

**COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT: REPORT
(Report by Head of Policy)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to submit formally the final report following the Council's Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA).

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The CPA is a process of review of all Councils across the country incorporating self-assessment, a report by a group of peers and culminating in an inspection by the Audit Commission. The report by the Commission (attached) concludes that the Council is both excellent and improving in the way it is run and the way services are delivered. Copies have been circulated to all Members separately and the main findings of the report are being published widely.
- 2.2 The purpose of the CPA is to help Councils to provide better services for local people. Although for the District Council the assessment identified many more strengths than weaknesses the next and immediate stage is to focus on improvement planning. A draft Improvement Plan is being prepared for Cabinet, following consideration by the Overview & Scrutiny Panels at their October meetings.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Cabinet are requested to receive the Audit Commission's report and to note the proposals for the development of an Improvement Plan.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

CPA files held in the office of the Head of Policy.

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