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SUBJECT:	COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT OF DISTRICT COUNCILS FROM 2006	REF: IR/SAC
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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That this Committee accept the Improvement Panels recommendation that Option 4 is this Council's preferred option of the ones included in the consultation paper, and the Audit Commission be informed accordingly.
- 1.2 That any other comments that this Committee wishes to make on the consultation document be also forwarded to the Audit Commission.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To inform this Committee of the Audit Commission consultation document regarding the proposed changes to CPA of District Councils from 2006 and the conclusions of the Improvement Panel who considered this matter at their meeting on the 27th October 2005.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Improvement Panel of this Council considered the consultation document from the Audit Commission regarding their proposals for CPA of District Councils from 2006. The consultation document together with the report to the Improvement Panel, which summarises the options within the document, are attached at Annexe A to this report.
- 3.2 The Panel discussed the consultation document with the summary report and were given feedback from the Leader and the Chief Executive from the East Midlands consultation event which was held the previous day at Castle Donnington. The conclusion of the Panel was that this Council preferred option should be Option 4 which allows Councils maximum flexibility to put themselves forward for

re-assessment when they feel it is most appropriate. Of the two options in Group B which provided this flexibility, Option 4 was considered preferable to Option 5 as it included service assessments, which Members felt was a dimension of our work which was very important to local people.

- 3.3 It was likely that Option 4 would demand more resources to undertake those additional assessments, but on balance Members felt they should be included in an overall CPA Assessment.
- 3.4 A number of specific questions are included in the consultation document in section 7 (page 24). The Improvement Panel has recommended no specific answers to these questions other than the recommended option within question 3.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The consultation paper acknowledges that the CPA process is demanding of resources of Councils and the different options outlined have varying levels of demand on resources. Other than this dimension there are no specific financial implications as a result of this consultation.

5.0 Conclusions

- 5.1 The Audit Commission consultation document was considered by the Improvement Panel with a clear preference for Option 4, which they recommend to this Committee as this Council's response to the consultation.