

PROMPT PAYMENT PERFORMANCE 2024/25

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 2024 – 30 June 2024 | 5,533 | 17,960,253 | 4,347 | 79% | 5,031 | 91% | 502 | 9% | 13.91 |
| 1 July 2024 – 30 September 2024 | 4,871 | 22,922,122 | 4,033 | 83% | 4,491 | 92% | 380 | 8% | 12.66 |
| 1 October 2024 – 31 December 2024 | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 January 2025 – 31 March 2025 | | | | | | | | | |