

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

**Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee**

**6 April 2017**

<p><b><u>Derbyshire Audit Forum</u></b></p>
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**Report of the Executive Director Operations**

This report is public

**Purpose of the Report**

- To provide to Members of the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee a copy of the material which was presented at the Derbyshire Audit Forum to assist them in forming a view as to the effectiveness of the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee at North East Derbyshire.

**1 Report Details**

- 1.1 The Audit Committee plays a key role in the governance arrangements of any local authority. As such an effective Audit Committee is crucial to secure the effective operation of governance arrangements within the Council. Given the importance of the Committee's role it is crucial that the Committee gives regular consideration to its effectiveness in practice.
- 1.2 To help evaluate the effectiveness of the Committee and to identify areas for improvement copies of the material presented at the Derbyshire Audit Forum on 26 January 2017 are attached. The event was held at Derbyshire County Council buildings at Matlock and was facilitated by KPMG the Council's external auditors. A further event will be held in Derby on 22 June to which all members of the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee are welcome to attend. Full details will be provided to all Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee members nearer the time.

**2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation**

- 2.1 To enable the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee to consider its effectiveness.

**3 Consultation and Equality Impact**

- 3.1 There are no issues arising directly from this report.

**4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 Given its role in ensuring the effective operation of the Council it is appropriate that the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee undertakes regular self-assessment of its performance. The main alternative of not undertaking a self assessment is therefore rejected.

## 5 **Implications**

### 5.1 **Finance and Risk Implications**

There are no issues arising directly from this report.

### 5.2 **Legal Implications including Data Protection**

There are no issues arising directly from this report.

### 5.3 **Human Resources Implications**

There are no issues arising directly from this report.

## 6 **Recommendations**

- 6.1 That the Audit and Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee consider the attached papers in order to help self assess the effectiveness of current arrangements.

## 7 **Decision Information**

<b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> (A Key Decision is one which results in income or expenditure to the Council of £50,000 or more or which has a significant impact on two or more District wards)	No
<b>District Wards Affected</b>	Not Directly
<b>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</b>	All

## 8 **Document Information**

Appendix No	Title
1	KPMG Slides from the Derbyshire Audit Forum held on 26 January 2017
<b>Background Papers</b> (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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