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## REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

### Washington Area Committee Annual Report 2017 - 18

#### 1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide the Washington Area Committee's Annual Report 2017-18

#### 2. Background

- 2.1 This will be the year that all Area Committee reports have been brought together in one combined report and presented to Full Council.
- 2.2 Area Committees are appointed by the Council to ensure improved service delivery at a local level in the context of best value and more efficient, transparent and accountable decision making. They deliver this role through:
- Monitoring the quality and effectiveness of services delivered by the Council and other main providers in the area
  - Working in partnership to develop efficient and effective solutions to city-wide issues as well as supporting local area priorities
- 2.3 2017-18 has once again been an incredibly busy and challenging year for us all. The Annual Report showcases some of the key achievements delivered this year through the dedicated work of the five Area Committees and their supporting Place and People Boards. It also highlights how we translate the principles of a community leadership council in practice and the central role played by local councillors in helping to strengthen our communities.

#### 3. Annual Report 2017-2018

- 3.1 The Annual Report for Washington Area Committee 2017-2018 is attached as **Annex 1**
- 3.2 It is important that the Annual Report is viewed as a collaborative achievement and the Washington Area Committee would like to thank everyone who has contributed towards the outcomes achieved through the work of the Area Committees and the supporting Place and People Boards.

#### 4. Recommendation

- 4.1 Members are requested to note the Washington Annual Report for inclusion in the combined Area Committee Annual Report for 2017-18

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