

## **Update on Implementation of Recommendations from Previously Completed Scrutiny Reviews**

### **Summary**

1. This report provides Members with their first update on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the previously completed scrutiny review of Loans & Grants.

### **Background**

2. In January 2013 the Corporate & Scrutiny Management Committee considered a scrutiny topic submitted by Cllr Healey and Cllr Runciman on how loans/grants from City of York Council (CYC) to outside organisations were being monitored. The topic was submitted as a result of the collapse of the North Yorkshire Credit Union, for which the Committee were informed there was an ongoing investigation.
3. However, the Committee agreed the focus of the scrutiny review should be to look forward to provide guidance on best practice for monitoring future grants/loans provided by the Council, and set up a Task Group of the following Members to carry out the review on their behalf:
  - Cllr Chris Steward
  - Cllr Ruth Potter
  - Cllr Carol Runciman
4. In January 2014, the Corporate & Scrutiny Management Committee signed off the Task Group's draft final report and it was subsequently presented to the Cabinet in March 2014.

### **Consultation**

5. The Corporate Finance Manager has provided the implementation update information contained within Annex A, and will be in attendance at this meeting to answer any questions arising.

## **Options**

- 6 Members may decide to sign off any individual recommendations where implementation has been completed, and can:
  - a. request further updates and the attendance of the relevant officers at a future meeting to clarify any outstanding recommendations relating to the review or;
  - b. agree to receive no further updates on the review

## **Council Plan 2011-15**

7. The review supported all of the priorities within the Council Plan as it ensured that the Council was as effective as possible in its financial monitoring of loans and grants, which in turn supports the work of external businesses, community groups, charities and other organisations.

## **Implications**

8. There are no known Financial, Human Resources, Equalities, Legal, ICT or other implications associated with the recommendation made in this report.

## **Risk Management**

9. In compliance with the Council's risk management strategy, there are no known risks associated with this report.

## **Recommendations**

10. Members are asked to
  - i) Note the contents of this report
  - ii) Sign off all recommendations that have been fully implemented
  - ii) Request a future update on any outstanding recommendations

Reason: To raise awareness of those recommendations which are still to be fully implemented.

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**Wards Affected:**

**All**



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**Background Papers:** None

**Annexes:**

**Annex A** – Update on Loans & Grants Scrutiny Review