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**ACCOUNTS COMMISSION STATUTORY REPORT**

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**1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report advises the Audit Committee that the statutory report by the Controller of Audit and Accounts Commission findings have been submitted to the Council and that an action plan will be developed over the next 3 months.

**2 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The Audit Committee note the terms of this report.

**3 DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Statutory Report by the Controller of Audit relating to targeted best value work around member to member and member to officer working relations and the Accounts Commission findings related to that work were reported to the Council on 28 November.

- 3.2 At the Council meeting on 28 November the Council agreed to

- Accept the Statutory Report prepared by the Controller of Audit for the Accounts Commission.
- Accept the Accounts Commission's Findings.
- Agree that a Seminar be arranged and for an action plan to be developed by the Council for submission to the Accounts Commission within the three month's time scale.
- Agree that the action plan be approved by the Council prior to submission to the Accounts Commission.

- 3.3 Preparation of an action plan is underway and the Council's decision of 28 November commits to preparation of the action plan being finalised within 3 months. The Council decision also commits to a members seminar and approval of the action plan by the Council prior to its submission to the Accounts Commission as part of that process.

- 3.4 Since receipt of the report there has been engagement with the Improvement Service. Most recently a workshop for Elected Members was held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2013, and outputs from this will inform the developing action plan which will deal with all the findings arising from the Statutory Report and the findings.

**4 CONCLUSION**

- 4.1 The Council has complied with the requirements for submitting the statutory

report by the Controller of Audit with Accounts Commission findings to the Council. It has agreed a timescale for preparing the action plan. Work has already commenced in terms of engagement with the Improvement Services and a workshop for elected members.

## 5. **IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Policy – The Council requires to have full regard to the terms of the Accounts Commission findings
- 5.2 Financial – None at this time
- 5.3 Legal – The Council requires to comply with the statutory requirements
- 5.4 HR – None
- 5.5 Equalities – None
- 5.6 Risk – Failure to comply with the requirements could result in further action by the Accounts Commission
- 5.7 Customer Service – None

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