

**Open Report on behalf of David O'Connor, Executive Director Performance & Governance**

Report to:	<b>Audit Committee</b>
Date:	<b>30 January 2012</b>
Subject:	<b>LGA Peer Review</b>

**Summary:**

This report provides the final feedback slides from the LGA Peer Review and details of key actions needed.

**Recommendation(s):**

Note the final feedback and actions.

**Background**

Lincolnshire was the first County Council to undergo a new-style Local Government Association Peer Review. There has been previous verbal feedback to this Committee and the VFM Scrutiny Committee.

Copies of the final feedback slides are in Appendix A and will be covered at the meeting. The feedback format used is to identify strengths to build on and then identify questions for us to reflect upon. There is no 'coded language' or scoring as with previous external inspections.

The main questions posed were around:

- Council Vision – these were fed into the process for formulating the Vision and Purpose agreed at December Council meeting
- Big Society and community engagement - - these were fed into the paper that was agreed at last Executive and starts public consultation
- Meeting budget targets in Adult Social Care – arrangements, including Budget Risk Board, previously reported to this Committee
- Working with partners – incorporated as 'best endeavours' in our work with partners.

Several related matters will be in the Council Business Plan to be considered at February Council Meeting.

**Conclusion**

The peer review helped encourage reflection at a time of major change. We have committed to re-engaging with the LGA team later this year for a discussion on progress.

**Consultation**

**a) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

Individual actions will require assessing as necessary.

**Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	LGA Peer Review final feedback slides

**Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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