



PART B:	RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL
REPORT TO:	POLICY AND RESOURCES
DATE:	23 MARCH 2017
REPORT OF THE:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE JANET WAGGOTT
TITLE OF REPORT:	LGA CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE IMPROVEMENT PLAN
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To present members with an improvement plan following the recommendations made by the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge Review team

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That Council agrees the Corporate Peer Challenge Improvement Plan

2.2 That progress with delivering Improvement Plan be monitored by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

3.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 To support the continuous improvement of the Council.

4.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

4.1 There are no risks identified in relation to this report

5.0 POLICY CONTEXT AND CONSULTATION

5.1 The Corporate Peer Challenge and resulting Improvement Plan focused on the Council's corporate arrangements and ambitions for growth. The review team engaged with a wide range of partners, community representatives and staff members as part of the review.

6.0 REPORT

6.1 In October 2016 the Council welcomed the LGA peer challenge team to the organisation for a 3 day site visit. Following this a presentation was made to members of the Council and staff highlighting the key recommendations made by the review team. The Council then received the full and final report from the LGA.

- 6.2 The review looked in detail at the Council's long-term ambitions, its work to support business and housing growth and the way it delivers services for the community. The review involved staff from across the organisation, councillors and a number of representatives from other organisations and key partners who work alongside the Council.
- 6.3 The report described the Council as, 'a small but ambitious council with committed staff who are focused on delivering the best possible service to meet local needs, in partnership with others where possible in order to improve capacity. Staff are proud to work for the council, and have an excellent understanding of the local context. There is a commitment to seek housing and economic growth and an understanding that this needs to be done sensitively, and in partnership with others'.
- 6.4 Following the publication of the final report, an improvement plan has been produced based on the findings and recommendations, which can be found at Annex A.
- 6.5 The Peer Review Team have offered to return to RDC for a follow up site visit. Such a visit would usually take place within 12 to 18 months of the initial site visit.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The following implications have been identified:

- a) Financial
There are no financial implications
- b) Legal
There are no legal implications
- c) Staffing
There are no staffing implications

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Background Papers:

LGA Corporate Peer Challenge - Ryedale District Council Final Report (October 2016)

<http://ryedale.gov.uk/component/content/article.html?id=1982:corporate-peer-challenge-report>