

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 19 MARCH 2014

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

ANNUAL REVIEW OF DATA QUALITY STRATEGY

WARD(S) AFFECTED: *None specific*

Purpose/Summary of Report:

This report introduces the 2013/14 revisions to the Data Quality Strategy.

<u>RECOMMENDATION FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE</u>
That:
(A) the revisions to the attached strategy be noted; and
(B) the tracked changes updated in the strategy be agreed.

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 13 March 2013 agreed to continue to receive an annual review of the Data Quality Strategy.

2.2 The Data Quality Strategy (version 12) with the tracked amendments can be found in **Essential Reference Paper B**. In summary, non material changes have been made, for example the table which lists the core systems the Council uses to manage data has been updated and the section regarding Data Quality champions has been removed. This is because data quality requirements have reduced since the abolition of the National

Indicator framework. Work required for data quality purposes will now be undertaken with responsible officers either through face to face or e-mail requests.

3.0 Implications/Consultation

3.1 None

Background Papers

None

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