

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 13 MARCH 2013

REPORT BY THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF DATA QUALITY STRATEGY

WARD(S) AFFECTED:     *None specific*

Purpose/Summary of Report:

This report introduces the 2012/13 revisions to the East Herts Data Quality Strategy.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b><u>RECOMMENDATION FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE: That</u></b> |  |
|  |  |
| <b>(A)</b>   | <b>Revisions to the strategy be noted; and</b>   |
|  |  |
| <b>(B)</b>   | <b>the tracked changes updated in the strategy, attached to the report now submitted, be agreed.</b> |

---

1.0     Background

1.1     East Herts is committed to delivering good data quality. The aim of the Data Quality Strategy is to continue to drive improvement in the quality of local government performance information, leading to greater confidence in the supporting data on which performance assessments and Council decisions are based.

2.0     Report

2.1     Audit Committee at its meeting on 18 January 2012 agreed to continue to receive an annual review of the Data Quality Strategy.

2.2     The Data Quality Strategy (version 11) with the amendments can be found in **Essential Reference Paper B** attached to the report now submitted. In summary, non material changes have been made and in addition following benchmarking with Harrogate Borough Council and Leicestershire County Council, a section referencing the council's data sharing protocol has been added.

2.3 For ease the updated changes in the Data Quality Strategy have been tracked. The tracked changes will be integrated into the policy following Audit Committee's approval.

2.4 To sustain our good level of data quality and sharing arrangements with partners, the Performance Team periodically meets with the Hertfordshire Performance Network (HPN) group to network and share information on effective data quality practice. These HPN meetings have contributed to producing benchmarking information for performance indicators, improving data collection strategies and strengthening partnership ties between County Council and other Hertfordshire District councils. As a result of these meetings we know that East Herts is meeting all requirements and criteria around data quality and data sharing.

### 3.0 Implications/Consultation

3.1 None

### Background Papers

None

Contact Officer: Ceri Pettit – Corporate Planning and Performance Manager – ext 2240  
[Ceri.pettit@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto:Ceri.pettit@eastherts.gov.uk)

Report Author: Karl Chui – Performance Monitoring Officer, ext 2243  
[Karl.chui@eastherts.gov.uk](mailto:Karl.chui@eastherts.gov.uk)

### Essential Reference Papers

Essential Reference Paper B – Data Quality Strategy Version 11.