

REPORT OF THE
Cabinet / Leader
PART II

77. LGA PEER CHALLENGE

1. The Cabinet, at its meeting on 24 March 2014, approved a report regarding the recent Peer Review of Hampshire County Council undertaken by the Local Government Association (LGA). The Peer Challenge was commissioned principally to help create a starting point for work with communities, partners and the voluntary sector which will feature in our transformation work to 2018.

2. The outcome of the review was complimentary and acknowledged the County Council as a well led, well managed and highly successful organisation with great (particularly financial) resilience and enormous capacity. For example:

- **“Hampshire County Council is a strong and successful local authority” and**
- **“There is an array of excellent services and impressive examples of strategic partnership...”**

3. The review also identified specific themes and observations that are relevant as to how we operate in the future, which included:

- The importance of engaging earlier and timeously with partners;
- The need to review and refresh our strategic relationship with the voluntary and community sector;
- Developing and communicating a narrative with partners about the longer term vision of the County Council.

Further details can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm by typing in the relevant reference number:

- LGA Peer Challenge (search item reference 5721)

78. TRANSFORMING THE COUNCIL TO 2015 - REPORT NO. 3 AND A REVIEW OF KEY WORKSTREAMS AND A TRANSFORMATION STRATEGY TO 2018

1. The Cabinet, at its meeting on 14 April 2014, approved a report which gave an update on progress relating to both the Transforming the Council to 2015 programme and the review of key workstreams and a “Transformation Strategy to 2018”, as part of the increased resilience established around our budget management process.

2. The report identified future risks to the above strategy and a process required to be done to the Council’s existing operating model to meet the financial pressures forecast for 2015-2018. Experience showed that by starting this work early, from a basis of a robust transformation programme, improved the success.

3. The report also identified emerging benefits from the change programmes in not only building a highly skilled public workforce but also began to re position it to take future benefits from a changing public sector landscape. These programmes had also provided significant business benefits as the Council had the ability and capacity to provide services to other authorities (e.g. local authorities, LEP's schools, etc).

Further details can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings.htm by typing in the relevant reference number:

- Transforming the Council (search item reference 5775)

79. RESPONSE TO FLOODING IN HAMPSHIRE

1. The Cabinet, at its meeting on 14 April 2014, approved a report on the response to flooding experienced in Hampshire during February and March this year.

2. It was noted that flooding in the County and across other parts of the country had been the largest and most severe emergency that had been responded to since the Civil Contingencies Act was introduced in 2004. The multi-agency response within Hampshire, overseen by the Local Resilience Forum and chaired by the Police, had been praised by Government both for the way in which agencies had worked together and the outcomes that were achieved, often in very difficult circumstances.

3. The report also highlighted that now that the worst of the flooding had subsided and the recovery phase of the operation chaired by the County Council, was well under way. Work was also being started to capture as many lessons as possible to inform future flood mitigation measures and potential emergency responses.

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- Response to Flooding in Hampshire (search item reference 5778)

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