PROMPT PAYMENT PERFORMANCE 2023/24

The Department for Communities (DfC) issued revised guidance (Local Government Circular 19/2016) on prompt payments and the recording of invoice payments in November 2016. This guidance requested councils to record specific performance targets of 10 working days and 30 calendar days and continue a cycle of quarterly reporting on prompt payment performance by councils to the DfC and its publication on their website. The Council has set a target of paying 90% of invoices within 30 calendar days and 80% within 10 working days.

The council's prompt payment performance is set out below:

Period	Total number of invoices paid	Value of invoices paid (£)	Number paid within 10 working days	% paid within 10 working days	Number paid within 30 calendar days	% paid within 30 calendar days	Number paid outside 30 calendar days	% paid outside 30 calendar days	Average number of days taken to pay suppliers
1 April 2023 – 30 June 2023	7,050	19,076,334	5,008	71%	5,868	83%	1,182	17%	20.43
1 July 2023 – 30 September 2023	6,498	20,306,295	4,025	62%	5,131	79%	1,367	21%	24.06
1 October 2023 – 31 December 2023	7,074	9,102,549	4,934	70%	6,050	85%	1,024	15%	19.20
1 January 2024 – 31 March 2024									