

Report to: Cabinet



Date of Meeting 4 June 2025

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Exemption applied: None

Review date for release N/A

Update on the Peer Challenge recommendations and delivery plan

Report summary:

This report provides Cabinet with an overview of the Peer Challenge recommendations and the delivery plan to implement the recommendations.

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes ☒ No ☐

Policy Framework Yes ☒ No ☐

Recommendation:

- (1) That Cabinet receive the Peer Challenge recommendations and delivery plan and note the progress of the actions to date.
- (2) Due to the progress of the delivery plan actions that Cabinet agree that this is the last dedicated progress report of this delivery plan.

Reason for recommendation:

To ensure that the recommendations from the Peer Challenge are actioned and delivered appropriately.

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- ☐ Assets and Economy
- ☒ Communications and Democracy
- ☒ Council, Corporate and External Engagement
- ☐ Culture, Leisure, Sport and Tourism
- ☐ Environment - Nature and Climate
- ☐ Environment - Operational
- ☐ Finance
- ☐ Place, Infrastructure and Strategic Planning
- ☐ Sustainable Homes and Communities

Equalities impact Low Impact

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Medium Risk; There are reputational and organisational risks if we do not ensure that we address the recommendations from the Peer Challenge.

Links to background information [Appendix a – Peer Challenge delivery plan updated May 2025](#)

Link to [Council Plan](#)

Priorities (check which apply)

- ☐ Better homes and communities for all
 - ☐ A greener East Devon
 - ☐ A resilient economy
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Report in full

This report provides an update on the progress of the peer challenge actions outlined in the delivery plan supporting the recommendations. This is the second review of progress on the actions the last reported to Cabinet in November 2024.

All recommendations are being actively progressed, with several now marked as completed. Of the 33 recommendations, 19 are identified by responsible officers as complete. The remaining 14 recommendations are currently being implemented and can be reported within the quarterly updates of the Council Plan or Directorate Plan and are being incorporated into our ongoing operations. We recommend that this follow-up report be the final dedicated update on the Peer Challenge recommendations, with further progress to be addressed in the quarterly Council Plan and Directorate updates.

See [delivery plan](#) for more details on each recommendation.

Financial implications:

There are no direct financial implication arising from the report.

Legal implications:

There are no substantive legal issues to be added to this report

ELT signed off report – 10/04/2025 updated further and sent again to the 13/04/2025 meeting