Rhondda Cynon Taf Council
Competency Framework:
Supervisor Framework
Competencies – An Overview

What are ‘Competencies’?

‘Competencies’ is a term used in RCT Council (the Council) to describe the knowledge, skills, and behaviours we need to do our jobs. Where a job description illustrates ‘what’ we do competencies illustrate ‘how’ we do it.

The Council's competencies stem from the Council's over-arching Vision, Beliefs and Values (available on the Council’s intranet or from Human Resources) and are designed to encourage an open dialogue (conversations) about how we work.

The Competency Framework gives us a starting point and a language we can all use when talking about the behavioural aspects of our work. This should mean that we’re clearer about what’s expected of us and that our performance is managed and developed in a way that supports everyone.

The competencies in this document describe how really ‘excellent’ staff would work in the Council. They don’t describe specific tasks that people do as part of their job - job descriptions do this. Instead they describe how someone who is really effective would do those things, and what else they would do in addition to those things. Working in a way that is described by the competencies doesn’t necessarily mean doing ‘more’ in terms of work, but it can mean working differently.
What is a Job Family?

The Competency Framework consists of 9 main Job Families and all Council roles will fall within one of the job families included within this framework. The job families are:

- AD: Administrator
- AN: Ancillary
- CC: Community and Social Care (including Social Care Professionals)
- FL: Frontline and Customer Care
- MM: Middle Manager (for Managers who manage people that manage others)
- SM: Skilled Manual Worker
- ST: Strategic Manager (Heads of Service and above)
- SU: Supervisor / Team Leader (1st line managers)
- TS: Technical, Specialist and Professional

By using competencies to define what ‘excellent’ performance looks like for everyone, and encouraging people to work in these ways, the Council is more able to deliver levels of service that will really make a difference to our Community.

How do I know what Job Family I am in / my team are in?

The decision tree on page 7 will help you to identify which job family your role is most likely to be in, you may also find this information on your Person Specification.

The Decision Tree can also be used in a management role to discover the job families of the roles within your team, or when compiling Person Specifications. Each Job Family has a number of example roles listed under the title – but please note that this is just a snap-shot and not a complete listing.

If you have any questions regarding which competency framework is most suitable for your role, please discuss this with your line manager or contact Human Resources.

Understanding Your Competencies - What is a Competency Area?

The overview on page 8 shows a summary of all the competency areas that fall within each job family. Competency areas are just the main headings, all of which are numbered as illustrated on the summary – for example Communicating Effectively (3) or Achieving Results (4).
Common Competency Areas

There are a number of competency areas that have been identified as being relevant for all workers in the Council and although the actual demonstration of these may vary for different jobs, these competencies are important for everyone. The common competencies areas are:

- **Working in a Team** - this also includes the headings working with others; working with partners; working with team members; working effectively with others; working with partnerships and teams; working as a team member. (Reference number 1 and 2.)
- **Communicating Effectively** (Reference number 3.)
- **Focusing on Service Users** - this also includes the headings looking after Service Users best interests; earning Service Users trust; meeting customer needs; working with Service Users. (Reference number 7 and 15.)

Role Specific Competency Areas

The remaining competency areas have been identified as being relevant depending upon your role and job family within the Council. These areas include:

- **Achieving Results** (Reference number 4.)
- **Personal Effectiveness** – this also includes the headings being committed and reliable; demonstrating professionalism; managing time; being accountable. (Reference number 5 and 6.)
- **Complying with Health and Safety** – this also includes the headings working safely; maintaining safety and well-being. (Reference number 8.)
- **Demonstrating Technical Ability** – this also includes the headings encouraging professional development. (Reference number 9.)
- **Working with Change** – this also includes the headings managing change; leading change; incorporating change; creating and responding to change. (Reference number 10.)
- **Implementing Strategy** – this also includes the heading working strategically. (Reference number 11.)
- **Political Knowledge and Awareness** (Reference number 12.)
- **Managing Resources** (Reference number 13.)
- **Developing and Motivating People** – this also includes the heading leading and motivating. (Reference number 14.)

Please see the overview summary grid on page 8 for a clear picture of which competency areas can be found within each job family.
Understanding Competencies - What are the Competency Statements?

Each of the competency areas (headings) are broken down into a list of statements around behaviour, abilities and skills. These are displayed in 3 columns.

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<td>Puts their own needs first, often unavailable to help and support others.</td>
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The statements help to set expectations on how we do our jobs and provides us with a language we can all use to start conversations around performance.

Health and Safety / Equalities and Diversity

The health and safety of our staff and Service Users and valuing diversity are core to all our values in the Council and are either expressed as specific competencies or are integrated into individual frameworks.

When and how do we use competencies?

The framework, and the competencies within the framework, can be used in many situations, these include:

- **Recruitment & Selection**
  Designing Person Specifications; shortlisting; interviews.
- **Managing Performance and Performance Review**
  Including induction and probation; setting expectations.
- **Workforce Planning**
  Talent Management / Succession Planning
- **Developing Learning and Development Plans**
  For individuals / teams / Service areas.
- **Career Development and Career Conversations**
- **Managing Underperformance (and capability)**

For advice and guidance in each of the areas above please see the Council’s intranet or contact Human Resources for more information.

**Realistic Expectations**

Although these sets of competencies describe qualities of ‘excellent’ workers, it is accepted that it would not be realistic to expect anyone to show all the positive behaviours, across all of the competencies, all of the time. However, there is an expectation that people strive towards this ideal. The competencies should therefore be seen as something to aim towards, and to help you to clearly understand where your strengths lie and where you may need further development.

A scoring system has been developed around the competencies to aide with formal reviews of performance, but this may also provide a starting point for performance discussions – asking yourself where you would rate your performance, and asking others where they see themselves. An explanation of this scoring can be found below, for further guidance on Performance Reviews please see the Council’s intranet or contact Human Resources.

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<td><strong>5</strong> – Clear strength – constantly exceeds role requirement in this area</td>
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<td>the individual demonstrates this at an exemplary level on an everyday basis and could coach others in the development of this area (left hand column)</td>
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<td>the individual demonstrates this when the need arises and is seen to do this very well (top of middle column, just into left hand column)</td>
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<td><strong>3</strong> – Acceptable Demonstration - meets role requirements in this area</td>
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<td>the individual demonstrates this adequately when required to meet the expectations of their role (neither a strength or a development need) (middle column)</td>
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<td><strong>2</strong> – Moderate Development Need - met some, but not all role requirements in this area</td>
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<td>the individual has been seen to demonstrate this on occasion and is aware of the importance of this to their role but does need to develop their ability in this area to integrate it into everyday practice (bottom of middle column, just into right hand column)</td>
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<td><strong>1</strong> – Clear Development Need – has not met requirements of role in this area</td>
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<td>the individual has not been seen to demonstrate this when carrying out their role and needs clear development in this area. (right hand column)</td>
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RCT Council Competencies – Decision Tree

THE DECISION TREE

This decision tree has been designed to help you to identify which of the competency frameworks will be most relevant for you in your current role, or your team members in their roles, or for roles you are looking to recruit to. You may also use it to identify the appropriate framework linked to other jobs you may consider applying for in the future.

START HERE
Do you have line management responsibility for staff?

Do you manage people who manage other people?

Are you a Head of Service or above?

YES

STRATEGIC MANAGER (ST)
E.g. director; chief executive; head of service.

SUPERVISOR (SU)
E.g. team leaders; seniors; supervisors, 'in-charge'; deputy managers.

MIDDLE MANAGER (MM)
E.g. area manager; general manager.

YES

Is your job primarily focused on the community or social care?

DISABLED
Is your job ancillary, 1st tier / entry level / assistant?

ANCILLARY (AN)
E.g. kitchen assistant; cleaner; stores assistant; driver; domestic assistant; cemetery operative; streetcare operative.

ADMINISTRATOR (AD)
E.g. clerical worker; secretary, clerk, personal assistant, admin officer.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL CARE (CC)
E.g. family aide; care worker; social worker; school nurse; support worker; youth worker; teaching assistant.

FRONTLINE & CUSTOMER CARE (FL)
E.g. frontline staff; library assistants; leisure centre attendants; customer service representative; tour guide; host; switchboard operator; waitress; bar staff.

Are you a skilled manual worker?

YES

SKILLED MANUAL WORKER (SM)
E.g. electrician; welder; mechanic; carpenter; fitter; plumber; mechanic; beautician.

TECHNICAL, SPECIALIST & PROFESSIONAL (TS)
E.g. solicitor; engineer; IT specialist; planner; environmental health officer; trading standards officer; tutor; psychologist; lab technician.

NO

Are your job mainly administrative?

YES

NO

NO

Is your job primarily customer service?
## Overview of all the competency headings for all the job families

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RCT Council Supervisor Competency Framework (SU)
RCT Council Supervisor - Competency Framework (Overview)

**People**

**Leading and Motivating (SU14)**
Values, motivates and empowers team members by setting a positive example and by recognising skills, strengths and achievements.
- Inspires, passionate, positive
- Celebrates, supports, develops, empowers, challenges
- Consistent, fair, values people
- Culture of open feedback

**Working as a Team Member (SU2)**
Works effectively with others, building strong relationships in order to achieve goals.
- Respect, trust, constructive relationships
- Involves and encourages, inclusive
- Interested, shares, team-focused, influences
- Across areas and beyond the Council, democratic accountability

**Communicating Effectively (SU3)**
Communicates key issues clearly and effectively; promotes a culture of open and honest communication; adapts their communication style and approach as necessary.
- Courteous, polite, listens, receptive
- Informs, explains, openly shares, creates opportunities
- Clear, effective, timely

**Tasks**

**Incorporating Change (SU10)**
Creates a culture of openness and responsiveness to changes, whether coming from inside or outside the team.
- Instigates, drives, embraces
- Innovative, creative, receptive
- Encourages, supports and understands
- Modernising agenda, responsibility

**Managing Time (SU5)**
Plans and prioritises tasks efficiently and effectively in order to provide best possible value and service delivery.
- Creative, radical, different
- Delegates responsibility, robust plans
- Positive, anticipates
- Partnerships, joint commissioning

**Being Accountable (SU6)**
Takes personal responsibility for making decisions and acting on them, without necessarily passing them up to the next level.
- Decisive, empowered
- Confident
- Well-informed

**Achieving Results (SU4)**
Delivers high-quality outcomes on time by setting clear targets that relate to the bigger picture while focusing closely on what’s important.
- Logical, organised, informed
- Motivated
- Clear aims
- Balanced with well-being

**Culture and Values – The RCT Council Context**

**Focusing on Service Users (SU7)**
Genuinely puts needs of Service Users (internal or external customers) at the centre of decisions.
- Understanding
- Makes a difference
- Responsive
- Local knowledge

**Encouraging Professional Development (SU9)**
Seeks to continually improve own professional development and supports others to do the same.
- Willing to learn
- Supportive
- Assessing capability

**Complying with Health and Safety (SU8)**
Takes responsibility for ensuring the health, safety and well-being of the team through understanding and correctly applying the appropriate Council H&S policies.
- Vigilant
- Duty of Care
- Accessibility of Information
**SU14. Leading and Motivating**
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<td>Can be positive and enthusiastic, but can be visibly affected by challenges.</td>
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<td><strong>SU14.2</strong> Creates a shared attitude that is positive and enthusiastic about work.</td>
<td>Can be personally committed, but does not consistently transmit this to others.</td>
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<td><strong>SU14.3</strong> Shares and celebrates all successes.</td>
<td>Is either low key or inconsistent about celebrating successes.</td>
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<td><strong>SU14.4</strong> Openly values the skills and contributions of individual team members.</td>
<td>Can take skills, knowledge and strengths for granted.</td>
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<td><strong>SU14.5</strong> Trusts others to take responsibility for important tasks and gives them the necessary space, freedom and flexibility.</td>
<td>Delegates single tasks or responsibilities within fairly rigid boundaries.</td>
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<td><strong>SU14.6</strong> Gives constructive, timely feedback (managing performance / supervision / etc).</td>
<td>Tackles issues half-heartedly or only when they become serious problems.</td>
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<td><strong>SU14.7</strong> Is able to deliver difficult messages sensitively.</td>
<td>Shows some awareness of the emotional impact of messages, but can prefer to focus on what needs to be said rather than how it should be said.</td>
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<td>Treats staff fairly and equally.</td>
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<td>SU14.9</td>
<td>Ensures that team members are aware of the social and environmental impact of their role.</td>
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**SU2. Working as a Team Member**
Works effectively with others, building strong relationships in order to achieve goals.

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<td>Has some good relationships, but others that are more formal or distant.</td>
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<td>SU2.2 Promotes a strong team spirit of co-operation and shared responsibility.</td>
<td>Team members co-operate, but only when necessary.</td>
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<td>SU2.3 Builds a culture where free and open exchange of ideas and appropriate challenge is accepted and valued.</td>
<td>Is responsible for maintaining a culture where certain people’s views are heard and accepted, but not everyone’s.</td>
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<td>SU2.4 Has a strong positive influence on joint decisions.</td>
<td>Has more impact in some situations than others.</td>
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<td>SU2.5 Is always helpful and supportive in helping colleagues to achieve their goals.</td>
<td>Helps with demanding situations, after completing own priorities.</td>
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<td>SU2.6 Promotes and demonstrates an ethos of equality and diversity.</td>
<td>Complies with, but doesn’t fully embrace, equality and diversity issues.</td>
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<td>SU2.7 Seeks to prevent or overcome conflict.</td>
<td>Can allow conflict to continue more than it should.</td>
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<td>SU2.8 Asserts their own position but is willing to modify these after understanding those of other people.</td>
<td>Can be stubborn in holding on to their own views before compromising.</td>
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Prefers to remain detached from others. Is unapproachable. |
Allows team members to work as individuals, in cliques or in competition. |
Contributes to a culture where it is difficult to express ideas and views. |
Struggles to successfully influence joint decisions. |
Is reluctant to give assistance. |
Tolerates or demonstrates discriminatory behaviour. |
Exacerbates or produces conflict. |
Sticks strongly to ‘fighting their own corner’.
### SU3. Communicating Effectively
Communicates key issues clearly and effectively; promotes a culture of open and honest communication; adapts own communication style and approach as necessary.

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<td>Proactively shares ideas and knowledge with people to keep them up to date with developments.</td>
<td>Provides information only when asked or when essential.</td>
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<td><strong>SU3.2</strong></td>
<td>Uses styles of language that others can clearly understand.</td>
<td>Adapts their style and language to suit some but not all groups.</td>
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<td><strong>SU3.3</strong></td>
<td>Communicates clearly and concisely.</td>
<td>Communication requires some checking by others.</td>
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<td>Communicates confidently and with credibility, even when messages are difficult.</td>
<td>Is less confident with some forms of communication.</td>
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<td><strong>SU3.5</strong></td>
<td>Thinks about and consistently uses the most appropriate form of communication.</td>
<td>Uses the quickest, or their own preferred method of communication rather than the best one.</td>
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<td><strong>SU3.6</strong></td>
<td>Actively checks their own understanding of what others have said.</td>
<td>Sometimes makes assumptions about what was meant without checking this further.</td>
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<td><strong>SU3.7</strong></td>
<td>Genuinely listens to others views, openly considering what they are saying.</td>
<td>Gives people attention, although can show signs of impatience or inattention.</td>
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<td><strong>SU3.8</strong></td>
<td>Actively creates regular opportunities for open discussions.</td>
<td>Holds regular formal meetings according to fixed schedules.</td>
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<td>SU3.9</td>
<td>Actively promotes a good flow of communication to allow quick resolution of issues or queries.</td>
<td>Relies on natural communication flow for sharing of information.</td>
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**SU10. Incorporating Change**

Creates a culture of openness and responsiveness to changes, whether coming from inside or outside the team.

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<td>SU10.3 Has good ideas about how to move things forward in their own area.</td>
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<td>SU10.5 Promotes a shared, open and positive team attitude towards change and flexibility.</td>
<td>Lets team members keep their own attitudes towards change, whatever these are.</td>
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<td>SU10.6 Encourages and supports team members to put forward their suggestions and new ideas.</td>
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<td>Assumes that people are as accepting of change as everyone else, working with resistance only when it becomes apparent.</td>
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**SU10.1**

- **Understands the need for change and responds positively to improvements.**
  - An excellent Council Supervisor:
    - Understands the need for change and responds positively to improvements.
  - An ineffective Council Supervisor:
    - Doesn’t always appreciate the need to change fully, only changes when easily able to do so.

**SU10.2**

- **Is willing to critique proposals to ensure they are viable and so that they will work.**
  - An excellent Council Supervisor:
    - Takes proposals at face value.
  - An ineffective Council Supervisor:
    - Challenges proposals with assumptions that they are of little value.

**SU10.3**

- **Has good ideas about how to move things forward in their own area.**
  - An excellent Council Supervisor:
    - Implies rather than initiates change.
  - An ineffective Council Supervisor:
    - Does not volunteer suggestions for improvements.

**SU10.4**

- **Is able to ‘sell’ positive aspects of change to others.**
  - An excellent Council Supervisor:
    - Assumes that others will appreciate the value of changes.
  - An ineffective Council Supervisor:
    - Points out the negative aspects of change.

**SU10.5**

- **Promotes a shared, open and positive team attitude towards change and flexibility.**
  - An excellent Council Supervisor:
    - Encourages people to ignore or resist proposed changes for as long as possible.
  - An ineffective Council Supervisor:
    - Encourages people to ignore or resist proposed changes for as long as possible.

**SU10.6**

- **Encourages and supports team members to put forward their suggestions and new ideas.**
  - An excellent Council Supervisor:
    - Accepts others’ suggestions, without explicitly encouraging contributions.
  - An ineffective Council Supervisor:
    - Is a barrier to others’ innovative ideas, highlighting potential issues.

**SU10.7**

- **Ensures that proposals and ideas become operational realities.**
  - An excellent Council Supervisor:
    - Agrees in principle to the need to change, but is slow to put measures into place.
  - An ineffective Council Supervisor:
    - Makes little genuine attempt to alter the current ways of doing things, even when changes are agreed.

**SU10.8**

- **Understands others’ personal barriers to change and supports them accordingly.**
  - An excellent Council Supervisor:
    - Assumes that people are as accepting of change as everyone else, working with resistance only when it becomes apparent.
  - An ineffective Council Supervisor:
    - Imposes change on people without accounting for likely reactions.
### SU5. Managing Time

Plans and prioritises tasks efficiently and effectively in order to provide best possible value and service delivery.

An excellent Council Supervisor:

- **SU5.1** Has a logical and organised approach to planning.
  - Shows reasonable levels of planning; doesn't always stick to the plan.
  - Takes an ad hoc or reactive approach to planning.

- **SU5.2** Looks ahead to anticipate future issues and changing demands (Workforce Planning).
  - Appreciates the need for long-term plans but can get caught up in the 'here and now'.
  - Seems to be constantly fire-fighting and dealing with the unexpected.

- **SU5.3** Finds efficiency and resource savings without compromising service delivery (Workforce Planning).
  - Has found some efficiency savings, with a limited impact on service delivery.
  - Makes no attempt to make savings or cuts corners and makes savings that damage service delivery.

- **SU5.4** Is positive about what can be achieved with existing resources (Workforce Planning).
  - Usually attempts to resolve resource issues in a positive way.
  - Moans about lack of resources and uses this as an excuse not to try.

- **SU5.5** Ensures that resources are managed with consideration to the environment and strives to reduce wastage.
  - Shows some consideration to reducing wastage and damage to the environment.
  - Does not manage resources with sufficient consideration to the environment or wastage.

- **SU5.6** Uses the departmental business plan to set priorities.
  - Prioritises according to sometimes informed, sometimes inaccurate feelings about what seems to be important.
  - Shows no interest or appreciation of the bigger picture or key priorities.

- **SU5.7** Works with others to plan the best ways forward.
  - Only consults others on plans when absolutely necessary.
  - Sets deadlines with poor assumptions about others' workloads or opinions.

- **SU5.8** Sets up and adheres to useful processes for managing work efficiently.
  - Uses processes, but not always effectively.
  - Takes an unstructured approach to reaching objectives, encounters the same kinds of issues again and again.
**SU6. Being Accountable**  
Takes personal responsibility for making decisions and acting on them, without necessarily passing them up to the next level.

An excellent Council Supervisor:                           An ineffective Council Supervisor:

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<th>Has confidence to make decisions without guidance, asks advice from line manager only when necessary.</th>
<th>Is generally able to make the right decisions, but seeks reassurance from line manager.</th>
<th>Is nervous of committing to decisions; constantly seeks advice from their own line manager before making decisions.</th>
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<td>Uses consultation as a means to inform important decisions.</td>
<td>Uses consultation to achieve consensus and agreement.</td>
<td>Uses consultation to spread responsibility for difficult decisions.</td>
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<td>SU6.3</td>
<td>Makes well-informed decisions, and thinks ahead.</td>
<td>Makes decisions that can be less 'sound', and may require modification as circumstances change.</td>
<td>Makes decisions quickly, reacting to the ‘here and now.’</td>
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<td>SU6.4</td>
<td>Is willing to think about possible solutions in different ways to what is commonly accepted.</td>
<td>Makes decisions informed by what has gone before, but shows some innovation.</td>
<td>Sees thinking differently as risky; is unwilling to step outside of the ‘tried and tested’.</td>
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<td>SU6.5</td>
<td>Is willing to be decisive when necessary.</td>
<td>Can identify valid reasons why decisions need to be put off.</td>
<td>Fails to make everyday decisions, procrastinates.</td>
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<td>SU6.6</td>
<td>Makes decisions that benefit the team, department or Council as a whole.</td>
<td>Makes generally reasonable decisions, some lacking in effectiveness.</td>
<td>Reaches conclusions that have an adverse effect on team / department / Council.</td>
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<td>SU6.7</td>
<td>Understands the Council’s approach to the environment and demonstrates consideration of social and environmental concerns in their day to day role.</td>
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<td>Disregards social and environmental concerns in the execution of their role.</td>
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## SU4. Achieving Results
Delivers high-quality outcomes on time by setting clear targets that relate to the bigger picture while focusing closely on what’s important.

**An excellent Council Supervisor:**

**SU4.1** Is motivated to improve on performance; identifies objectives that can stretch the team (managing performance / supervision / etc).

Focuses on achieving ‘business as usual’ goals.

**SU4.2** Is willing to go ‘above and beyond’ when necessary.

Can be complacent, believing that the work will get done without need for extra effort.

**SU4.3** Is able to work effectively under pressure.

Can temporarily lose focus when under pressure.

**SU4.4** Reviews outcomes in order to make improvements and learn from mistakes.

Reviews outcomes but does not always fully implement improvements.

**SU4.5** Consistently delivers high-quality outcomes.

Overall, standard of delivery is acceptable.

**SU4.6** Has clear aims and objectives.

Has goals that can lack clarity at times.

**SU4.7** Balances achieving results with care for own health and well-being.

Becomes stressed occasionally in the pursuit of achieving results but is usually able to manage.

**SU4.8** Sees Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) as providing clear expectations of goals for the team.

Is aware of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), but doesn’t always see the team’s success as being linked to them.

**SU4.9** Keeps tightly focused on timescales and meets all key deadlines.

Can allow lower priority deadlines to slip.

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**An ineffective Council Supervisor:**

**SU4.1** Does not have a strong drive to achieve results.

**SU4.2** Is rigid about job roles and unwilling to step outside of these constraints to get things done.

**SU4.3** Can be complacent, believing that the work will get done without need for extra effort.

**SU4.4** Is rigid about job roles and unwilling to step outside of these constraints to get things done.

**SU4.5** Delivers too many substandard outcomes.

**SU4.6** Is not clear about goals or objectives.

**SU4.7** Becomes stressed and overworked in order to achieve results.

**SU4.8** Is unaware of the importance of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

**SU4.9** Often misses deadlines and allows things to drift.
## SU7. Focusing on Service Users
Genuinely puts needs of Service Users (internal or external customers) at the centre of decisions.

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<td>Understands customers’ actual needs.</td>
<td>Works with assumptions about what customers need, some right, some wrong.</td>
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<td>SU7.2</td>
<td>Ensures customers’ needs are met by responding to them efficiently and effectively.</td>
<td>Meets most needs, but not always as quickly as could be possible.</td>
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<td>SU7.3</td>
<td>Provides and promotes highest standards of customer care and service.</td>
<td>Provides acceptable, but unremarkable standards of customer care.</td>
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<td>SU7.4</td>
<td>Has a positive attitude towards helping people, and is willing to go the extra mile.</td>
<td>Delivers a professional service, as defined by their job role.</td>
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<td>SU7.5</td>
<td>Leaves customers happy with the service they have received.</td>
<td>Leaves customers satisfied but indifferent about the service received.</td>
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<td>SU7.6</td>
<td>Genuinely and consistently aims to make a difference to the individual citizen.</td>
<td>Sees good service delivery only in terms of meeting basic outcomes.</td>
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<td>SU7.7</td>
<td>Promotes service and Council positively.</td>
<td>Underestimates the value of creating a positive image externally.</td>
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<td>SU7.8</td>
<td>Has good local knowledge and awareness of community issues.</td>
<td>Has moderate local knowledge, and is aware of certain issues.</td>
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**SU9. Encouraging Professional Development**
Seeks to continually improve their own professional development and supports others to do the same.

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<td>Is eager or willing to learn new things.</td>
<td>Is content to carry on as always, but uses training opportunities when they arise.</td>
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<td>Recognises their own limitations, and adapts accordingly.</td>
<td>Is content to work within their own limitations.</td>
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<td>Works towards increasing the capability of their team/staff (Workforce Planning / managing performance / supervision / etc).</td>
<td>Lets people continue to operate with adequate levels of capability.</td>
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<td>Looks for areas for potential growth in individuals (managing performance / supervision / etc).</td>
<td>Assumes that those who wish to progress will develop themselves.</td>
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<td>Identifies and makes the best use of the skills (including literacy and numeracy skills), knowledge and strengths of the team (managing performance / supervision / etc).</td>
<td>Is aware of, but doesn’t make the most of, the skills, knowledge and strengths in the team.</td>
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<td>Links learning and development to business plans/service goals (Workforce Planning / managing performance / supervision / etc).</td>
<td>Sees learning and development only in terms of addressing personal needs.</td>
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<td>Holds regular reviews with staff to identify their goals and areas for development (managing performance / supervision / etc).</td>
<td>Meetings with staff do not explicitly target areas of capability gaps unless gaps are obvious.</td>
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| SU9.8 | Is personally supportive in enabling individuals to meet their development goals (managing performance / supervision etc). | Broadly supports training and development initiatives, and could do more to appreciate how each individual will benefit specifically. | Sees responsibility for development and training as sitting with HR. |
### SU8. Complying with Health and Safety

Takes responsibility for ensuring the health, safety and well-being of the team through understanding and correctly applying the appropriate Council H&S policies.

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<th>Is aware of all H&amp;S procedures relevant to team, its responsibilities and potential risks.</th>
<th>Is aware of what seem to be the most important H&amp;S guidelines.</th>
<th>Has little or no working knowledge of relevant H&amp;S policies.</th>
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<td>SU8.2</td>
<td>Ensures that H&amp;S manuals are up-to-date, accessible and that their team is aware of them.</td>
<td>Is inconsistent and diligence in updating staff about H&amp;S information.</td>
<td>Takes little or no personal responsibility for ensuring accessibility to up-to-date H&amp;S policy information.</td>
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<td>SU8.3</td>
<td>Genuinely accepts personal duty of care for team’s health, safety and well-being.</td>
<td>Sees self as responsible for implementing Council H&amp;S policies only as formal part of job role.</td>
<td>Takes little or no personal or formal responsibility for others’ health, safety or well-being.</td>
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<td>SU8.4</td>
<td>Ensures that staff are aware of current and potential risks, hazards and H&amp;S issues that might affect them.</td>
<td>Shows some awareness of key hazards but has to be reminded to address H&amp;S issues with their staff.</td>
<td>Encourages risky behaviour, disregard for H&amp;S guidelines or assumes the working environment is safe and risk free.</td>
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<td>SU8.5</td>
<td>Encourages staff to be vigilant for risks and hazards and acts on their observations.</td>
<td>Takes notice of issues when brought to attention.</td>
<td>Takes little or no notice of H&amp;S issues that are raised by others.</td>
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<td>SU8.6</td>
<td>Puts measures in place that minimise risk of incidents.</td>
<td>Puts measures in place that reduce likelihood of incidents, although these could be more stringent.</td>
<td>Assumes that incidents will not occur and takes little or no preventative action.</td>
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<td>SU8.7</td>
<td>Ensures up-to-date reporting and recording of all incidents.</td>
<td>Omits what are deemed to be less important incidents from reports.</td>
<td>Has no provision to record or report incidents.</td>
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<td>SU8.8</td>
<td>Consistently shows consideration for and commitment to other people’s health, safety and well-being.</td>
<td>Is committed to other people’s health, safety &amp; well-being.</td>
<td>Has an adverse impact on other people’s health, safety and well-being.</td>
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