

REPORT TO PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT GROUP

PAPER C

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Area Assessment Update and Self-Assessment (CAA)

Date of SSP Performance Management Group meeting for discussion: 9 July 2009

Approximate time to allow for discussion: Part of wider CAA discussion (Agenda Item 3)

KEY ISSUES:

At the meeting on 9 July, Edwina Child from the Audit Commission will present the latest findings from the CAA of Suffolk. Since the last presentation to PMG, a considerable amount of work has taken place with Edwina and her team visiting LSP Meetings (Executives & Boards), Delivery Partnerships and individual organisations. There has also been a 'tour of Suffolk' arranged to give an insight into areas requested by the Audit Commission and the preparation of a 'Self-Assessment' for Suffolk.

All organisations have been invited to contribute to the Self-Assessment and the outcome is available at the SSP website at the following link:

<http://www.transformingsuffolk.co.uk/vision-and-priorities/performance-management/288>.

In terms of the process, LSP Co-ordinators, representatives identified by the PMG members, Delivery Partnership Co-ordinators and members of the Suffolk Performance Officers Group have all fed into the self-assessment.

The self-assessment itself consists of a covering paper on the Suffolk Strategic Partnership themes and separate self-assessments from local LSPs. In the majority of cases, these assessments have been shared directly with the Audit Commission and there has been no further editing centrally. The self-assessment has supporting evidence documentation and links and if you require the full self-assessment with evidence, this can be provided on a CD Rom, but at this stage just the self-assessment document itself has been provided.

It is recognised that the self-assessment is not exhaustive and we have not sought to duplicate evidence which has already been provided to the Audit Commission. Rather, it is meant as a snapshot at this point in time. It is the intention that this self-assessment is a working document and is updated at regular intervals to inform the PMG and the SSP Board of progress and areas for improvement. It will sit alongside performance reports on LAA2, Go-East's review of the work of the SSP and the Audit Commission's own CAA report (due out in November) to inform progress towards the outcomes set out in Transforming Suffolk.

WHAT ARE THE PMG BEING REQUESTED TO DO? e.g. make a decision, recommend, consider options etc.

The Self-Assessment has been produced to provide context to discussions around the performance of the SSP, Delivery Partnerships and the wider LSPs in Suffolk. It is a partnership document and contributions have been received from partners across Suffolk. Following the PMG Meeting, the self-assessment document will be shared with the Audit Commission's CAA Team for Suffolk.

Members of the Performance Management Group are asked to raise any specific comments and questions with Suffolk County Council.

ARE THERE RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS TO THE PMG?

No

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