

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

21 February 2023

Final Report from the Corporate Peer Challenge

Summary

Peer challenges are an important part of the sector-led approach to improvement and Wiltshire Council is an active participant in these. The LGA conducted a corporate peer challenge in November 2022 and its report is hereby made available.

The report outlines the comprehensive process of engagement and challenge which was undertaken. It notes that Wiltshire Council is a values-led organisation committed to delivering the best possible outcomes for residents; and is undertaking impressive activity in areas such as climate change and in the improvement of children's services.

It recognises that the council has worked hard to ensure that there is a strong corporate approach to financial management and planning, with a collaborative approach to the budget setting process.

It also found a council that has many strengths – resulting from a period of sustained focus on internal improvements- (and a visible corporate approach to transformation) that combined with the benefit of a Business Plan, can begin to complement a strong organisational core with a more outward looking focus in pursuit of delivering 'services that are over and above their statutory obligations for the people of Wiltshire and ensure that the council is the highest performing in the country'.

Proposal

That Council notes the findings of the LGA Corporate Peer Challenge 2022.

Reason for Proposal

Councillors have a responsibility to oversee the strategic direction and good governance of Wiltshire Council.

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