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HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Internal Audit Peer Review Challenge Actions - update

Meeting/Date: Corporate Governance Committee – 29th May 2024

Executive Portfolio: Executive Councillor for Customer Services, Councillor Stephen Ferguson

Report by: Karen Sutton, Director of Finance & Corporate Resources

Ward(s) affected: All Wards

Executive Summary:

The LGA peer challenge review in March 2023 identified seventeen actions to improve internal governance within the Council. The follow up to this review noted a further five actions. This paper provides an update on action progress.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Committee consider the report and comment on the progress achieved and state any action they wish to be taken.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update members on the achievement of LGA peer challenge review actions.

2. WHY IS THIS REPORT NECESSARY?

- 2.1 Corporate Governance Committee (CGC) is charged with the oversight of governance within the organisation and should therefore determine if the actions have been implemented.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The peer challenge review recommended seventeen actions to improve the effectiveness of governance within the Council. The follow up review in February 2024 recommended a further five actions.

Of the original seventeen actions:

- Thirteen have been fully completed.
- Two are in progress.
- Two cannot start until the outcomes of the two actions in progress are known.

Further details on these are listed on Appendix 1 to this paper.

Progress is ongoing for the five new actions and this is also detailed on Appendix 1.

5. KEY IMPACTS

- 5.1 If the Council does not maintain strong governance and control, or demonstrate that it is monitoring compliance with its controls, then it is failing in its statutory responsibilities.

6. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

- 6.1 The report is presented to Committee to give transparency on the progress being made in completing peer review actions.

7. LIST OF APPENDICES INCLUDED

Appendix 1 – Peer review actions update.

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