

Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 08 July 2024

Question from: Mr Ed Greenwood

Question to: Councillor Dacre, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Resources

QUESTION

I was particularly interested in the internal Auditors 2023 report and following discussion especially the response to a Councillor's question in which he pointed to the lack of knowledge by senior Officers in the use of GANTT charts in project management. The report also indicated a less than positive focus on Risk Management and Assessment within Project Management. Subsequent conversation with a CMBC Officer indicated a shortfall in professional skill levels in this area.

So my question is: How many Officers involved in management of CMBC projects are PRINCE2 trained and accredited?

Response

The Council has its own, bespoke Project Management Governance frameworks in place across services, which align to the Council's Constitution and wider operational procedures, including financial standing orders.

These frameworks are not PRINCE2 aligned, and the Council does not therefore require PRINCE2 accreditation for its staff involved in the management of projects. However in-service bespoke training is provided to all staff who are involved in the management of projects, to ensure that they are delivering in line with the approved and authorised protocols. Training needs are reviewed at quarterly Shared Conversations with line managers.

As PRINCE2 is not a mandatory requirement, the Council does therefore not hold records on the number of officers who are trained and accredited.