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Our Island Plan:

Building A Secure,
Vibrant And Sustainable
Future For Our Island



Foreword

The purpose of this quarterly report (Q2: February 2023 – April 2023) is to be provide an update on progress made to date on the actions contained within the Department of Education, Sport and Culture's [Department Plan 2022 – 2023](#).

The Plan contains a number of actions; some of which are derived from the Island Plan and others which are derived from the Department's Strategic Plan.

Each quarter, the Department will produce a report on progress in order to ensure we continue to keep everyone updated.

Our Island Plan Strategic Priorities

Island Plan Objectives for which our Department is accountable

Our strategic priority outcomes are aligned with the Island Plan and Government’s Vision to build a secure, vibrant, and sustainable future for our Island nation. This plan sets out in detail how we will deliver our priority outcomes, monitor and measure our success, and how we will ensure continuous improvement.

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A strong and diverse economy

What	How	We Will	By When	Long Term Outcome	Q2 Status	Commentary
Wages that allow for higher living standards in an economy where people are supported into work, opportunities exist for career progression and quality of life is maximised.	Review current education schemes and make any associated recommendations.	Review current Vocational Training Scheme, Pre-School Credit Scheme, and Student Awards, to ensure they are fit for purpose.	Schemes to be reviewed by 30th April 2023 31st December 2023 with implementation of new schemes by 1st September 2023 1st April 2024 .	Education schemes are fit for purpose and applicable, and support is available.		Following consultation with the recently-formed Workforce and Skills Board, the deadline for this action has been extended to allow for a cross-Departmental strategic review, supported by industry, to be carried out of the Scheme.

Outstanding lifelong learning and development opportunities for all

What	How	We Will	By When	Long Term Outcome	Q2 Status	Commentary
Every child has access to excellent education and childcare.	Provide rigorous quality assurance (QA) in schools and childcare using appropriate standards and independent inspections.	Undertake a review and deliver a new QA Framework for schools.	QA framework in place by September 2022 with phased implementation of the framework following this. Inspection against such a QA framework for schools will commence from September 2023.	Assurance of quality in education provision and confidence that children are making good progress across all educational settings.		<p>First training session held on 4th May 2023 for those that were successful within an interview process to form part of the first cohort of the Peer Review Programme, which is one of the activities which provides opportunity for professional dialogue and to lead to school improvement.</p> <p>The Prior Information Notice for an external validation team has been extended to close on the 12th May 2023. This team will lead on the external validation for the IOM Quality Assurance model.</p> <p>Review of work undertaken by schools on the Quality of Education element of the Framework was held with Senior Leaders on 4th May 2023 and 10th May 2023.</p>
Every child has access to excellent education and childcare.	Continuous staff development plan in place by September 2022 which is consistent across Island teaching staff helping to ensure every child has access to excellent education.	Devise a Development Plan for teaching staff.	Continuous staff development plan in place by September 2022 with full implementation from September 2023.	Action plan To implement continuous staff development allowing for delivery of excellent education.		Complete.

Every child has access to excellent education and childcare.	Revived modern curriculum created and implemented.	Begin a review into the current core curriculum being offered into schools in order to create and implement a modern core curriculum across all schools.	Core curriculum to be created with staff by September 2025 and implementation of such curriculum by September 2026.	Common core curriculum is in place for core subjects across all Island schools helping to ensure every child has access to excellent education.		On track.
Children have the best possible start in life, including equal access to early years education.	Draft Child Care Strategy submitted to Tynwald by March 2022 with Recommendations and delivery plan helping to ensure that children have the best possible start in life, including equal access to early years education.	Submit Final Strategy with delivery plan to Tynwald.	Final Strategy with delivery plan presented to Tynwald in July 2022.	Childcare strategy in place and being delivered in accordance with the action plan, allowing for better opportunities and support for families and young children.		Complete.
Support residents throughout their lives with a diverse education service which is there for them whenever they need it, including learning, development and reskilling at any stage or age.	Improvement plan in place which includes clear transition pathways for all phases of education and into employment.	Review metrics for recording destination data for Year 11 and Year 13 to provide a clearer picture of progression pathways going forward. Develop a Careers Education Entitlement Offer of provision by means of an Improvement Plan, for each stage and age of education based around positive transition support.	Metrics Review completed by December 2022. Improvement Plan in place by December 2023.	Everyone can access clear transition pathways for all phases of education and into employment.		Metrics review complete. Revised guidelines being used by schools to support the positive transition of school leavers into FE/HE, employment or training during Summer/Autumn 2023. Good progress being made with Entitlement Offer – in draft format currently with feedback being sought from key education stakeholders.

<p>Work with industry to provide a full range of opportunities for people.</p>	<p>Enhance current Apprenticeship training partnerships with employers, considering other learning options such as online learning.</p>	<p>Review existing Apprenticeship scheme.</p>	<p>Apprenticeship scheme review completed by 30th April 2023 31st December 2023 with implementation of new scheme by 1st September 2023 1st April 2024.</p>	<p>More people are able to secure and complete apprenticeships leading to more opportunities.</p>		<p>Following consultation with the recently-formed Workforce and Skills Board, the deadline for this action has been extended to allow for a cross-Departmental strategic review, supported by industry, to be carried out of the Scheme.</p>
<p>Ensure education and training services are aligned to the technical, employability and interpersonal skills required for the future.</p>	<p>Continue ongoing support for training, internship, and higher education, with promotion of support through key community events and experiences (Positive Destinations).</p>	<p>Development of a new UCM Strategy for the next 5 years - 2022-2027 which supports further and higher education and development for all.</p> <p>DESC Careers Team participation in, and lead on, different Careers Events.</p> <p>Alignment of DESC Careers Education activities to common transversal skills language to support pupil</p>	<p>New UCM Strategy in place by March 2023.</p> <p>Employment and Skills 2022 planned, delivered and formally reviewed by April 2023.</p> <p>Other events such as Year 9 options processes, Higher Education Fair, DfE Graduate Fair etc. are supported by DESC Careers Team by July 2024.</p> <p>Careers and employability education opportunities are routinely developed around transversal</p>	<p>Island residents have the qualifications and technical skills required to secure employment throughout their lives.</p>		<p>The UCM Strategy is complete and will be ready to launch, following a meeting of the Board on 22nd May 2023.</p> <p>Employment and Skills 2022 planned, delivered and reviewed. This action is therefore complete.</p> <p>DESC Careers team has supported events such as DfE Graduate Fair, UCM Employability Events, School Options evenings and Junior Achievement events and activities.</p> <p>Use of lifelong learning (transversal) skills language in Employability/ Careers activities developed in and with, schools and</p>

		<p>understanding.</p> <p>The Work Experience offer from KS4 into Further Education and Higher Education reviewed within DESC.</p>	<p>skills language by July 2024.</p> <p>Improvements made to work experience programme by September 2023.</p>		<p>UCM is progressing well.</p> <p>The 2023 revised Schools Work Experience Policy went live in April 2023.</p>
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An Island of Health and Wellbeing

What	How	We Will	By When	Long Term Outcome	Q2 Status	Commentary
<p>Policies and services which mean that people can make healthy choices, in communities that are safe, and with infrastructure and design in towns and villages which promotes and supports health and wellbeing.</p>	<p>Consider how sport and active recreational facilities can be supported.</p> <p>Encourage people to engage in our rich arts, culture and heritage.</p>	<p>Continue to support Active Travel Strategy and Implementation Plan, to encourage more children and young people to actively travel to school.</p> <p>Increase opportunities for participation to engage in arts and cultural activities delivered by DESC.</p>	<p>September 2023</p>	<p>More people have an active and healthy lifestyle and enjoy the physical and mental health benefits this brings.</p>		<p>Active travel is on track. A DOI Active Travel survey has been sent to School Heads to assess the impact and outcomes of active travel to and from school.</p> <p>Increasing opportunities for participation to engage in arts and cultural activities is also on track.</p>

Our Priority Commitments for the next 12 months

Island Plan Objectives for which our Department is accountable

The purpose of this section is to outline the Department's other key priorities, activities, and tasks to be undertaken in the next 12 months, in order to ensure that the Department's Strategic Plan continues to be delivered. It is important to note that any activities included in the sections above are not included in the table below, although are also considered strategic priorities for the Department.

Each task listed within this section is linked to the key activities contained within the Department's Strategic Plan, which in turn link to the strategic principles and priorities, which the Department is committed to implementing and achieving by 2026. Each task has a start and end date and has measurable outcomes.

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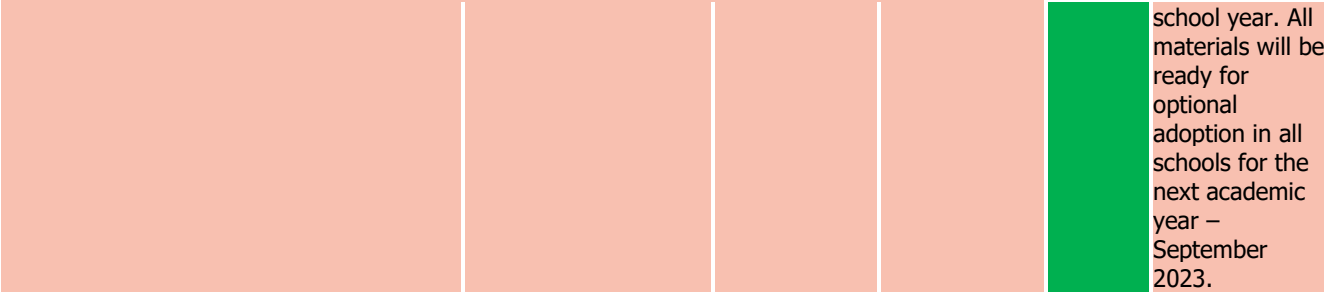
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Strategic Principle: Curriculum, Learning and Achievement

Strategic Priority: SP1. Engage learners through personalised, collaborative, and integrated learning experiences for the digital generation.

Key Activity: Develop and enhance digital technologies to support learning and the delivery of services, to our community, encouraging critical thinking and online safety.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Develop a new advisory digital/ICT curriculum for Keys Stages (KS) 1 to 3, which will include an online safety (Digital Citizenship) programme of study for KS1-5. This will be done in co-operation with school leaders and other key stakeholders.	A digital/ICT advisory curriculum implemented in schools by September 2023.	01/09/22	31/08/23		<p>An options paper was presented with the new curriculum and Programme of Study to DESC SLT and was approved. It has been shared with ICT Coordinators at the primary level and accepted.</p> <p>The Task and finish group are now preparing support materials, based on feedback, for presentation to Digital Leads and school leaders before the end of the</p>



school year. All materials will be ready for optional adoption in all schools for the next academic year – September 2023.

Strategic Priority: SP2. Enable settings to continually improve outcomes for all, through a combination of high-quality provision and high expectations.

Key Activity: Work with leaders to identify effective learning, teaching, and assessment activities, to improve achievement and outcomes for all.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Explore options for a consistent provision and process of assessing attainment in English across KS1 & 2 and how this will support transition into KS3. This task is linked to and is part of the wider curriculum review action noted above.	There is a consistent process for assessing attainment in English in KS1 & 2. Options for ensuring a consistent assessment process in English for KS2 transitioning into KS3 are developed.	01/08/22	31/08/23		On track.
The suggested thresholds and pathways identified by the year one Task and Finish Group will be reviewed and form the basis of guidance and procedures focused on increasing the engagement by students on modified timetables. A working party will now build and develop standard pathways for accessing island- based educational provision, focused within school and to look at alternative provision if necessary.	Schools to be provided with guidance with regards to arranging alternative provision which has educational merit as part of their usual curriculum planning.	01/08/22	31/08/23		On track. The EAS Division is establishing a working party to carry out this task.
Chair and coordinate the delivery of the Manx Language Strategy 2022-2032, for year one.	Ensuring the areas of the Strategy which DESC are responsible for are delivered.	01/08/22	01/08/23		On track. Planned reviews of progress towards the DESC actions within the strategy take place termly through Jeebin, the Manx Language Network. Date of the next review meeting is 17 th May 2023.

Strategic Priority: SP3. Support positive transitions across all phases of education and into employment pathways.

Key Activity: Develop and implement pathways for learners to support positive transitions and destinations.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Pathways for students are developed and shared with schools showing paths for transitioning from Early Years (EY) to KS1, including partnership working.	Partnerships are developed between EY providers and Foundation Stage (FS) within schools.	01/09/22	31/08/23		On track. A transition document from EY to KS1 has been developed by practitioners. The final draft received feedback and the revised document will be ready to use in schools during the second half of the summer term - June 2023.
Schools and UCM work together and with the DESC Careers Team to support the positive destinations of education leavers at the end of compulsory education, Further Education (FE) and Higher Education (HE).	A participation data measure is captured at the end of Autumn 2022 for the Summer 2022 cohort.	01/09/22	31/08/24		Complete. Guidance being refined for 2023 cohort.
Clear pathways are in place for all DESC AEN services, including complex needs.	Clear AEN service pathways document created and shared with schools and UCM. This includes clear referral procedures and schools can use these.	01/09/22	31/08/23		Complete. Pathways shared with schools.

Strategic Priority: SP4. Support settings to develop responsible, respectful, active citizens who contribute positively to local, national (Manx) and global society.

Key Activity: Raise awareness of climate change and sustainability in schools.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Continue to raise awareness and understanding of climate change and sustainability at all stages of education, supported by initiatives such as Scoillyn Eco (IoM Eco Schools), the UNESCO Biosphere IoM Pledge and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.	Continue to provide schools with appropriate digital and physical resources to enable the teaching of climate change and sustainability.	01/09/22	31/08/23		On track. 3 Eco Schools training sessions delivered. UNESCO Biosphere week 2023 planned.
Explore the potential for climate change and sustainability to be included as required content in a "revived modern curriculum", ensuring that all Island children learn about the causes and effects of climate change and the roles they can play in the Island's transition to a net zero society.	Be part of, and contribute to, curriculum review work stream and any associated project/task and finish groups, so as to promote climate change and sustainability content, as required.	01/09/22	31/08/23		On track. Attendance at Curriculum Review and subject coordinator meetings planned.
Ensure learning is available that prepares students for employment in the low carbon economy of the future.	Produce learning resources and/or Scheme of Learning to distribute to schools, with support from the Environmental Educators group.	01/09/22	31/08/23		On track. Global teacher training sessions planned with One World Centre.

Strategic Priority: SP4. Support settings to develop responsible, respectful, active citizens who contribute positively to local, national (Manx) and global society.

Key Activity: Increase opportunities to access sport, youth, culture, music and arts in support of curriculum delivery and creative activities.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Re-open Ardwhallan and deliver an outdoor education programme.	All Key Stage 2 children have the opportunity to develop educational outcomes in an outdoor environment.	01/09/22	31/07/23		Site work is active, further staff training taking place. Consideration being given to a soft opening day with summer club options.
Develop the Duke of Edinburgh Award across the Island.	More young people achieving the Duke of Edinburgh award.	01/09/22	31/07/23		On track. Due to national Duke of Edinburgh license changes the Island's DofE offer is currently under review, however DESC is on track to achieve the aim of increasing the number of young achieving their award.
Deliver an after-school swim programme for year 5 students to assist them on their journey towards achieving their green standard.	Children on the after-school swim scheme progress at least 1 level.	31/10/22	31/07/23		On track. 73% of cohort 2 have progressed one level towards achieving their green award.
Partnership work with UCM to provide opportunities for students to gain sports coaching experience with Primary Schools.	Ensure all students who require a work placement are catered for.	01/09/22	31/07/23		On track. Two UCM degree students have completed 180 hours of voluntary coaching with MSR so far in Q2. UCM students have delivered 466 hours so far in Q2 and 1295 hours of coaching delivery on our disability programme since October 2022.

Support schools arts/culture delivery by providing increased opportunities to engage with activities at Kensington Arts, VillaGaiety and within school settings including the music service.	Theatre in Education group established at Kensington Arts.	01/06/22	31/07/23	Complete.
	Gaiety Theatre tours developed and in place for schools.	01/04/22	31/03/23	
	Maintain current music service provision delivered in schools.	01/09/22	31/07/23	
Deliver a Coach Award Scheme for young people within School Year 11.	Up to 50% of those on the programme become employees of MSR.	01/04/22	31/07/23	On track. 12 students attended the final workshop ahead of assessments during Easter half term.

Strategic Principle: Early Intervention

Strategic Priority: SP5. Ensure that effective early intervention is available and is used to improve the lives of learners at risk of poor outcomes.

Key Activity: Provide high quality professional development to our workforce at all levels, regarding early intervention and inclusion.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Three year plan to be drafted and implemented with regards to professional development linked to early intervention and inclusion. This task is linked to and is part of the Staff Development Plan action noted above.	Plan is shared with settings ready for selected schemes to be piloted within schools from September 2023.	01/09/22	31/08/23		On track.

Strategic Priority: SP6. Develop strategic partnerships with Government Departments and third sector organisations, to develop an effective early intervention provision which is fit for the future needs of society.

Key Activity: Work with strategic partners to develop an integrated early intervention provision plan, especially for mental health and wellbeing, recognising the importance of Adverse Childhood Experiences.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Work with strategic partners to develop an integrated early intervention provision plan, especially for mental and physical health and wellbeing, recognising the importance of Adverse Childhood Experiences. This will be done by DESC proactively working with other Government agencies to develop a framework for improving provision.	Framework in place which provides for an effective early intervention provision.	01/08/22	01/08/24		On track.
Assist with the delivery of a pilot Holiday and Food Activity Scheme.	Review and assess the effectiveness of the Holiday and Food Activity Scheme, with other Government agencies.	01/08/22	30/11/22		Complete.

Strategic Priority: SP7. Ensure that the Department promotes and establishes a culture and ethos of inclusion, and that this is evident in its policies, provision, and practice.

Key Activity: Implementation of the Additional Educational Needs (AEN) Code of Practice to direct how those with additional needs will be supported by schools and the Department. Incorporate into the AEN Code of Practice a framework where families can challenge the provision made for their child.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Interim AEN Code and Treasury business case to be submitted and approved ready for implementation from September 2023.	Interim AEN Code in place together with a detailed implementation plan.	01/09/22	01/09/23		Complete. Funding for additional and complex needs has been rolled up into school budgets.
Implementation plan developed for the interim AEN Code, any required secondary legislation drafted, training needs identified and allocation of	The impact of education, inclusive of AEN Code support, for all learners will be	01/09/22	01/09/23		An outline plan for implementing aspects of the

funding complete.	evidenced through the QA process.				interim AEN Code has been devised to discuss with schools.
Instructions for Drafters will be produced and an Education (Amendment) Bill will be drafted and introduced into the Branches to implement the AEN Code's statutory elements. This Bill will allow for an independent tribunal provision and governance arrangements for additional needs.	Education (Amendment) Bill will include reference to the AEN Code enshrining this into Primary Legislation. Legal provision will be in place to allow for families to challenge the provision made for their child.	01/09/22	30/09/24		Implementation of each amendment bill is currently being reviewed in light of current financial constraints.

Strategic Priority: SP7. Ensure that the Department promotes and establishes a culture and ethos of inclusion, and that this is evident in its policies, provision, and practice.

Key Activity: Ensure equitable access to education, sport, culture, and arts for all individuals.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Review role of Youth Services within DESC and develop a Strategy.	Strategy to be written and agreed by DESC, following stakeholder engagement.	01/05/22	31/07/23		Complete.

Strategic Priority: SP8. Ensure sufficient resources are available to enable early intervention support within a clear, consistent, and easily understood framework.

Key Activity: Ensure that funding for AEN follows a clear framework and process for the allocation of funding.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Subject to funding being received, in consultation with school leaders, develop an AEN funding framework and clarify governance around AEN funding and provision for schools.	Adequate funding is in place and allocated to schools in line with the framework.	01/09/22	01/09/23		Complete. Funding rolled up into school budgets.
Disaggregate current Devolved Financial Management (DFM) funding framework into additional needs (distributed as a clear universal funding element), and complex needs.	New Complex Needs funding framework replaces current DFM model.	01/09/22	01/09/23		Complete.
Devise a universal AEN funding weighting.	AEN factor added to universal school funding formula.	01/09/22	01/09/23		Complete.

Strategic Principle: Employability

Strategic Priority: SP9. Develop and support new opportunities for individuals of all ages to engage in learning and develop their full potential and a culture of lifelong learning across the Isle of Man. Key Activity: Support further and higher education and development for all.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Widen participation to further and higher education through development of clear curriculum pathways, from non-accredited programmes through to level 7, and review of barriers to education at all levels	Evaluate impact of fee policy and delivery models for English & Maths - with target 75% increase in learners achieving C or above.	01/10/22	30/06/23		On track. Enrolments have increased. Evaluation to take place in June 2023.
	Devise a curriculum strategy which identifies gaps, in consultation with sector leads, and enables progression from leisure/ Level 1 through to Postgraduate study. Intended output = 5% increase in FT enrolment numbers 2023.	08/11/22	30/09/23		Completed. The curriculum strategy in place for 2022/23. FT applications for September 2023 up by 9%.

Strategic Priority: SP9. Develop and support new opportunities for individuals of all ages to engage in learning and develop their full potential and a culture of lifelong learning across the Isle of Man. Key Activity: Isle of Man Careers framework in place with a view to supporting lifelong learning.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Develop a DESC Careers and Employability Framework based on current research and best practice that is supportive of lifelong learning approaches.	DESC Careers and Employability Framework is developed with, and shared widely across schools and UCM, following stakeholder engagement.	01/09/22	31/08/23		Draft DESC Employability and Careers Framework covering EY to HE has been completed by a task/finish group. Details on the high-level framework are clear and viewed as supportive of the work of schools/UCM by key teacher groups. Now ready to share more widely across education for further consideration to support final version being produced. On track for completion before the start

of Autumn term 2023.

Strategic Priority: SP9. Develop and support new opportunities for individuals of all ages to engage in learning and develop their full potential and a culture of lifelong learning across the Isle of Man. Key Activity: Launch on-Island Initial Teacher Training for Secondary Schools.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Course for on-Island Initial Teacher Training for secondary teachers in shortage subjects launched. First cohort (maximum of five places) for pilot International Qualified Teacher Status (iQTS) project to commence from September 2022 for one year.	Pilot project for iQTS Scheme to be implemented and the cohort given access to the Scheme. Assessment of the success of the pilot to be carried out once complete.	01/09/22	31/07/23		An evaluation document and strategic plan has been created and was submitted as an appendix to the SLT paper in April 2023.

Strategic Priority: SP10. Provide the opportunities to individuals to gain knowledge, skills and experiences that will enable their personal and professional development. Key Activity: Enhance current apprenticeship training partnerships with employers, considering other learning options such as online learning.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Employer forums to be held to discuss possible enhancements to apprenticeship delivery including online delivery and work-based assessment.	Completion of 6 meetings with relevant employer groups to gather feedback.	01/05/22	31/01/23		Complete.
Further develop Services 2 Business delivery model, including acquisition and analysis of employer feedback.	Completion of employer and apprentice surveys to evaluate delivery models and implementation of actions arising via Services 2 Business lead.	15/09/22	31/01/23		Complete. New adult learning strategy including S2B and part time courses to be launched in September 2023.
Further develop use of online portfolios and assessment, together with use of online qualifications to enhance delivery, where appropriate.	Increase use of online portfolios and/or assessment by 30% for existing apprenticeships.	01/09/22	04/07/23		Online portfolio use widened to all apprentices, support for implementation introduced into the library service and online portfolios will be used for ITT courses from September 2023 to embed practice with new staff. Online qualification platform in procurement phase with GTS.

Strategic Priority: SP11. Support key community and business events which promote and enhance skills and abilities and highlight employment opportunities.

Key Activity: Participate in careers events to promote employment pathways.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Further develop links with employers, ensuring this is supportive of positive transition processes and education leaver destinations.	Careers Adviser (Employer Link) increases the number of direct DESC/ employer contacts compared to 2021 levels.	01/09/22	01/09/23		The number of direct contacts with employers has increased significantly since 2021, due to the work of the Careers Adviser (Employer Link) and key UCM staff.
Develop a portfolio of opportunities for employers to engage with education in different ways to support Careers and Employability Education in schools and UCM.	Portfolio of opportunities promoted on DESC Signposts website and triage system with one main point of contact for DESC developed.	01/09/22	01/09/24		Employers approaching DESC are triaged through Careers Adviser (Employer Link) and matched to opportunities in schools/UCM as appropriate.
Write an updated Work Experience Policy to support developments to work experience programme.	New DESC Work Experience Policy written with support from the DESC Policy Hub team.	01/08/22	31/07/23		Complete.

Strategic Priority: SP12. Establish strategic partnerships with Government Departments, employer organisations, and other sectors to support the development of employability skills.

Key Activity: Establish direct links between the Department and employers to support the further development of careers and employability education.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Development of better partnership working between DESC, the Department for Enterprise (DfE), Treasury (Job Centre), Cabinet Office (Economic Affairs) and local Employer groups, to support the understanding of young people of different entry points into local sectors and job roles.	DESC is able to request specific Isle of Man employment sector information from other Government Departments and Employer groups.	01/10/22	01/09/23		No further information is available on specific IOM employment sectors from other Government Departments as yet. Work by UCM with some employer groups has helped to shape aspects of the post 16 vocational offer, based on employer identified needs.
	Options for Vocational and Technical Qualifications (VTQ) where there is significant reform is	01/10/22	01/02/23		Watching brief of VTQ changes remains ongoing due to

	underway and explored with schools and UCM including upskilling/modules on green technology/ craft skills relevant to energy conservation (e.g. BTEC Level 3).				positioning by Department for Education in England in January 2023 and followed by further announcements by them in April 2023. Recent decisions by Pearson BTEC for Centres in NI, Scotland, Wales, IOM and Channel Islands may maintain some options on Island that are due to be defunded in England. Sector wide discussions taking place at UCM and forums planned for summer term.
At a strategic level, link this information and other local Labour Market Information and Intelligence (LMI), to the refinement of a broad, balanced curriculum offer available through Secondary schools and the UCM.	Good quality LMI, is used to support the fine tuning of the VTQ offer through schools and UCM.	01/09/22	01/10/24		No further information has been received on the capture of LMI by other Government Departments as yet. This information is required to support this DESC action.

Strategic Principle: Health and Wellbeing

Strategic Priority: SP13. Develop positive environments and a sense of belonging to enable children, young people, and adults to realise their aspirations (achieve their dreams) and live healthy, happy lives.

Key Activity: Review levels of emotional health and wellbeing to understand need and inform provision and training requirements.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Work with Secondary schools to develop provision to respond to needs identified in the wellbeing survey of Secondary pupils. Implement a pilot wellbeing support programme in some Primary schools. Work with these schools to develop provision to respond to needs identified.	Schools have in place appropriate provision to support pupils who present with mental health and wellbeing issues.	01/09/22	31/08/23		The wellbeing project is on hold whilst the three-year Professional Development plan is drafted and implemented with regards to professional development linked to early intervention and inclusion – as listed in SP5 above.

Strategic Priority: SP13. Develop positive environments and a sense of belonging to enable children, young people, and adults to realise their aspirations (achieve their dreams) and live healthy, happy lives.

Key Activity: Support the implementation of the Relationship and Sex Education (RSE) advisory curriculum.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
RSE advisory curriculum available to primary and secondary schools. Training programme in place to support the delivery of the RSE advisory curriculum.	RSE advisory curriculum implemented in the majority of schools in the first year.	01/09/22	31/08/23		The RSE Advisory Curriculum is currently paused.

Strategic Priority: SP14. Promote resilience amongst individuals and work to ensure they have the skills and knowledge to make positive lifestyle choices.

Key Activity: Continue to introduce systems, programmes and policies which proactively support the physical, emotional, mental health and wellbeing of children, young people, adults, and our workforce.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Implement wellbeing programme for staff and priorities identified by the Wellbeing group.	Wellbeing programme in place for staff.	01/08/22	01/08/23		On track.
Provide an LGBTQ+ offer for young people on the Island via the Youth Service.	An LGBTQ+ support network in place with weekly activities to participate in via the Youth Service.	01/04/22	31/03/23		Complete.

Strategic Priority: SP15. Provide opportunities which promote and improve an individual's health and wellbeing through sport, physical activity, culture, and arts within our community.

Key Activity: Provide a diverse range of physical activity and sports opportunities to children, young people, adults, and our workforce.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Deliver an Island wide Activ8 Physical Activity Programme for DESC and Isle of Man Government staff.	Increase staff engagement and number of employees accessing the scheme.	01/04/22	31/03/23		Complete.
Support Manx Care with health referral schemes to assist and help those adults with poor physical and mental health.	900 referrals on the scheme.	01/02/22	31/03/23		Complete.
Expand School Holiday Activity Programmes led by Manx Sport & Recreation, and Youth.	Increase the number of children and young people engaging in programmes.	01/07/22	31/07/23		On track.

Strategic Priority: SP15. Provide opportunities which promote and improve an individual's health and wellbeing through sport, physical activity, culture, and arts within our community.

Key Activity: Enable participative arts activities which promote wellbeing and positive mental and physical health.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Accessible arts activities programme established in various educational settings as well as the Villa Marina Arcade and at Kensington Arts.	Annual programme of activities agreed for delivery during 2022/23.	01/04/22	31/03/23		On track.
	Engagement evaluated and measured to enable development of planning in 2023/24.	01/04/22	31/03/23		

Strategic Priority: SP15. Provide opportunities which promote and improve an individual's health and wellbeing through sport, physical activity, culture, and arts within our community.

Key Activity: Broaden the appeal and provide equitable access to sporting, cultural and art events.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Audience Development plan agreed to diversify audiences and broaden access at VillaGaiety.	Development plan finalised by September 2022.	01/07/22	30/09/22		On track.
	Implementation of recommendations and actions from the development plan.	01/10/22	31/07/23		
	Evaluation of development plan and audience profiling.	01/08/23	30/09/23		
	Staff training and development to support customer service changes and equality of access to services.	01/07/22	31/03/23		

Strategic Priority: SP16. Promote and establish a compassionate culture which values diversity and difference.

Key Activity: Now that we have established a shared vision and set of values that support the principles of a compassionate culture, align all policies to this and continue to promote across the organisation.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
All recruitment processes to include section on our vision and values. Development conversations with staff should link to the shared vision and values. Include vision and values on all email signatures, policy documentation, and display poster across all central settings to actively promote.	DESC's shared Vision and Values are enshrined and promoted throughout all policies, processes and procedures	01/09/22	01/09/23		Complete.

Strategic Principle: Corporate Responsibility

Strategic Priority: SP17. Ensure that legislation, policies, and guidance support the delivery of our vision for the future.

Key Activity: Work with Government Department's to deliver the Isle of Man Government Action Plan for Achieving Net Zero Emissions by 2050.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Support the Department of Infrastructure's (DOI) review of possible energy saving options in order to reduce emissions for our buildings, such as the NSC, and securing of funding / progression of works.	More sustainable options going forward.	01/07/22	31/07/25		On track.

Strategic Priority: SP17. Ensure that legislation, policies, and guidance support the delivery of our vision for the future.

Key Activity: Strengthen effective management of information.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Review what management information and data is required, how it is collected, analysed and utilised for informed decision making.	Management Information is utilised effectively and certain data is classed as 'open' and available to the public.	01/10/22	01/10/23		Ongoing work continues, good records management practices in place.

Strategic Priority: SP17. Ensure that legislation, policies, and guidance support the delivery of our vision for the future.

Key Activity: Progress the Education (Amendment) Bill to ensure it supports our vision for the future.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
<p>Consultation on principles to be completed and analysed.</p> <p>Draft instructions for legislative drafter.</p> <p>Draft Bill produced.</p> <p>Bill introduced into the Branches.</p> <p>Royal assent approval is received and Bill becomes law.</p>	Amendment Bill produced and progressed through legislative Branches.	01/04/22	01/09/24		Implementation of each amendment bill is currently being reviewed in light of current financial constraints.

Strategic Plan: SP17. Ensure that legislation, policies, and guidance support the delivery of our vision for the future.

Key Activity: Implement Childcare Strategy actions which relate to DESC.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
In conjunction with other Government Departments and key stakeholders, create an Action Plan to investigate and identify the best options to deliver on the actions and objectives identified in the Childcare Strategy.	Actions and objectives which relate to DESC are delivered.	01/07/22	31/07/26		Deadline imminent for Business Cases (AP1/3 and AP2). These have been drafted ready for submission to Treasury. Work is ongoing on other identified actions for Year 1 and planning for Year 2.

Strategic Plan: SP17. Ensure that legislation, policies, and guidance support the delivery of our vision for the future.

Key Activity: Update secondary legislation to ensure it supports our vision for the future.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Undertake a Catchment Area Review for the East.	Revised Catchment Order for the East in place.	01/04/22	31/07/22		Complete.
Wider catchment area review to be undertaken.	Revised Catchment Order in place for whole Island.	01/04/22	30/07/23		On track – review is complete. Paper to be presented to Department for consideration by June 2023.
Further review of Articles of Government, following the Governing Bodies and QA Review.	Amendments made to the Articles of Government that relates to governing bodies and QA.	01/09/22	01/01/24		On track. Proposals from the Task and Finish Group will be considered

by the Department on 24th May 2023. Some of these proposals will form part of the amendments to the Articles that relate to Governing Bodies.

Strategic Priority: SP18. Drive high performance and accountability through transparency and good governance across the workforce.

Key Activity: Deliver the Department's Strategic Plan 2021 - 2026.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Development of annual Department plans, monitoring mechanism and regular reporting in place.	Actions are delivered in line with their project charters, on time, on budget and achieve their desired outcome.	01/07/22	31/07/23		Complete.

Strategic Priority: SP18. Drive high performance and accountability through transparency and good governance across the workforce.

Key Activity: Actively engage with the workforce to drive improvement in the way we deliver services.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
In order to measure the success of the Implementation Plan, those staff who provided feedback to the Beamans review be invited to provide feedback to DESC on whether the measures put in place since January 2021 have improved relationships and the culture across the organisation. Carry out a wider staff survey in order to gain the views from all DESC staff and seek their suggestions as to what else can be done to restore and maintain good relationships across the organisation going forward.	Feedback received from our workforce and improvements made where possible. This feedback will also inform what else can be done to restore and maintain good relationships across the organisation going forward.	01/07/22	31/07/23		On track.

Strategic Priority: SP18. Drive high performance and accountability through transparency and good governance across the workforce.

Key Activity: Implement workforce development Policies.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Implement a Mandatory Training Policy across DESC.	Policy regarding Mandatory Training is in place and being adhered to by all DESC employees.	01/04/22	01/04/23		Complete.
Relaunch the implementation of 3Cs (a framework to support positive personal development) for Civil Service staff across DESC.	A framework to support positive personal development is in place and is being utilised by Civil Service staff.	01/04/22	01/04/23		Complete.

Launch the Professional Development Framework for teachers.	A framework to support positive personal development is in place and is being utilised by teaching staff from September 2022.	01/05/22	01/09/22		Complete.
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Strategic Priority: SP19. Align funding, control, responsibility, and accountability; ensuring that all Departmental settings can collaborate and access the support they need, when they need it.
Key Activity: Deliver a full review into governing bodies of schools.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
<p>Review the Governing Bodies structure to ascertain how they should operate in the medium to long term and develop an implementation plan for their future recruitment and development.</p> <p>Conduct a skills audit of school Governors to inform what currently exists and what skills/experience are required to fill any gaps.</p> <p>Undertake research of other jurisdiction's models which could potentially be implemented on Island.</p> <p>Consider mandatory training, payment of Governors etc.</p>	Governing Bodies operate effectively and efficiently with the appropriate knowledge and skills.	25/04/22	30/09/23		On track. The Department is due to consider a paper with proposals from the Task and Finish Group on 24 th May 2023.

Strategic Priority: SP19. Align funding, control, responsibility, and accountability; ensuring that all Departmental settings can collaborate and access the support they need, when they need it.

Key Activity: Address other issues raised in the Beamans Review.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Consideration to be given as to whether the DESC looks to establish a Manx Education Board, as recommended in the Beamans review.	Manx Education Board proposals presented to the Council of Ministers for their consideration.	01/07/22	31/08/23		On track. Paper has been drafted for submission to July Department meeting for consideration by political members.

Strategic Priority: SP20. Manage and mitigate against the Department's information, people, finance, and legal risks.

Key Activity: Continue to implement clear procedures, processes, and internal controls to mitigate against Departmental risks and to enable the delivery of this Department Plan and the DESC Strategic Plan.

Tasks to be undertaken to achieve key activity:	Measurable Outcome	Start Date	End Date	Q2 Status	Commentary
Monthly Risk Register meetings within Divisions and at Departmental Level to ensure risks are mitigated against as far as possible.	Risks are managed and mitigated.	01/07/22	31/07/23		Complete.
Introduce Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) centrally within DESC.	SOPs are in place to enable the smooth delivery of all routine operations.	01/07/22	31/01/23 31/10/23		On track. Now broadened to wider Divisions across the entire Department. As a result of broader remit, the end date has been extended to 31 st October 2023.
Undertake an external review of swimming pools aligned to a terms of reference as agreed by Council of Ministers.	Report and recommendations received.	01/07/22	31/10/22		Complete. Additional work now being undertaken as per the Tynwald motion January 2023 .
Support the Department of Infrastructure's (DOI) review of school buildings and wider estate (strategic needs assessment and condition surveys).	Review undertaken by the DOI and Strategic Needs Assessment in place.	01/09/22	30/09/23		On track.





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