

7h REFERRAL FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 9 MARCH 2021 – UPDATE ON CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE ACTION PLAN

NB: To be considered with Item 12

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET: That the progress made on the Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan as set out at Appendix A be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION: To enable the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to comment on the report entitled Update on Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan prior to consideration by Cabinet.

The Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council presented the report entitled Update on Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan together with the following appendix:

- Appendix A – Updated Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan.

The Leader of the Council advised that:

- The Corporate Peer Challenge had taken place in January 2020;
- At that time and as a new administration the advice was welcomed.

The Deputy Leader of the Council advised that:

- A lot had changed since the Peer Challenge had happened, but the recommendations within that report remained valid for the Council and the Community;
- There were huge demands on staff, which meant that some recommendations had not yet been progressed;
- It was now possible to add realistic timescales to those recommendations;
- Good progress had been made regarding some of the recommendations;
- 17 of the 60 recommendations were marked as complete
- Two of the recommendations regarding the timing and length of meetings would not be taken forward.

The Managing Director advised that the recommendations regarding Overview and Scrutiny would be updated on the main action plan.

The following Members took part in the debate:

- Councillor David Levett.

Councillor David Levett proposed and it was:

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NB: The report considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the meeting held on 9 March 2021 can be viewed here:

<https://democracy.north-herts.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=134&MId=2437&Ver=4>