

TEESDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Report To: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
28 January 2009**

From: Councillor Newton Wood

Ward Member: ALL

Subject: ANALYSIS OF 2008 CPA PART 2

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Following initial consideration of the Chair's analysis of the Council's CPA report (minute 29), further analysis was considered at the August and September meetings of the Committee (minutes 41 and 50). This report is designed to update members on progress made in collating evidence to address those areas of concern highlighted by the Audit Commission following the Council's CPA inspection last year and to identify those activities which will be forwarded to the new unitary authority for their consideration via Teesdale's County Councillors.
- 1.2 Each item has been given a reference which identifies whether it has been completed or not or that it be forwarded to the County Council for consideration.
- 1.3 The report has been approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Group and has been forwarded to those Officers and Lead Members who have made a contribution.
- 1.4 Also appended to this report is a schedule of partnerships which represent areas of activity which it is considered should be passed on to the new unitary authority.
- 1.5 Reference will also be made to the recent meeting held with Brian Glaister (Audit Commission), where consideration was given to the report titled '*The Scale of Things*' along with other issues relevant to Overview & Scrutiny's role. With regard to the latter, a further report '*Seeking the Truth: Accountability- the right to question and hold officers and the Executive to account*' is also appended for information.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 It is recommended that:

- 2.1.1 the report be noted, referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and thereafter progressed as indicated.

3.0 LINK TO CORPORATE KEY PRIORITIES/AMBITIONS

- 3.1 Priority: Improving Together Programme

- 3.2 Ambition: Provide accessible, quality services; Be effective community leaders; Have well managed and efficient use of our resources; Improve the Council's reputation; and Have effective partnerships delivering the requirements of the community.
- 3.3 Outcome: Leading our communities, listen to and acting on their needs, shaping the places they live and providing feedback; having high quality, accessible services, taking account of the needs of everyone.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 As noted in paragraph 1.1. above, the Committee has previously considered a number of analysis reports relating to the Council's CPA inspection and areas of improvement have been highlighted, a number of which were identified as being of high priority. The Committee previously agreed (minute 50) that Panel Chairs would seek to meet with Lead Members to facilitate discussion and focus on improvement.
- 4.2 Discussions with Lead Members and officers has enabled an evaluation of each item to take place, enabling a decision to be made as to how, or indeed if, items should be dealt with, for example each item will be given a code which will establish if the issue has been dealt with or if it needs to be passed to County Councillors before the demise of this Council by the end of March.

5.0 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 Financial Implications: None
- 5.2 Risk:

| Risk | Category | Implications |
|------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| Reviews may not be completed | Reputation | The Overview and Scrutiny process loses credibility |

- 5.3 Equality and Diversity: Overview and Scrutiny has a role in ensuring the Council's compliance with equality and diversity requirements.
- 5.4 Human Resources: None
- 5.5 Community Safety: As 5.3 above
- 5.6 Legal Issues: Overview and Scrutiny is a statutory function defined by Local Government Act 2000.

Background papers:

1. Analysis of 2008 CPA, The Scale of Things

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