

## **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 held earlier this month 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 (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 third update provided to this Committee.
- 2.4 Members should also be aware that we are now finalising the CPA Progress Inspection, which will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of October. A detailed programme for the two days is currently being drafted. The Inspection Team, which will comprise Ian Davidson, our Relationship Manager and Jon Barber, wish to see the Leader, a selection of Committee Chairmen, a selection of managers and key front-line staff.

### **3 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 Attached to this report is the record of the last CPA Improvement Panel meeting for Members' information. 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, we have just received formal notification that the Council's Capacity Building Fund bid of £152,000 has been approved.

- 3.3 Appendix 3 provides more detail on the general area of Housing, which was discussed at the Improvement Panel Meeting.
- 3.4 The Chief Executive and relevant officers will be in attendance to answer Members' queries on the Appendices.

**4 RECOMMENDATION**

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

To note the progress made to date.

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**Background Papers:**

None

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