

BRECKLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Leader of the Council, William Nunn

To: Council – 6th April 2017

Author: Chief Executive, Anna Graves

Subject: LGA Corporate Peer Challenge: Breckland Council and South Holland District Council

Purpose: To provide the Council with the full and final report, following the LGA corporate peer review for Breckland Council and South Holland District Council in December 2016

Recommendation(s):

- 1) To note the content and recommendations of the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge report
- 2) That the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader develop an action plan arising from the report

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Peer challenges are improvement focussed and tailored to meet individual councils' needs. They are designed to complement and add value to a council's own performance and improvement.
- 1.2 The peer challenge team was asked to look in detail at a number of areas as outlined in Section 3 of the report.

2.0 OPTIONS

- 2.1 Do nothing
- 2.2 Approve the recommendations as outlined in the action plan with no amendments
- 2.3 Approve the recommendations as outlined in the action plan subject to amendments

3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 3.1 We accept the key recommendations in Section 2 of the report as a structured and informed reflection of our current position. This has been developed through dialogue and challenge.

4.0 EXPECTED BENEFITS

- 4.1 To build on and consolidate our good progress driving value for money, resilience and competence.
- 4.2 Transformation programme is refocused with our capacity to and capability to deliver.
- 4.3 Growth programme is clearly identified and delivery resourced to enable Breckland to deliver its growth ambitions.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1.1 Corporate Priorities

5.1.2 That the implementations of the recommendations of this report will support the four corporate priorities.

5.2 Financial

5.2.1 None arising from this report

5.3 Transformation Programme

5.3.1 That there will be an enhanced focus on capacity and delivery.

6.0 WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED

6.1 All

7.0 ACRONYMS

7.1 LGA : Local Government Association

Background papers: -

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Key Decision: No

Exempt Decision: No

Appendices attached to this report:

**Corporate Peer Challenge
South Holland District Council and Breckland Council
12th to 16th December 2016
Feedback Report -20 March 2017**