

Vital Improvements Programme Guidance on evaluation criteria

RAG status	PROGRESS	PROSPECTS	BENEFITS
G	<p>Little or no project slippage</p> <p>Slippage against agreed timescale for project and benefits delivery is zero or less than 10% of the planned timescale. Initiative is within budget and adequately resourced.</p>	<p>Little or no risk of project failure</p> <p>The initiative is expected to meet its targets and realise planned benefits. The risk of project failure is zero or less than 10%, assessed against uncontrollable and controllable elements, such as timescales; project/benefits realisation; budget/costs; resources including human resources (capacity/ capability); stakeholders; dependencies (other projects/programmes); and risks. Any threats that may impact on the project are well controlled.</p>	<p>The Council's five generic 'end benefits' are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Net cost reduction Net costs are lower due to increased income or decreased expenditure. ▪ Improved environmental impact The negative impacts of the Council's activities on the physical environment are measurably reduced, and the Council does more in order to have a positive impact on the environment. ▪ Increased customer satisfaction Our customers are happier with the Council's services and processes; we are perceived to be more helpful, responsive, efficient and sensitive to individual needs. ▪ Increased job satisfaction Staff enjoy their work more, are prouder of the Council, feel better able to develop their skills and experience enhanced well-being. ▪ Improved quality of life Our residents are happier, safer, healthier, realise their potential and enjoy improved outcomes in stronger communities. <p>At the outset of each initiative, Management Board will agree the extent (High, Medium or Low) to which the initiative is focused on contributing to each of the end benefits. These will remain fixed for the duration of the initiative and should not be assessed or changed by Lead Officers during the reporting round.</p> <p>High: This end benefit is a primary focus of the programme or project Medium: The benefit is of secondary importance to the project or programme, but still forms a significant part of the overall benefits that will be delivered. Low: The benefit is of only minor significance to the project or programme, but nevertheless measurable improvement against the benefit is anticipated. N/A: The programme, project or task makes no measurable contribution to the benefit</p>
A	<p>Some slippage</p> <p>Slippage against timescale for the initiative as a whole or significant components of it is significant (though less than 40% of the planned timescale). Budgetary or other resource constraints have hampered progress.</p>	<p>No significant risk of project failure</p> <p>The initiative may not be completed to original timescales or specification. There are cost, resource or other issues or risks affecting the project, but the risk of project failure is below 40%. There are threats, whether controllable or not, which may impact negatively - but not significantly - on future project performance.</p>	
R	<p>Major slippage</p> <p>Slippage against timescale for the initiative as a whole, or significant components of it, is greater than 40% of the planned timescale. Budgetary or other resource constraints have seriously hampered progress.</p>	<p>Significant risk of project failure</p> <p>The project is not on track to achieve the majority of targets or to realise its planned benefits. The risk of project failure is over 40%. There are critical threats, issues or risks that are very likely to have a significant and detrimental effect on future performance which cannot be pre-empted, prevented or mitigated.</p>	