
PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE TDC'S IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CORPORATE IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND FUTURE MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

To: **Corporate Performance Review Working Party – 09 March 2015**

Main Portfolio Area: **Business and Corporate Resources**

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Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **Thanet Wide**

Summary: **The purpose of the report is provide an update to Members of the Corporate Performance Review Working Party and encourage Member debate on progress made by the Council in implementing the action points agreed in the Improvement Plan that was adopted by the Improvement Board.**

For Decision

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The generic mandate of the Corporate Performance Review Working Party is to monitor the corporate performance of the Council against its set work programme and targets which would be set out in the Council annual budget, corporate performance plan and East Kent Shared Services, 'service level agreements.'
- 1.2 The Improvement Board was set up by Council on 10 July 2014 in response to observations made by the peer review regarding governance matters that needed addressing at Thanet District Council. The Board was tasked with playing a supporting role to the efforts by Council to improve the on some aspects of the corporate governance and service delivery.
- 1.3 The Corporate Performance Review Working Party included as part of their terms of reference the "Review of the Council's progress against the Peer Review Improvement Plan.'

2.0 Improvement Board

- 2.1 The Improvement Board's first meeting was on 9 September 2014 and has since met five times with another meeting taking place on 9 March

2015. The Board adopted an Improvement Plan that highlights corporate functions that require improvement and officers with the support of external facilitators in some instances have been working on making the proposed improvements.

- 2.2 The Corporate Performance Review Working Party considered the Board's Improvement plan and received a progress update report from the Director of Corporate Resources and Acting Chief Executive on 29 January 2015.
- 2.3 A presentation is to be made to the 9th March 2015 sub-group by the Improvement Board Chairman, Mr Ian Lowrie.
- 2.4 It is proposed that at each meeting of the Corporate Review Working Party the latest update on the Action Plan is received. This will enable the Working Party to question any element of the progress, and if necessary ask for more detailed reports.
- 2.5 The most recent action plan update considered by the 9th March 2015 Improvement Board meeting is attached at Annex 1.

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 Financial and VAT

- 3.1.1 There are no financial issues arising directly from this report.

3.2 Legal

- 3.2.1 There are no legal issues arising directly from this report. However a review of the Council's corporate and shared services performances through the scrutiny process; supports more effective decision making and enhances service delivery by Council.

3.3 Equity and Equalities

- 3.4.1 There are no equity or equalities issues arising directly from this report.

4.0 Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Working Party notes the attached action plan update;
- 4.2 That the future monitoring arrangements set out in 2.4 are approved.

5.0 Decision Making Process

- 5.1 The Corporate Performance Review Working Party is a sub-group of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel that can review the performance of Council and offer advice mainly through the Panel to Cabinet or where specified directly to the Executive.

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Annex List

Annex 1	Improvement Plan
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	Paul Cook, Director of Corporate Resources & S151 Officer
Legal	Ciara Feeney, Senior Locum Lawyer & Deputy Monitoring Officer