

**HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

<b>Title/Subject Matter:</b>	Corporate Peer Challenge
<b>Meeting/Date:</b>	Council
<b>Executive Portfolio:</b>	Executive Leader and Executive Member for Strategic Partnerships and Shared Services
<b>Report by:</b>	Managing Director
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	All

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**Executive Summary:**

This covering report accompanies the full feedback report from the Local Government Association (LGA) following a Peer Challenge that they conducted at Huntingdonshire District Council (HDC) in June 2016.

Their report gives a full account of how the Council was performing in seven key areas:

1. Understanding of the local place and priority setting
2. Leadership of the local place and priority setting
3. Financial planning and viability
4. Organisational leadership and governance
5. Capacity to deliver
6. Our internal capacity and capability for transformation
7. Maximising our engagement and influence at political and managerial level with partners

The report contains 12 recommendations which the LGA Peer Challenge Team believe should shape the future direction of HDC. These can be found on page two of their report.

Going forward it is proposed that the Managing Director be delegated responsibility for devising an Action Plan based on the 12 LGA recommendations in consultation with the Executive Leader and the Executive Member for Strategic Partnerships and Shared Services.

This Action Plan will be presented to Overview and Scrutiny (Performance and Customers) and the Cabinet.

**Recommendation:**

- i) that the Council note and comment on the LGA Peer Challenge feedback report;
- ii) delegate responsibility for devising an Action Plan to the Managing Director in consultation with the Executive Leader and the Executive Member for Strategic Partnerships and Shared Services.

## **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To present to members the LGA's feedback report on the Peer Challenge that took place in June 2016 and to agree the planned approach to devising an Action Plan.

## **2. WHY IS THIS REPORT NECESSARY/BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 HDC invited the LGA to assess the organisation against seven criteria.
- 2.2 The report attached at Appendix one is the full feedback report written by the LGA and includes 12 recommendations for Council to consider going forward.

## **3. WHAT ACTIONS WILL BE TAKEN/TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

- 3.1 An Action Plan will be devised by the Managing Director in consultation with the Executive Leader and the Executive Member for Strategic Partnerships and Shared Services.
- 3.2 It is proposed that the Action Plan be presented to Overview and Scrutiny (Performance and Customers) on 2 November 2016 and Cabinet on 17 November 2016.

## **4. LINK TO THE CORPORATE PLAN, STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND / OR CORPORATE OBJECTIVES**

- 4.1 When presented to Overview and Scrutiny and Cabinet, the Action Plan will make clear links to the Corporate Plan as well as our Strategic Priorities and Corporate Objectives.

## **5. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS**

- 5.1 The recommendation gives members the opportunity to review the findings of the LGA and make any comment.
- 5.2 Further, it allows them to agree an approach for further work to be undertaken based on the LGA's recommendations.

## **6. LIST OF APPENDICES INCLUDED**

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – Corporate Peer Challenge – Feedback Report

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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