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## **HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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

**Meeting/Date:** Corporate Governance Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> July 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

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### **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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