

## **COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN: UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides Members with feedback on the last CPA Improvement Panel meeting in May chaired by the Audit Commission's Relationship Manager and attended by representatives from both ODPM and PKF, our external auditors. It also updates Members on progress on the CPA Improvement Plan.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 At full Council last November, Members agreed the CPA Improvement Plan and charged this Committee with the responsibility for its monitoring, review and overseeing progress (min 500/04).
- 2.2 At the time, it was recognised that the Plan was not so much a "tablet of stone" fixed in perpetuity, but represented a living, working document that would need to respond to changing circumstances. Nonetheless, it did represent the key elements that needed to be tackled in terms of the Council's "direction of travel" towards an improved CPA score.
- 2.3 This report represents the second update provided to this Committee.

### **3 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 Attached to this report is the record of the last CPA Improvement Panel meeting for Members' information and comment. This is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.2 Appendix 2 gives a position statement as to progress on the main elements included in the CPA Improvement Plan. At the time of writing this report, the outcome of the Council's Capacity Building Fund bid is not yet known. Whilst that clearly impacts on the speed of progress in some areas, progress is still being made where possible.
- 3.3 Appendix 3 provides more detail on two specific areas – Housing Benefits/Council Tax and Workforce Development – as agreed at the last meeting.

- 3.4 The Chief Executive and relevant officers will be in attendance to answer Members' queries on the plan and the specific areas reported in Appendix 3.

**4 RECOMMENDATION**

It is proposed the Committee **RESOLVES**

- (1) To note progress made to date
- (2) To choose the key areas that Members would like to focus on at the next progress meeting in September.

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**Background Papers:**

None.

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