

Open Report on behalf of Judith Hetherington Smith, Chief Information and Commissioning Officer

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
Date:	24 July 2014
Subject:	Draft Annual Report 2013/2014

Summary:

This report presents the council's draft Annual Report 2013/2014 for comment by Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

Actions Required:

That the Committee:-

- Comment on the draft Annual Report.

1. Background

The Council's draft Annual Report has traditionally been considered by the Value for Money Scrutiny Committee. However, one of the recommendations from the Constitution Review Group, subsequently agreed by the County Council, was that overarching documents such as the draft Annual Report and the draft Council's Business Plan should be considered in future by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

The intention of the Annual Report is to:-

- Highlight some real achievements in services provided for Lincolnshire residents;
- Summarise how we spent our budget and what savings were made;
- Briefly outline our plans for 2014/2015 and areas for future improvement.

Our Annual Report is published on the Council's website LCC connects with minimum copies printed on request. You can view the Annual Report 2012/13 [here](#) (or, alternatively, by contacting Democratic Services) to get an idea of what the completed document looks like.

The Annual Report is compiled from information from the Leader's Annual Statement, performance against the Council Business Plan and information from performance colleagues in services and Heads of Service. It is organised around the Council's purpose:- Investing in infrastructure and the provision of services; Commissioning for outcomes based on our communities' needs; Promoting community wellbeing and resilience; Influencing, coordinating and supporting other organisations that contribute to the life of Lincolnshire; and Making the best use of all our resources.

Although the Annual Report is primarily a look back over 2013/2014, we have made reference to the Magna Carta exhibition, in 2015. We have also added in a Commissioning for Lincolnshire section on pages 40 and 41, to reflect the Council's planned operational changes.

Please note that the forward-looking sections of the report: Where we need to improve and Our Plans for the future, may change if our priorities alter significantly as a result of the upcoming fundamental budget review.

The draft Annual Report will be formatted and pictures will be added before the report is submitted to the Executive for approval on 2nd September 2014.

The Accounts section, which is also towards the end of the document (see pages 44 to 46), is based on the Council's unaudited financial information. We expect to have audited financial information available at the end of September 2014 and will update the report at that time.

The time table for the Annual Report is:-

Early Draft	Corporate Management Board	25 th June 2014
Draft	Informal Executive and Corporate Management Board	15 th July 2014
Draft	Overview and Management Scrutiny Committee	24 th July 2014
Final draft	Executive	2 nd September 2014
Final Annual Report	Council	26 th September 2014
	Publication on LCC connects	29 th September 2014

2. Conclusion

The draft Annual Report highlights achievements in services, summarises how we spent our budget and savings made and briefly outline our plans for 2013/2014.

3. Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

N/A

4. Appendices

Appendix A – Draft Annual Report

5. 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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