

PROMPT PAYMENT PERFORMANCE 2021/22

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 2021 – 30 June 2021	3,044	9,144,771	1,015	33%	2,029	67%	1,051	33%	34.47
1 July 2021 – 30 September 2021	5,866	14,101,719	3,364	57%	4,213	72%	1,653	28%	30.73
1 October 2021 – 31 December 2021	6,575	11,407,946	5,042	77%	5,770	88%	805	12%	18.43
1 January 2022 – 31 March 2022	5,539	14,685,510	4,193	76%	4,816	87%	723	13%	18.35