



LGA Wirral Improvement Board

Key Messages

The agenda for this meeting focussed on three key reports that updated Members of the Board on the progress that has been made by the Council to date and the work that will be undertaken in the future to ensure continued improvements.

The Board requested that a report be brought to the next meeting that would provide a public overview of both progress and the Council's future direction. The Board highlighted the importance of engaging with all members while developing the vision and future shape of the Council and the importance of ensuring, despite significant financial challenges, that the Council is equipped to deliver future priorities.

Effective Planning and Delivery of the Efficiencies

Joe Blott, Strategic Director for Transformation and Resources, updated the Board on the current planning for, and delivery of efficiencies over the next three years that will deliver budget stability for the Council.

This included updates regarding shared services, the key transformation projects, budget implementation and management of the overall programme. He emphasised the Council's new focus on the three year financial strategy.

The Board stressed the importance of ensuring capacity for the future and also clearly articulating the future model for the Council. The Board sought clarification regarding budget items which was provided by the Strategic Director. Further information will be provided to the Board regarding the principles upon which the Budget is being managed.

Demonstrating Corporate Health

Joe Blott then presented a report regarding the approach being taken to improving the Council's Corporate Health. The report examined both the key

constitutional and policy changes that have been made and how the culture change and Organisational Development programmes will embed these important changes across the workforce.

A detailed timetable for both the performance appraisal process and culture change programme will be provided to Improvement Board.

Effective Assurance Framework

Fiona Johnstone, Director of Public Health and Policy and Performance, reported on progress against delivering an effective assurance framework. This included an update on the Council's approach to performance Management and the Annual Governance Statement. An update report was also presented that detailed the progress made against all actions outlined in previous critical reports.

The Board emphasised importance of clear and concise performance information that can be easily integrated to ensure members can effectively monitor progress against corporate priorities.