

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 2 SEPTEMBER 2014

REPORT BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

2013/14 ANNUAL REPORT

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

- This report provides a draft of the council's Annual Report for 2013/14.

<u>RECOMMENDATION FOR EXECUTIVE:</u> That:	
(A)	the 2013/14 Annual Report be approved.

1.0 Background

1.1 The Annual Report documents the council's key achievements for each of the corporate priorities over the last financial year. It also contains financial information which provides an overview of the council's financial position and performance and a statement on contracts.

1.2 The Annual Report complements and mirrors the 2013 – 2017 Corporate Plan but looks back on performance rather than offering any forward looking planning.

1.3 This is the seventh year the Annual Report has been produced, as a single document that covers Strategic, Financial and Performance issues as recommended by external auditors.

1.4 The achievements within in the report have primarily been sourced from Team Update, Service Plan Progress Reports and Link Magazine.

2.0 Report

- 2.1 This report provides a draft of the Annual Report for 2013/14 for comment and approval.
- 2.2 The report allows residents to judge the effectiveness and contribution of the council to the district and local communities as well as enabling councillors and employees to reflect on performance.
- 2.3 The Annual Report will be designed and published on the council's website.
- 2.4 The Annual Report is attached as **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**. Performance information which complements the Annual Report has already been presented so has not been included at this stage.
- 3.0 Implications/Consultations
- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

None

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