

PROMPT PAYMENT PERFORMANCE 2019/20

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 2019 – 30 June 2019	6,680	£13,253,038	4,375	65%	5,572	83%	1,108	17%	21.38
1 July 2019 – 30 September 2019	6,342	£16,971,448	4,189	66%	5,281	83%	1,061	17%	20.55
1 October 2019 – 31 December 2019	7,240	£15,722,353	5,252	73%	6,253	86%	987	14%	17.27
1 January 2020 – 31 March 2020	6,308	£15,367,227	4,574	73%	5,654	90%	654	10%	15.68