Customer First Strategy Action Plan 2016-2018

1. Internal Communication of Customer First Strategy

Actions	Lead/s	Resources	Timescales
Corporate briefing and introduction to all staff	Director of Corporate Services &	Staff resources to prepare and	July 2016
of Customer First Strategy.	Governance & Corporate Customer	deliver briefing.	
	Services Manager		
Presentation and discussion of Customer First	Corporate Customer Services Manager	Staff resources to facilitate	July 2016
Strategy at DMTs and team meetings		discussion	
Develop Customer First area and resources	Customer First Communications	Staff resources to develop	August 2016
for staff on the intranet	Champion	intranet	
Develop induction process for new staff on	Corporate Customer Services Manager,	Staff resources to develop	August 2016
Customer First Strategy, expectations and	Communications Manager & Customer	material.	
corporate communication standards.	First Communications Champion	Online e-learning package	
Embed the Customer First Strategy with	Director of Corporate Services &		ongoing
operation of the Communications Board to	Governance & Customer First		
ensure synergy with recommendations and	Communications Champion		
actions from the Board.			

2. External Communication of Customer First Strategy

Actions	Lead/s	Resources	Timescales
Publish Customer First Strategy on the	Customer First Communications		July 2016
Council website and promote through the	Champion & Communications Manager		
Council's social media.			
Promote Customer First through the marketing	Customer First Communications	Staff resources to develop	June 2016 onwards
and promotion of My Hastings.	Champion	materials, attend events.	
		Posters/business cards	
Continue to develop Customer First standards	Corporate Customer Services Manager &		ongoing
and principals through the Community Contact	Contact Centre Operations Manager		
Centre as a centre of excellence.			

3. Implementation of Customer First Strategy

Actions	Lead/s	Resources	Timescales
Develop Customer Service training	Executive Manager of People, Customer	Staff resources to develop	Begin Sept 2016

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programme and framework for all staff. All new staff will receive Customer Service training as part of their induction to the Council.	& Business Support & Corporate Customer Service Manager	training programme. Training resources – online, materials and external training resources	
Develop and produce regular customer insight data, identify service improvements required and work with services to review and redesign processes improving the customer journey.	Corporate Customer Services Manager & Service Managers	Staff resources to produce data. Resources required to implement improvements currently unknown.	Regular reports of Firmstep customer data and cases already produced for Transformation Team and Service Managers for services currently on Firmstep.
Design and undertake regular customer satisfaction/feedback surveys and mystery shopping to inform service improvement priorities.	Corporate Customer Services Manager	Staff resources to design and undertake surveys. Survey software and IT resources to carry out survey.	Sept 2016
Ensure there is a 'Customer' representative as part of service review teams to represent the customer and ensure customer first principals are embedded in any service improvement recommendations.	Director of Corporate Services & Governance		July 2016
Develop links and referral processes with the Community Contact Centre and external support agencies and organisations particularly around employability in order to provide support to those most in need.	Corporate Customer Services Manager	Staff resources to make contact with external agencies and develop procedures. Training of CSOs. IT resources to develop simple online referral process and information.	Oct 2016
Continue to work with the recently established Communications Board to represent the voice of the customers and ensuring there is always a customer focus and consistency to all content.	Corporate Customer Services Manager		ongoing
My Hastings/Firmstep project – new CRM system for whole council, business process mapping services and implementing self service processes for customers	Transformation Manager	See Transformation plan	
New Council website redeveloped and	Transformation Manager	See Transformation plan	

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launched to be customer focussed, accessible			
and encourage online services.			
Business Process Mapping project to process	Transformation Manager	See Transformation plan	
map all services and identify improvements for	_		
internal and external customers.			
Assisted Digital and Digital by choice project	Transformation Manager	See Transformation plan	
to ensure that those who do not have personal	_		
access to the internet are able to access			
Council services from alternative sources			