

THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA

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REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT

CPA CORPORATE ASSESSMENT RESULTS

This paper reports the outcome of the recent CPA Corporate Assessment.

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Background

- 1.1. The Audit Commission report of the corporate assessment is attached. Pages 6-8 are an executive summary. Scores are summarised on page 9. Of the 53 Councils to have undergone the new "Harder Test" the council is one of three to score "4" overall. The others are Wigan MBC and Buckinghamshire County Council. Several historically high-performing councils are yet to undergo assessment.
- 1.2. The report identifies two areas for improvement: workforce planning and staff performance reviews. Initiatives to improve in these areas will be taken forward by the Management Board.
- 1.3. The results of the assessment were announced on 6 February.

2. Future assessments

- 2.1. The current CPA methodology will remain in place until April 2009. There will therefore be two further rounds of reporting. The Council will not be required to undertake any further Corporate Assessments, and will therefore retain its score on this block for the next two years. Scores on other blocks will be refreshed annually. The Audit

Commission is likely to raise the bar on a number of CPA blocks over this period. Projects to secure continued high scores are in hand.

- 2.2. From April 2009 a new "Comprehensive Area Assessment" will be introduced. Further briefing will be provided in due course.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1. Cabinet members are invited to note this information, and to discuss the attached Corporate Assessment report.

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Background papers – none.

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