WORKING TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE FOR LOCAL PROSPERITY

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Regulatory compliance is about

Public Protection

and

Sustaining Economic Growth

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24.6 million days are lost due to work related illnesses

4.7 million days are lost due to workplace injury (HSE 2008/09)

Cost To Kirklees Economy

Over 1.75 million working days are lost due to ill health in Kirklees each year
(Current Living in Kirklees 2008 Survey)

At a local level this costs the Kirklees economy approximately £35m per year

2 projects with outcomes to sustain the local economy:

- Kirklees Local Business Partnership

- Better Health at Work

Kirklees Local Business Partnership

- Is a network of agencies who regulate business and whose aim is:
- To make it easier for local businesses to understand & comply with regulations
- To improve communication between regulators & businesses

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Regulators include:

- Kirklees Environmental Services
- Kirklees Environmental Waste
- Kirklees Planning & Building Control
- Environment Agency
- Health & Safety Executive
- HM Revenue & Customs
- Valuation Office Agency
- West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service
- West Yorkshire Trading Standards
- Social Care Inspectorate

Kirklees Business Partnership offers:

- Regulatory Helpline with access to all partners
- Bi-annual newsletter - “Regulation Update”
- Breakfast events on topical regulatory issues
- Website : www.kbp.org.uk

Kirklees Better Health at Work is an occupational health, safety & return to work project seeking to:

- Promote a healthy and productive workforce
- Improve health & safety standards in organisations
- Reduce the incidence of work related ill-health and working days lost
- Reduce the number of new Incapacity Benefit claims

The project was established in 2004 and is run in conjunction with our partner agencies:

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HSE Health & Safety Executive

Kirklees NHS Primary Care Trust

jobcentreplus Part of the Department for Work and Pensions

Customers/ Clients

Access Points

Better Health at Work Support

Workers

Employees

Telephone

Web

GPs

Other intermediaries

Drop-In Sessions

Specific tailored advice and support

Problem Solving

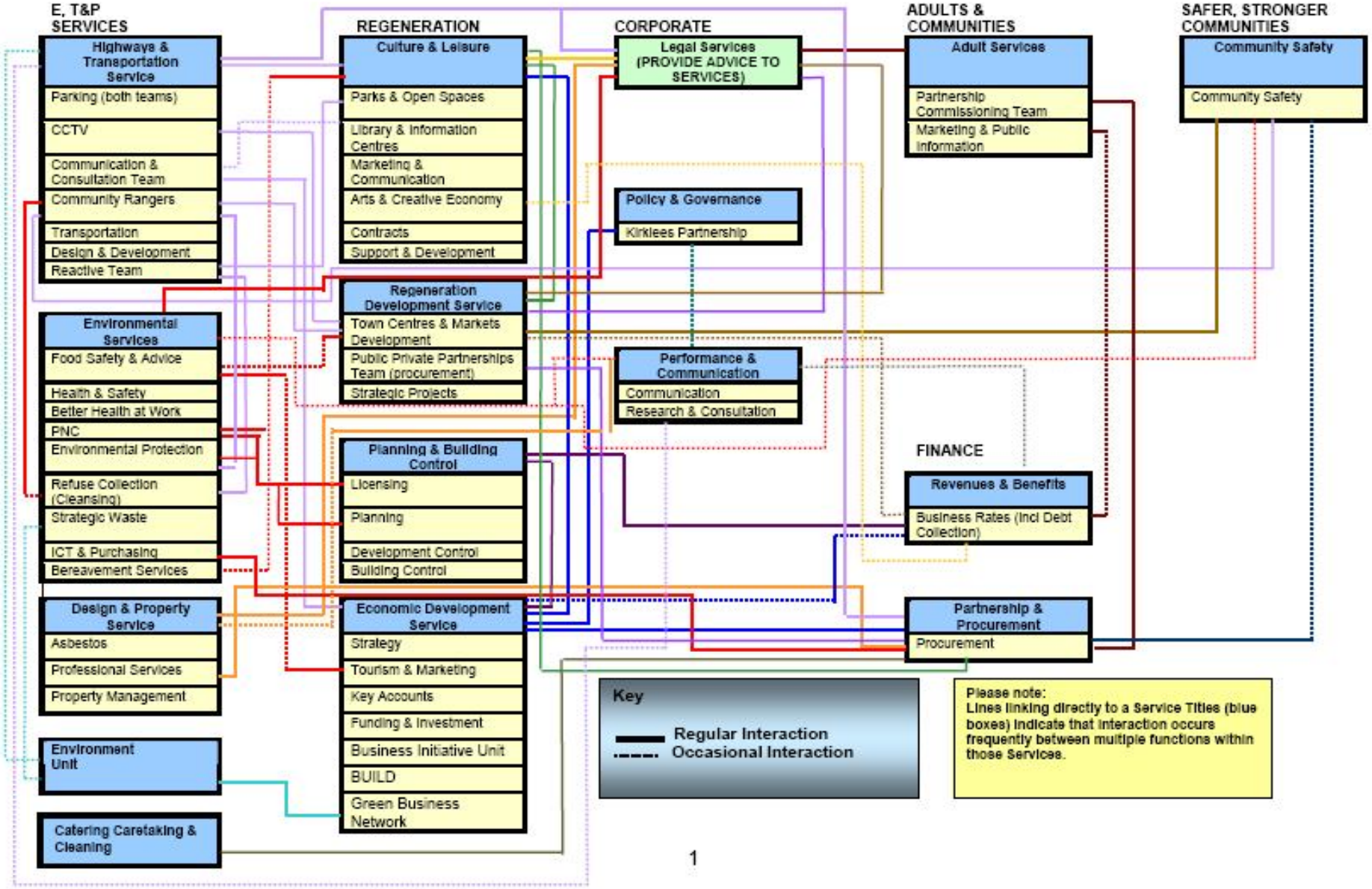
Signposting to specialist support

WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED SO FAR?

- Reduced number of successful new claims for incapacity benefit by 15% between 2005 and 2008
- Reduced number of working days lost due to work related ill health by 19% between 2005 and 2008
- Advised over 2,600 employees/employers about workplace health
- Reached a further 8,000 employees through workplace initiatives
- Likely to feature in CAA report as an effective response to the recession

- The story cannot finish here
- Financial pressure facing public sector and business
- Focus on efficiency, innovation and delivery of outcomes

Types of interaction between Corporate Services that deal with businesses



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REGULATION ADVICE PLUS?

- Probably the only interactions between local authority and micro/ small business are with regulators
- These provide the opportunity to raise other matters that are important to both Councils and business communities

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADDING VALUE TO VISITS

- carbon reduction NI 185, 18
- business growth NI 151,171,172
- skills NI 166, 165, 174
- transport NI 167, 176
- worklessness NI 153

THE ART OF SURVIVAL

- Find a persuasive argument to bring partners on board - economic arguments are good ones
- Find other agendas to hook things into - recession, economic prosperity, worklessness, ill health, low carbon
- Add value to visits to business by touching on broader agendas
- Remember regulatory compliance can be achieved by means other than inspection