
| Head of Paid Service:   | The report is satisfactory.   |
| Chief Finance Officer:  | The report is satisfactory.   |
|   |   |

| Monitoring Officer: | The report is satisfactory.                |
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| Consultees:         | None.                                      |
| Background Papers:  | None.                                      |
| Appendices:         | 1 – Framework for Health and Wellbeing Hub |

#### 1.0 Workforce Report

This report looks at the workforce profile of the Council during the fourth quarter of the financial year 2021/2022 January 2022 – March 2022. The key findings were as follows:

#### 1.1 Sickness Levels

Days lost per FTE are as follows for sickness levels for Quarter 4 2021/2022. 1.06 for January, 0.4 for February and 0.3 for March. Average 1.56 FTE over the quarter.

This includes both long term and short-term sickness. There are no distinct patterns for short term sickness.

Comparison for 2020/2021 - Quarter 4

Average sickness levels in Quarter 4, .91 days lost per FTE.

#### **Days Lost**

The total number of days lost in Quarter 4 was 340.50. The total number of days lost through occasional sickness in Quarter 4 was 28 days.

The total number of days of long term sickness lost in Quarter 4 was 150 days. This has been trending down since the last report in September 2021.

There were 4 members of staff absent due to long term sickness in Quarter 4. None of these relate to long COVID.

Comparison for 2020/2021 - Quarter 4

The total number of days lost in Quarter 4 was 156. Total days of long-term sickness lost in Quarter 4 was 23 days.

Total number of employees absent due to long-term sickness in Quarter 4 is 1.

#### 2.0 Employee Profile

#### 2.1 Headcount and FTE

The profile of FTE for Quarter 4 2021/2022 is as follows:-

Permanent Member of staff - 170.45 Temporary Staff - 13.4

Total Staff FTE - 183.85

#### Comparison Quarter 4 2020/2022

Permanent Members of Staff and Temporary Staff - 169

Total Staff FTE - 161.31

#### 3.0 Leavers & Turnover

The turnover statistics below measures the percentage of employees who leave the Council.

In Quarter 4 2021/2022, the Council had 6 permanent staff leavers. This equates to a turnover of 3.30%.

These staff left for various reasons from various departments so there are no trend patterns.

| Division   | Number of Staff Leavers |
|--|-------------------------|
| Built Environment  | 2                       |
| Customer Service & Transformation (including Refuse and Recycling) | 1                       |
| Finance  | 2                       |
| Law & Democracy (including<br>Community & Wellbeing)               | 1                       |

#### Comparison 2020/2021 - Quarter 4

The Council had 10 permanent staff leavers.

| Division   | Number of Staff Leavers |
|--|-------------------------|
| Built Environment  | 1                       |
| Customer Service & Transformation (including Refuse and Recycling) | 3                       |
| People Team  | 2                       |
| Law & Democracy (including Community & Wellbeing)                  | 3                       |
| Finance  | 1                       |

#### 4.0 Recruitment

The tables below shows the vacancies that the Council had in Quarter 4 and the status of whether these vacancies are filled and still remaining open.

#### Filled vacancies

| Vacancy                                     | Status |
|---|--------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Line Support Engineer       | Filled |
| Senior Network & Infrastructure<br>Engineer | Filled |
| Senior Finance Business Partner             | Filled |
| 2 x Housing Estate Caretakers               | Filled |
| Housing Options Officer                     | Filled |
| Resilience and Safety Officer               | Filled |
| Finance Officer                             | Filled |
| Selective Licensing Team Leader             | Filled |
| Strategic Director                          | Filled |
| Legal Electoral & Democratic Manager        | Filled |
| 2 x Customer Service Technical Officers     | Filled |

#### Vacancies still open

| Vacancy                                       | Status     | Comments  |
|---|------------|---|
| HR Manager                                    | Not Filled | Back filled by temporary contract                 |
| 2 x Senior<br>Environmental Health<br>Officer | Not Filled | Nationally there is currently a shortness of EHO. |

#### 5.0 Mental Health and Wellbeing

Mental health and wellbeing of staff has come to the forefront as part of the pandemic. As such we have design and launched a Health and Wellbeing Hub on our IT platform, which gives useful health tips, health food options, mental health guidance and exercise tips via videos. See Appendix 1 for framework.

We have also added to our capacity of fully trained Mental Health First Aiders who can support staff with advice and guidance. We now have 5 Mental Health First Aiders. The First Aiders can also sign post staff to various websites, partners and help support groups and other mental health institutions.

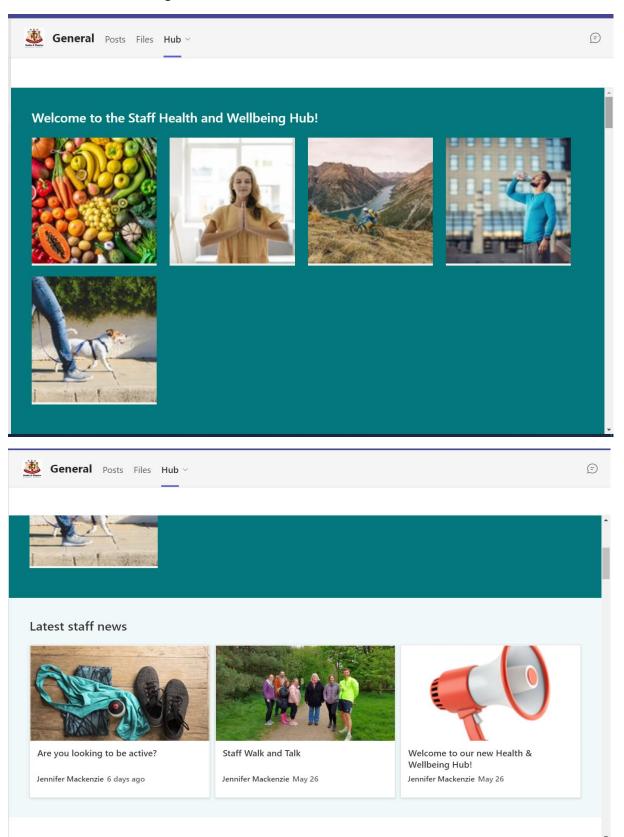
#### 6.0 Agile Working

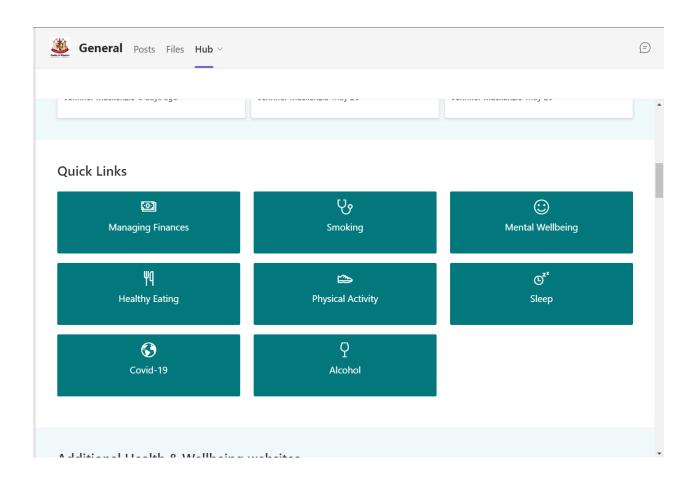
All the preliminary work has now been completed to ensure the full launch of Agile Working. This includes workshops with Managers, staff briefings, the creation of an Agile Working Policy, business plans per service area, individual preference discussions with staff, ensuring that there are no detrimental effects to the service levels provided. Formal implementation to take effect 6 June 2022.

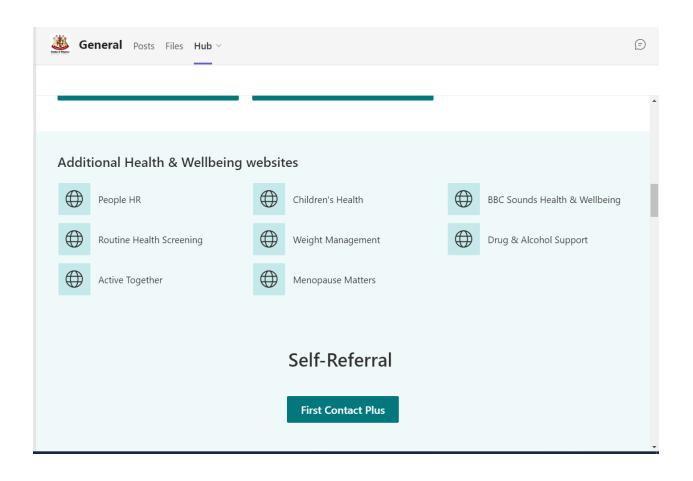
#### 7.0 Croner HR Support

To support our HR function the Council has commenced working with Croner. This is an independent well-known company which will give the Council resilience and consistency across our HR function. This includes regular reviews of our policies and procedures and ensuring we are compliant with current legislation. This is all backed up by insurance.

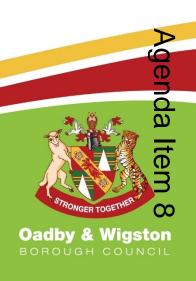
#### Staff Health and Wellbeing Hub - Framework







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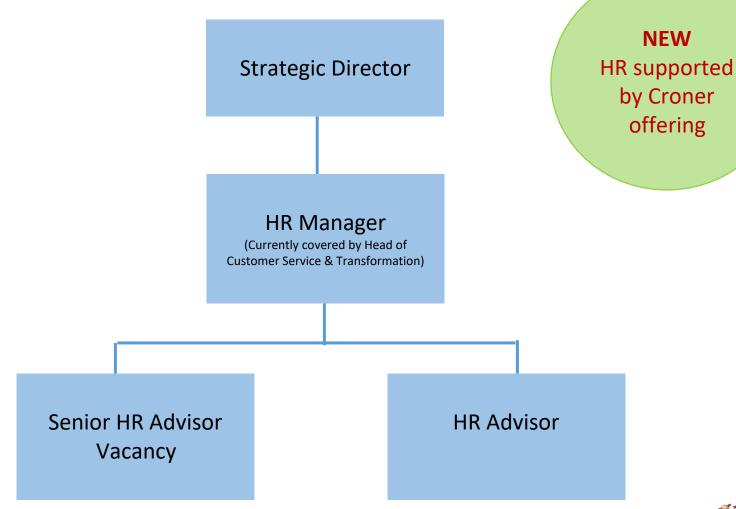


# Agenda

- Update HR Structure
- New Proposed Training Programme update
- Croner HR Support
- People Strategy discussion on potential scope



## HR Structure





# **Proposed Training Programme**

## **Current Situation**

Currently courses are determined at 1:1's, appraisals and from PDPs.

## **Plan**

- Create mandatory annual training schedule e.g. Equality and Diversity, Cyber Security
- Leverage Learning pool for these sessions and others such as Customer Service
   Training
- Create a Management Development Programme, All Officer Programme, individual skills programme, New Starters programme
- Produce a Skills Matrix across the Council
- Leverage providers LGA, LGiU, CFGS, Croner, LawShare
- Build into Personal Development Plans and 1:1's & Appraisals



# Croner – HR Support

Independent well-known company which will give the Council

- Consistency
- Protect us from reputational damage
- Ensure we compliant with current legislation
- Share best practice
- Flexibility
- Backed up by insurance



## Croner – HR Support

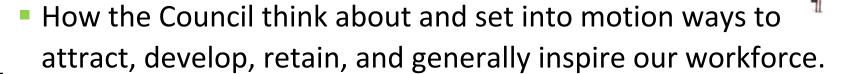
## **Croner Support Package**

- HR & Employment Law
- 24 Advisory Service
- Advisory App
- Employee Assistance Programme
- Employment Services Insurance
- Croner Face2Face Allocated days per year for support
- Training
- SafeCheck Health and Safety Check



# People Strategy – Potential Scope - Discussion

What is a People Strategy?



- A people strategy underpins and enables our Council to be successful.
- A good strategy should help us to:-
  - Continue driving and improving employee engagement
  - Productivity
  - Retention of high-performing or high-potential employees.



# People Strategy – Potential Scope - Discussion

### How could it be structured?

- Introduction/Foreword
- Recommended strategic aims such as:-
  - Joining Recruitment, building a sustained and inspired workforce
  - Working Create a committed, resilient and diverse workforce
  - <u>Learning & Development</u> Giving the right skills & behaviours
  - Reward Competitive remuneration packages
  - <u>Leaving</u> Retention & succession planning



# People Strategy – Potential Scope - Discussion

### <u>Underpinned by aims – recommended examples between</u>

- Challenge, but have realistic expectations.
- Be open-minded, flexible and innovative.
- Manage resources by focusing on what is important.
- Involve, empower and trust people and recognise their strengths.
- Support, develop, appreciate and value colleagues

### **Include the Council's values**

Accountability, Respect, Teamwork, Innovation, Customer Focus

## Supported with an action plan to deliver the strategy



# People Strategy – Delivery and Measurement

### Other things to consider:-

- Duration of Strategy 3 or 5 years
- Implementation Date?
- How will we deliver the strategy?
  - Primarily by the People Team
  - Senior Leadership Team
  - Community and Wellbeing Team for Mental Health and Wellbeing
- How will it be measured?
  - Combination of organisational performance measures
  - Management information
  - External benchmarking,
  - Employee survey results that could be done annually

