

Meeting:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date:	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2006
Subject:	Corporate Assessment Challenge Panel
Key Decision:	Not applicable
Responsible Officer:	Director People, Performance and Policy
Portfolio Holder:	Strategic Overview and External Affairs Portfolio Holder
Status:	Part I
Encs:	Report of the Scrutiny Challenge Panel on the Corporate Assessment Self Assessment

## SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report sets out the findings of the challenge panel held by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the council's draft self-assessment for the forthcoming corporate assessment.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Members of the Overview and Scrutiny committee are requested to:

1. Note the findings of the challenge panel in the attached report
2. Endorse the recommendations included in the attached report

## **SECTION 2 - REPORT**

### **Brief Background**

The council will undergo corporate assessment, a significant part of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment, in November and December of this year. An important component of the corporate assessment is the self-assessment, submitted by the council prior to the onsite work by the Audit Commission. The challenge panel was set up to consider the rigour of the document that was being submitted to the Audit Commission and to ensure that the council presents a valid assessment of our strengths and weaknesses. The panels findings are incorporated in the attached report

### **Issue to be determined**

Councillors are being asked to endorse the findings of the panel.

### **Benefits**

Acceptance of the recommendations of the panel will support the development of the final submission to the Audit Commission.

### **Costs of proposals**

There are no costs associated with the recommendations in this report

### **Resources, costs and risks associated with recommendation**

There are no costs associated with the recommendations in this report

### **Implications if recommendations rejected**

If the reports recommendations are rejected the Overview and Scrutiny committee will have lost the opportunity to place on record its comments with regard to the self-assessment.

### **Options considered**

Not appropriate to this report

### **Option recommended and reasons for recommendation**

Not appropriate to this report

### **Staffing/workforce consideration**

The capacity of the council to deliver its ambitions is a key line of enquiry for the corporate assessment. The challenge panel has incorporated this into its deliberations.

### **Equalities Impact consideration**

The capacity of the council to deliver its ambitions and thus the extent to which it recognises and reflects the diversity of its residents is a key line of enquiry for the corporate assessment. The challenge panel has incorporated this into its deliberations.

### **Current KPI's and Likely impact of decision on KPI's**

There are no specific performance indicators related to this report.

**Section 17 considerations**

The capacity of the council to integrate its crime and community safety work is a key line of enquiry under the 'achievements' block. This challenge panel has incorporated this into its deliberations.

**SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE**

Chief Financial Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barry Evans
Monitoring Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jill Travers

**SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS****Contact:**

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**Background Papers:**

Draft Corporate Assessment Self Assessment  
CPA The Harder Test – Audit Commission 2006

**IF APPROPRIATE, does the report include the following considerations?**

1.	Consultation	NO
2.	Corporate Priorities	YES
3.	Community Safety (s17 Crime & Disorder Act 1998)	YES
4.	Manifesto Pledge Reference Number	All