



Leicester
City Council

WARDS AFFECTED
Type in Ward

FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:

Resources and Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee

11th January 2007

Cabinet

15th January 2007

IDeA Corporate Peer Review

Report of the Director of Partnership, Performance and Policy

1 Purpose of Report

1.1 This report presents the findings of the Corporate Peer Review recently carried out, at the request of the Council, by the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA). It further seeks discussion of the issues raised and agreement to the development of an action plan to address these issues.

2 Summary

2.1 In October 2006 the IDeA undertook a Corporate Peer Review of the Council as part of the drive for continuous improvement and to help prepare for the Comprehensive Performance Assessment Corporate Inspection planned by the Audit Commission for January 2008.

2.2 The IDeA Corporate Peer Review team was led by the Chief Executive of Hull City Council and consisted of elected members, senior officers and independent sector representatives from similar authorities across England. Officers of the IDeA supported the team.

2.3 The review compared the Council to an 'ideal' benchmark authority in four areas: -

- Leadership and governance.
- Customer focus.
- Resource and performance management.
- Organisation and people.

2.4 The review team presented their initial findings to elected members, officers and partners who had taken part in the process at the end of the week of the review. Unfortunately at the time of publication of this paper the Corporate Peer Review Report had not been received from IDeA but is expected in advance of the Resources and Corporate issues Scrutiny Committee meeting. Therefore, on receipt of the report, it will be circulated in advance of the meeting along with any additional analysis for discussion at the meeting.

3 Recommendations (or OPTIONS)

- 3.1 Resources and Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee is recommended to: -
 - 3.1.1 Discuss the issues raised in the Corporate Peer Review Report from the IDeA.
 - 3.1.2 Make recommendations to Cabinet on any actions it feels are appropriate arising from the report.
- 3.2 Cabinet is recommended to: -
 - 3.2.1 Thank those councillors, officers and partners, both in the city and across the region, who took part in the peer review.
 - 3.2.2 Note the comments of the Resources & Corporate Issues Scrutiny Committee.
 - 3.2.3 Note and comment on the Corporate Peer Review Report from the IDeA.
 - 3.2.4 Seek a further report setting out an action plan to address the issues raised in the IDeA report in the context of initiatives already underway across the Council.

4 Headline Financial and Legal Implications

- 4.1 There are no legal implications of this report.
- 4.2 Peter Nicholls, Head of Legal Services. Ext 6302.
- 4.3 There may be financial implications in implementing the recommendations of the peer review. These should be reviewed and taken into account when the council considers its action plan for addressing the findings of the peer review.
- 4.4 Andy Morley, Chief Accountant. Ext 7404.

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	No
Reason	N/A
Appeared in Forward Plan	N/A
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)