# Report of the Leader of the Council

# LGA PEER REVIEW

### 1. <u>Purpose of Report</u>

To confirm the Council's intention of seeking an LGA peer review in 2022.

## 2. <u>Recommendation</u>

# The Cabinet is asked to RESOLVE that an LGA peer review be commissioned during late November/early December 2022.

## 3. <u>Detail</u>

It is more than seven years since Broxtowe had a peer challenge. A peer challenge is a sector-led improvement offer to local authorities managed through the Local Government Association. The purpose of such a review is to generate external perspectives and insights to inform a future improvement journey. More details of what such a peer review might involve are set out in the appendix to this report.

In October 2019 the Policy and Performance committee agreed that such a review should be commissioned. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the fact that the LGA suspended the operation of peer reviews, the review has not yet taken place.

The standard element of the peer review is set out in the appendix (note this is slightly refined from the LGA's previous offer). As part of the review the LGA peer review team will look at all the Council's priority themes.

The LGA has now indicated that it can accommodate a review for Broxtowe within its schedule of work for late November/early December 2022.

#### 4. Financial Implications

The comments of the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

There are no direct costs associated with the peer review. The review team may incur reasonable expenses during their three-day stay in the Borough and these will be charged to a suitable expenses budget to be funded from an appropriate budget virement.

#### 5. Legal Implications

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

#### 6. <u>Human Resources Implications</u>

No Comments.

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7. <u>Union Comments</u>

No Comments.

8. Data Protection Compliance Implications

No Issues.

9. <u>Background Papers</u>

Nil.