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Operational Plan 2023-24 Monitoring Report

Scottish Information Commissioner

Introduction

Introduction

This document sets out the Scottish Information Commissioner's operational plan for the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The operational plan explains how we will realise the Commissioner's vision and strategic objectives, as set out in the Strategic Plan 2020-24, and provides a tool for on-going monitoring of outcomes and management of resources, financial and human.

Vision

The impact of Freedom of Information is increased, being recognised and valued as the key enabler of openness and transparency of public functions in Scotland, enhancing people's right to access the information that matters to them

Strategic aims

To realise this vision:

The Commissioner's office will:

- (1) increase knowledge and understanding of FOI rights
- (2) enable and support high standards of FOI policy and practice
- (3) develop Scottish public sector culture and practice where the proactive disclosure of information is routine and valued
- (4) influence and support the development and strengthening of Scottish FOI law and practice
- (5) contribute to Scotland being respected as a world-leader in openness and transparency
- (6) be recognised as an organisation of independent and trusted experts that is run efficiently, governed effectively and is open and transparent

Structure of the operational plan

The operational plan is laid out as a programme of actions listed under types of operational activity, with cross references to which strategic objective(s) it supports. The actions listed are business as usual (BAU) and one-off projects. This is a working document which forms the basis of on-going monitoring and assessment and may be updated within the financial year.

In general, BAU will be managed and monitored in line with set targets, performance indicators, established reporting structures and approved policy.

Projects will be managed according to general project management principles and practice. And are approved by the Senior Management Team (SMT).

Monitoring and reporting

Progress against the plan will be reviewed every two months by the SMT and an update of progress will be published following this review in the Operational Plan Monitoring Report 2023-24.

Achievement and output against individual line items will also be assessed and reported in line with the organisational targets and indicators and measures set out in our Key Documents C7 Performance and Quality Framework 2023-24 and C1 Governance Reporting Arrangements.

Resources

The Commissioner's budget for 2023-24 is:

- Total staff costs: £1,850,000
- Total gross revenue costs: £2,213,000
- Capital expenditure: £19,000
- Total: **£2,232,000**

KEY

BAU: Business as Usual

Commissioner/SIC: Scottish Information Commissioner

DHOE: Deputy Head of Enforcement

HOCS: Head of Corporate Services

HOE: Head of Enforcement

HOPi: Head of Policy and Information

Priority: Relative priority - Statutory, High, Medium, Low

SMT: Senior Management Team

Human Resources Management

	Activity	Type	Frequency	Start Date	End Date	Strategic Aim						Priority	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Lead Mgr	Comment/ Update
						1	2	3	4	5	6							
1	Report to SMT on Performance & Development Framework	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	31/10/2024						X	H	OT	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
2	Learning & Development Plan 2023-24 (internal)	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	31/10/2023						X	H	OT	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
3	Review Human Resources Strategy	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	31/10/2023						X	M	NS	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
4	Apply & monitor Performance & Development Framework	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
5	Security & Vetting scheme- monitoring and application	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
6	Recruitment – planned and approved	BAU	As approved	01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	Comp	Comp	Comp	OT	HOCS	
7	Workforce Plan – monitoring	BAU	Quarterly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	Comp	Comp	OT	OT	ALL SMT	

1	Business continuity - review interim human resources policies and processes	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
2	Hybrid working – office premises and remote working – human resources policies and processes	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
3	Workforce Plan – departmental review project (in accordance with Human Resources Strategy)	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
4	Workforce Plan – departmental review project (in accordance with Human Resources Strategy)	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	Comp	NS	NS		HOE	
5	Workforce Plan – departmental review project (in accordance with Human Resources Strategy)	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	Comp	NS	OT	OT	HOPI	
6	Review recruitment costs 2022-23	Project		01/04/2023	31/10/2023						X	M	NS	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
7	HR data base – replacement	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
8	Review – Employee Handbook	Project		01/04/2023	30/06/2024						X	H	OT	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
9	Review security vetting procedures	Project		01/04/2023	30/09/2023						X	M	OT	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
10	Pandemic policies – general (overarching) – in connection with business continuity	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	

Improving Authority Practice

	Activity	Type	Frequency	Start Date	End Date	Strategic Aim						Priority	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Lead Mgr	Comment/ Update
						1	2	3	4	5	6							
1	Prepare, deliver and report on programme of events and learning opportunities (on or offline) for FOI practitioners – prepare, deliver and report on	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X	X	X		X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
2	Public sector FOI practitioner peer support mechanisms and networks - support and develop	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X	X	X			M	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
3	Prepare and circulate learning points from decisions	BAU	Monthly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X	X	X		X	H	OT	OT	OT		HOE	
4	Collaborate with/involve authority representatives to inform best practice	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X	X	X		X	M	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
5	FOI/EIRs statistics portal data from public authorities - collect, collate and publish	BAU	Quarterly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X		X				S/H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
6	New public authorities - support to prepare for FOI duties	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X	X	X			H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
7	Good practice resources, guidance and case studies for authorities – maintain, develop, promote, and report on use	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X	X	X	X	X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	

1	Statistics Portal – review and develop new collection and dissemination method.	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X				X	M	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	New dissemination method being considered - new collection method slipped.
2	Research, design and pilot bitesize online webinars for practitioners.	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		x	x	x			M	NS	NS	NS	OT	HOPI	
3	Establish network group for Further/Higher Education	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		x	x	x			M	NS	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
4	Review and refine current self-assessment toolkits – pilot with section 14	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		x	x	x	x	x	M	NS	NS	C/f new	C/f new	HOPI	
5	SIC to engage directly with senior staff of public authorities - roadshows/webinar/podcast	Project		01/04/2023	01/10/2023	x	x	x	x			M	NS	OT	OT	Slip	HOPI	Replace with start of tenure communication to Pas

Information Management

	Activity	Type	Frequency	Start Date	End Date	Strategic Aim						Priority	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Lead Mgr	Comment/ Update
						1	2	3	4	5	6							
1	Coordinate on-going Information and Records Management (IRM) controls and procedures and ensure they are applied	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X		X			X	S/H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
2	IRM assurance report to SMT	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	30/09/2023	X		X			X	S/H	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
3	Maintenance of secure and reliable IT network	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	S/H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
4	Manage Key Documents as per the Review Programme	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X			X	H	Comp	Comp	Comp	OT	HOCS	
5	Monitor compliance with data protection legislation and the UK General Data Protection Regulation	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024			X			X	S	Comp	Comp	Comp	OT	HOCS	
6	UK GDPR/Data protection – SMT update	BAU	Quarterly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024			X			X	S	Comp	Comp	OT	OT	HOCS	
7	Maintain a compliant publication scheme and guide to information	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X		X		X	X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
8	Commissioner's Publication Scheme - assurance report to SMT	BAU		01/01/2024	31/03/2024						X	S	NS	NS	OT	OT	HOCS	
9	Monitor Commissioner's compliance in responding to RFIs and reviews – compliance with statutory timescales, policy and procedures and quality assurance	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X				X	S	Comp	Comp	OT	OT	HOCS	
10	Monitor Commissioner's compliance in responding to SARs – compliance with statutory timescales, policy and procedures	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	S	Comp	Comp	OT	OT	HOCS	

1	Business continuity —hybrid working – interim policies	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024					X	X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
2	Virtual Cabinet – upgrade	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X		X		X	X	S/H	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
3	Digital and IT Strategy	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	S/H	NS	NS			SIC / HOCS	
4	Information and Records Management (IRM) – consider and recommend way forward as regards review, retention and assurance	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X				X	H	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	Records Management Plan approved by Keeper and related CR considered by SMT
5	IRM – review and update File Plan	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X				X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
6	IRM – review and update Retention Schedule	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X				X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
7	Data Protection Policy and Handbook – review	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024								Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
8	Case Management System (CMS) - RFI/RFR/workflow	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X				X	M/H	NS	NS	NS	OT	HOCS	
9	CMS – SAR workflow	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X				X	M/H	NS	NS	NS	OT	HOCS	
10	CMS – access protection – approval processes	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X				X	M/H	OT	OT	NS	OT	HOCS	
11	Website Manual – approval by SMT	Project		01/04/2023	31/07/2023		X	X	X	X	X	H	Slip	Slip	Slip	Slip	HOPI	Manual operating but updates required

Planning & Reporting

	Activity	Type	Frequency	Start Date	End Date	Strategic Aim						Priority	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Lead Mgr	Comment/ Update
						1	2	3	4	5	6							
1	Annual Report (AR) 2022-23: Statutory reporting and 3Es	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	31/12/2024						X	S	OT	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
2	AR 2022-23: Accountability Report and Financial Statements - ensure compliance with FReM, SPFM, prepare	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	31/12/2024						X	S	OT	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
3	AR 2022-23: Performance Report – ensure compliance with FReM, SPFM prepare and obtain approval	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	31/12/2024						X	S	OT	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOPI / HOCS	
4	AR 2022-23: Annual Statement of Assurance to Commissioner	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	31/10/2023	X	X	X			X	H	OT	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
5	AR 2022-23: Auditor's Report – liaise with Auditor and Advisory Audit Board (AAB)	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	31/12/2024						X	H	NS	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
6	AR 2022-23: AAB meeting 2023	BAU	Annual	01/08/2023	31/12/2024						X	H	OT	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
7	Audit Planning Report – AR 2023-24 liaise with auditor and AAB	BAU	Annual	01/08/2023	31/10/2024						X	H	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
8	Performance and statistical reporting operational (relating to finance, payment of invoices, requests for information,	BAU	As set out in the GRA	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X			X	S	NS	NS	OT	OT	HOCS	
9	Manage and report on Enquiries Service	BAU	Six monthly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X			X	H	OT	Comp	OT	OT	HOCS	
10	Public Service Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 – annual statement of expenditure and annual statement of sustainable growth report	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	S	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
11	Operational Plan 2023-24 – monitor and report progress	BAU	Two monthly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X			X	H	Comp	Comp	OT	OT	SMT	
12	Key Documents – reviews due and overdue reviews - monitor	BAU	Two Monthly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X			X	H	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	SMT	
13	Operational Plan 2024-25 - coordinate and prepare	BAU	Annual	01/01/2024	30/06/2024	X	X	X			X	H	NS	NS	OT	OT	HOCS	
14	Governance Reporting Arrangements (GRA) – reporting against cycle	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X			X	H	Comp	Comp	OT	OT	HOCS/ HOPI/ HOE	
15	GRA - compliance report to SMT	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X			X	H	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
16	Case Management System (CMS) – reporting (manual and automatic) for IPM/end of year Enforcement statistics	BAU	Monthly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	M	Comp	Comp	Comp	OT	HOCS	
17	Prescribed Persons (Reports on Disclosure of Information) Regulations 2017	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	31/08/2023						X	S	OT	OT	OT		HOE	
18	Report on biodiversity (as required by the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004)	BAU	As required	01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	S	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
19	Sustainable Development - monitor and report on carbon footprint		Annual	01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	S	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
20	C2 British Sign Language (BSL) Plan 2018-2023 – reporting	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	31/12/2023	x	x	x	x	x	x	H	OT	OT	Slip	OT	HOPI	

1	Business continuity –enquiries - interim revised arrangements and reporting procedures	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024					X	X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
2	Enquiries procedures – review of outcome codes and assurance reporting	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X		X	X	H	NS	NS	NS	OT	HOCS	Planned for Q4
3	Equalities Monitoring and Reporting – service users - revised system	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024					X	X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
4	CMS – review of in-house reporting	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024					X	X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
5	Strategic Plan 2024-2028	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	x	x	x	x	x	x	H	NS	NS	OT	OT	ALL SMT	

Comms, Engage. & Policy (Ext)

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						1	2	3	4	5	6							
1	Communications and engagement framework 2021 - 2024 - report on for 2023-24	BAU	Annually	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X	X	X	X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
2	News media - manage and maintain news media enquiry service and ongoing media engagement	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X	X	X	X	M	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
3	News media - manage and maintain media monitoring service	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X	X	X	X	M	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
4	Email newsletters - prepare, promote and circulate regularly and as required	BAU	Bimonthly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X	X	X	X	M	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
5	Social media - monitor, maintain and develop in line with Communications Framework/as required	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X	X	X	X	M	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
6	Events - support and participate in key relevant conferences/events	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X	X	X	X	L/M	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
7	Events - deliver events to promote effective use of FOI rights (such as to civil society, MSPs and media)	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X					X	M	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
8	Website – manage website support and development service	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X	X		X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
9	Website - maintain and promote content, ensuring it is up to date and relevant, and reporting progress	BAU	Quarterly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X	X	X	X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
10	Website – maintain, develop and report on accessibility compliance via accessibility statements	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	S	NS	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	Accessibility Statement updated November 23
11	BSL Action plan 2019-2023 – implement	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X	X		X	S	OT	OT	OT	OT	SMT	
12	Annual report 2022-23 - coordinate design and promotion where required	BAU	Annually	01/04/2023	30/09/2023						X	H	OT	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOPI	
13	Content and communications planning – maintain and implement, delivering communications campaigns on FOI as required	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X	X	X	X	M	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
14	FOI Policy monitoring systems and policy positions – maintain as required (includes parliamentary monitoring service)	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X	X	X	X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
15	Key stakeholder relationships/ partnerships – maintain, develop and support as required	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X	X	X	X	M	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
16	Input to Legislative change and consultations - monitor and respond to relevant consultations / inform legislative change processes as required	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X	X	X	X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	

1	Review 'Your Right to Know' and related resources, text and approach	Project				X						H	OT	OT	C/f new	C/f new	HOPI	
2	Promoting FOI awareness to young people project	Project		01/10/2022	31/03/2024	X					X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
3	LinkedIn Account- scope and research	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	x	x	x	x	x	x	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
4	LinkedIn Account – approval and launch	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	x	x	x	x	x	x	H	NS	NS	OT	OT	HOPI	
5	FOI Awareness Poll research	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X		X	X		H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
6	Engage as appropriate with Scottish Open Government Partnership	Project				X	X	X	X	X	X	M	OT	OT	OT	OT	SIC	
7	Improve accessibility of website content (Briefings and Guidance)	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X	X	X	X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	

Comms, Engage. & Policy (Ext)

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						1	2	3	4	5	6							
8	Scope promotional events for 20 years of commencement (2025)	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X			X	X	X	M	NS	NS	C/f new	C/f new	HOPI	
9	BSL Plan 2023-2028 – prepare and SMT approval	Project		01/04/2023	23/10/2023	x	x	x	x	x	x	H	NS	Slip	Slip	OT	HOPI	

Quality Assurance

	Activity	Type	Frequency	Start Date	End Date	Strategic Aim						Priority	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Lead Mgr	Comment/ update
						1	2	3	4	5	6							
1	Compliments and complaints – record, analyse and report	BAU	Quarterly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	S	OT	Comp	OT	OT	HOCS	
2	Information Requests to SIC: (a) record, analyse and monitor performance in accordance with the Section 60 Code of Practice (b) upload details to the FOI/EIRs statistics portal	BAU	Quarterly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X	X		X	X	S	Comp	Comp	OT	OT	HOCS	
3	Subject access requests to Commissioner - record, analyse and monitor performance	BAU	Quarterly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X	X		X	X	S	Comp	Comp	OT	OT	HOCS	
4	Information Requests to Commissioner – provide assurance to HOCS that responses to information requests comply with relevant legislation and related guidance	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X	X		X	X	S	OT	OT	OT		HOE	
5	Investigation targets and Key Performance Indicators - monitor and review to ensure appropriate and fit for purpose	BAU	Monthly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024					X	X	H	OT	OT	OT		HOE	
6	Performance and Quality Framework – managers to report on performance for their areas of responsibility (including carrying out appropriate quality assurance reviews) and to review Key Performance Indicators and other targets and standards annually	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X		X	X	S/H	Comp	OT	OT	OT	SMT	
7	Communication targets and key performance indicators - monitor and review to ensure appropriate and fit for purpose	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X	X	X	X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	

1	Complaints Policy and Handbook – review	Project		01/04/2023	31/10/2023						X	H	OT	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
2	Unacceptable Actions Policy - review to take account of review of Complaints Policy and Handbook	Project		01/04/2023	31/10/2023						X	H	OT	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	

Regulation & Enforcement

	Activity	Type	Frequency	Start Date	End Date	Strategic Aim						Priority	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Lead Mgr	Comment/ Update
						1	2	3	4	5	6							
1	Enforce FOI in line with Enforcement Policy	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X	X		X		S	OT	OT	OT		HOE	
2	Register, validate, investigate and decide applications in line with approved procedures	BAU	Monthly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X			X		S	OT	OT	OT		HOE	
3	Ensure Investigations Handbook remains up to date and effective	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X				X	S/H	OT	OT	OT		HOE	
4	Monitor investigation and enforcement performance	BAU	Monthly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024			X			X	S/H	OT	OT	OT		HOE	
5	Report on investigation and enforcement performance	BAU	Quarterly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X	X	X	X	X	S/H	OT	OT	OT		HOE	
6	Provide legal advice to, or procure legal advice for, the SIC on matters including litigation, FOI law (including how this affects or is affected by other areas of law) and ensure that the legal advice is recorded and the record kept up to date	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X		X		X	H	OT	OT	OT		HOE	
7	Interventions - monitor intervention intelligence, record non-compliance and report to quarterly intervention meeting, enabling action in line with procedures and as resources permit	BAU	Quarterly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X	X	X			S	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
8	Interventions - report on intervention performance and publish updates on intervention activity	BAU	Quarterly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X					S	OT	Slip	OT	OT	HOPI	
9	Publication schemes - manage and monitor notifications from new authorities re: compliance with publication scheme duty	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024			X		X		S	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
10	Regulatory guidance for authorities – maintain and develop as required	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X	X			S	OT	OT	OT		HOE	
11	Maintain a list of bodies suitable for consideration for inclusion in Schedule 1 of FOISA or for designation under Section 5 and report on proposed list to be submitted to the Scottish Ministers	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024		X	X			X	S	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
12	Circulate internal Decisions Round-Up	BAU	Monthly	01/04/2023	31/03/024	X	X				X	H	OT	OT	OT		HOE	
1	Scottish Government intervention - assessment and report to Parliament	Project		01/04/2023	01/10/2023		X			X		H	OT	OT	Comp	Comp	HOPI	4th progress report published 12 October - relates to FOI Performance intervention

Resource Management

	Activity	Type	Frequency	Start Date	End Date	Strategic Aim						Priority	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Lead Mgr	Comment/ Update
						1	2	3	4	5	6							
1	Set and profile budget for 2024-25	BAU	Annual	01/06/2023	31/10/2023	X	X	X		X		H	OT	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
2	Budget monitoring and control – 2023-24	BAU	Quarterly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X		X		H	Comp	Comp	OT	OT	HOCS	
3	Monitor and report on payment of invoices	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X		X		H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
4	Workforce monitoring and planning	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X		X		H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
5	Maintenance of premises	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	Comp	Comp	OT	OT	HOCS	
6	Maintenance of remote working facilities	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	Comp	Comp	OT	OT	HOCS	
7	Contracts – procurement and management (as required) – where HOCS/CST indicated as lead	BAU	As agreed in relevant contract	01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	Comp	Comp	OT	OT	HOCS	
8	External provision of legal services: contract management	BAU	As agreed in contract	01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	OT	OT	OT		HOE	
9	Contracts relevant to policy and information – procurement and management (as required) where HOPI/P&I indicated as lead	BAU	As agreed in contracts	01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOPI	
10	IT - replacement hardware – as per annual programme	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
11	Cyber resilience – monitor and implement work required	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	

1	Telephone system/s – office premises and remote working – scope operational, technical and resource requirements	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
2	Telephone system/s – office premises and remote working (subject to (1))	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	NS	NS	NS	NS	HOCS	
3	Cyber Resilience Action Plan 2023-2024	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
4	Cleaning Services Contract – review of arrangements and procurement of contract	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
5	Operating system upgrade – scope requirements and implement	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
6	Cloud computing - scope options and requirements	Project		01/10/2022	31/03/2024						X	M	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
7	Cyber resilience project	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	

Risk Management

	Activity	Type	Frequency	Start Date	End Date	Strategic Aim						Priority	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Lead Mgr	Comment/ Update
						1	2	3	4	5	6							
1	Review of operational risk	BAU	Every 2 months	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X		X	X	H	Comp	Comp	OT	OT	SMT	
2	Review of strategic risk	BAU	Quarterly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X		X	X	H	Comp	Comp	OT	OT	SMT	
3	Updating risk registers	BAU	Every 2 months / quarterly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X		X	X	H	Comp	Comp	OT	OT	HOCS	
4	Annual assessment and review of risk and report to SMT	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	31/10/2024	X	X	X		X	X	H	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
5	Internal Audit Plan 2021-22 to 2023-24 – review and update (see below for projects)	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X		X	X	H	Comp	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	
6	Business Continuity Plan – maintenance of plan and testing (as required)	BAU		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X		X	X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
7	Health and Safety – monitoring	BAU	monthly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X		X	X	H	Comp	OT	OT	Comp	HOCS	
8	Health and Safety – reporting	BAU	Six Monthly	01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X		X	X	H	Comp	OT	OT	Comp	SMT	
9	AAB – reports on external and internal audits, risk policy and review of strategic risk	BAU	Annual	01/04/2023	31/12/2024	X	X	X		X	X	H	NS	Comp	Comp	Comp	HOCS	

1	Internal audit – project (details to be confirmed following review of Internal Audit Plan)	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X	X	X	X	H	NS	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
2	Internal audit – project (details to be confirmed following review of Internal Audit Plan)	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024	X	X	X	X	X	X	H	NS	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
3	Health and safety audit 2023-24	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	OT	OT	OT	OT	HOCS	
4	Internal auditor service – engage/procure	Project		01/04/2023	31/03/2024						X	H	OT	OT	Comp	Comp	HOCS	