

Report from the Office of the Chief Executive

## **Peer Review**

### **Summary**

#### **1. Background**

- 1.1 The council undertook a Local Government Association (LGA) Peer Review in 2013. In 2014 there was a further review into member behaviour following a motion at full council. This paper updates members on the actions that will be taken to progress the recommendations within these reviews.

#### **2. Peer Review 2016**

- 2.1 Action plans were developed in response to both CYC peer reviews and progress on these has been reported to Audit & Governance Committee.
- 2.2 Following discussion with the LGA, it has been agreed to undertake a further Peer Review in late November 2016. It is intended that the review will consider the progress the council has made to address the recommendations of the two earlier reviews. The LGA team will also consider how the council's service delivery model may change to address the reduction in Government funding and the needs of its residents.
- 2.3 The immediate tasks for the council are to agree the terms of reference for the 2016 peer review and to develop a self assessment document. This document will incorporate the action plans that were developed for the earlier reviews in addition to detail on how the organisation has changed the way in which some services are delivered, such as the Libraries Mutual.

- 2.4 It is proposed to bring the terms of reference, details of the LGA team and the self assessment document to the next Audit & Governance Committee meeting.
- 2.5 It is expected that the LGA team will be on site for around 4 days and will meet with officers and members. Again an action plan will be developed in response to the LGA's findings and this will be presented to Audit & Governance Committee.

### 3. Recommendations

Audit & Governance Committee are asked to -

- Note the decision to undertake a further Peer Review in November 2016.
- Note that a revised action plan will be brought to Audit & Governance following the Peer Review

Reason: To ensure that Members are kept updated on progress following the peer reviews.

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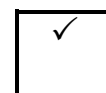
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