

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

CORPORATE BUSINESS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 25 AUGUST 2015

REPORT BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

2014/15 CORPORATE ANNUAL REPORT

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report:

- This report provides a draft of the Corporate Annual Report 2014/15, which documents the key achievements of the council in relation to the corporate priorities and challenges over the financial year.

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CORPORATE BUSINESS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: That:</u>
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(A)	The 2014/15 Annual Report be recommended to Executive for approval.
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1.0 Background

- 1.1 Every year the Annual Report considers the council's performance and achievements against each of the corporate priorities over the 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 is a public-facing document, aimed at our partners, residents, businesses and other stakeholders to reflect on the financial year.
- 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 the report have primarily been sourced from Service Plan Progress Reports, Team Update and Link Magazine.

2.0 Report

- 2.1 This report provides a draft of the Corporate Annual Report 2014/15.
- 2.2 The Annual Report is attached as **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**. Performance information will be included in the report at the design phase. This information has already been presented separately so it is omitted at this stage.
- 2.3 Following approval and recommendations by CMT, the Annual Report will go forward to Executive on 1 September for comments and approval.
- 2.4 Following approval by the executive, the Annual Report will be proof-read by the Communications Team before entering the design phase. It will then be published on the council website.

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'**.

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