

**Management Scrutiny Committee**  
**Demonstrating Local Accountability: Policy Review recommendations 11/12**

Ref	Recommendation	Action	Owner	Due Date	Progress Commentary
(a)	That the council takes up the LGA's offer of a free corporate peer challenge to support the council's improvement journey	SPPM will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate with LGA to identify a suitable date for a corporate peer challenge in spring 2013</li> <li>• Coordinate a scoping meeting involving the LGA, Leader and Chief Executive to agree the scope and focus of the peer challenge</li> <li>• Identify an approach which ensures that the peer challenge is integrated into the council's performance management framework and informs the corporate planning process for 2013/14</li> </ul>	Mike Lowe Head of Performance Improvement SPPM	June 2012  September 2012  September 2012	
(b)	That the council considers, where appropriate, peer challenges in those service areas where the use of peer challenge is seen as aiding improvement	SPPM will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Directorates to identify where appropriate the use of peer challenge to support service improvement</li> </ul>	Mike Lowe	April 2013	
(c )	That the findings of peer challenges and inspections and assessments, including the adult social care local account, are reported through the scrutiny process as part of the governance processes of the council	SPPM will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with Director of Health Housing and Adult Services to report the Local Account through the scrutiny process</li> </ul>	Mike Lowe and Graham King Head of Strategic Commissioning HHA	June 2012	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with the Director of Children's services to report the findings of the Ofsted inspection of safeguarding and looked after children through the scrutiny process</li> </ul>	Mike Lowe and Meg Boustead Head of Safeguarding Children's Services	September 2012	
(d)	That all elected members and relevant support officers including account managers and scrutiny officers are afforded the opportunity to gain an awareness, understanding and ability to utilise the Local Government Knowledge Hub	SPPM will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agree mechanism for dissemination of the details of the LG Knowledge Hub to all members, account managers and scrutiny officers</li> <li>Include details in the corporate training programme to raise awareness of the resource</li> </ul>	Mike Lowe	September 2012	
(e)	That scrutiny champions and scrutiny officers use the Knowledge Hub as a source of information and data in relation to policy review work	SPPM will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agree with scrutiny team how the LG knowledge Hub resource will be used to support future policy reviews</li> </ul>	Mike Lowe  Charlotte Burnham Head of Areas and Scrutiny	September 2012	
(f)	That the council remains aware of the developments to sector led approaches, including the Knowledge Hub, as part of the self regulation agenda ensuring that such approaches are adapted and adopted, as appropriate, into the council's performance management framework	SPPM will <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to monitor and review national and sector led approaches to self regulation as they are developed.</li> <li>Ensure provision of high quality advice regarding the adoption of sector led approaches as they emerge with appropriate Directorates</li> </ul>	Mike Lowe	April 2013	