
REPORT TO:	AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM:
DATE OF MEETING:	26TH SEPTEMBER 2007	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN PARAGRAPH NO: N/A
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SUBJECT:	CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ISSUES	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	

1.0 Reason for Exempt

1.1 Not applicable.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the report be noted.

3.0 Purpose of Report

3.1 To consider progress on issues raised at the last Meeting.

4.0 Detail

4.1 At the last Meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 21st June 2007, Councillor Lane raised several issues concerning corporate governance implications and these are now dealt with in turn.

Council Newspaper

At the Full Council Meeting held on 5th July 2007, the Leader referred to the cessation of the Council Newspaper and advised that a report would be submitted to a future Council Meeting to consider changes to the Communication Strategy. She advised of plans to have a more focused Strategy and to ensure that the media was provided with information regularly.

Corporate Plan

At the Full Council Meeting held on 16th August 2007, a copy of the revised Corporate Plan for the period 2007/10 was circulated. The Leader outlined the changes implemented in this Plan, making particular reference to Value for Money, which was reflected throughout the document. It included key actions and the Leader spoke about the review of financial strategies and the Medium Term Financial Plan. The Leader highlighted certain issues within the Plan, particularly flooding issues, crime prevention and work with East Midlands Airport on noise issues. In addition to the full document, there is a more user-friendly leaflet.

Working Panels

To date, Members have been appointed to the following Working Panels:-

- Single Status Working Panel
- Community Partnership Scheme Assessment Panel
- Core Strategy Working Panel

The following additional Working Panels were active in 2006/07:-

- Improvement Panel
- Service and Financial Planning Working Panel
- Partnership Funding Working Panel
- Remuneration Working Panel
- IT Working Panel
- Editorial Working Panel

Member Champions

At the Full Council Meeting held on 16th August 2007, the following Member Champions were appointed:-

<u>Member Champion Role</u>	<u>Appointed Member</u>
Equalities and Diversity	Councillor Mrs. Patten
Performance and Data Quality	Councillor Harrison
Design (Planning)	Councillor Bale
Historic Environment	Councillor Bladen
Arts and Culture	Councillor Grant
Consultation, Communication & Engagement	Councillor Murray
Procurement	Councillor R. Wheeler
Information Technology	Councillor Ford
Risk Management	Councillor Mrs. Coyle
Young People	Councillor Bale
Older People	Councillor Hewlett
Voluntary and Community Sector	Councillor Mrs. Farrington

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 None.

6.0 Corporate Implications

6.1 As detailed above.

7.0 Community Implications

7.1 As detailed above.

8.0 Background Papers

8.1 21 June 2007 Minutes of Audit Sub-Committee