

## Council

24 April 2019

### Response to the LGA Peer Review

Reference from Finance and Contracts Committee (4 April 2019)

Responsible Portfolio Holder: The Leader of the Council, Councillor Liz Green

### Key Points

1. At its meeting on 4 April 2019, the Finance and Contracts Committee considered a report (which is **attached at Annex 1** to this report) setting out the key recommendations of the LGA Peer Review and the initial response of the Strategic Leadership Team. The LGA Peer Review report itself is attached as **Enclosure 1 to Annex 1** of this report.
2. The Executive Summary of the LGA Peer Review report can be found on pages B7-B8 of this report and the key recommendations of the Peer Review to the Council are listed on page B3-B4 of this report.
3. The Finance and Contracts Committee resolved that authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to develop a Council action plan which responds to the recommendations of the Peer Review. This Action Plan is now attached to this report as **Annex 2**.
4. The Action Plan expands on the initial response of the Strategic Leadership Team listing the activity that is underway or will be taken to take on board the recommendations. Each activity has a senior leadership owner, a target date for completion and a status update.
5. The activity set out has been compiled by senior officers and is either listed as a deliverable in the Corporate Plan and/or will be embedded in directorate service plans. Progress will be monitored through those plans.
6. The LGA Peer Review Team will be invited back to look at how the Council has made progress with the areas of improvement identified in 12 - 18 months time.

### Recommendation

The Council is **RECOMMENDED either** to approve the Action Plan attached as Annex 2 to the report **or** to authorise the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to make any additions to the Action Plan after the Council meeting arising from the discussions at the Council meeting.