

CORPORATE PEER CHALLENGE: ACTION PLAN CLOSURE REPORT

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Wards affected:	(All Wards);
Appendices (attached):	Appendix 1: CPC Action Plan - Final Update

Summary

This report provides a final update on the Council's Corporate Peer Challenge (CPC) Action Plan.

Recommendation (s)

The Council is asked to:

- (1) Note the final update on the Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan.

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 To close the Corporate Peer Challenge (CPC) action plan, in light of local government reorganisation and upcoming vesting day for the East Surrey Unitary Authority.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Local Government Association (LGA) undertook a [Corporate Peer Challenge](#) for the Council in 2024. Ahead of the LGA's visit, the Council published a [Position Statement](#), which set out its context, priorities, governance, and performance at the time. The LGA finalised their [report](#) in March 2024.
- 2.2 In response to the LGA's report recommendations, the Council created and implemented its [CPC Action Plan](#) in July 2024.

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- 2.3 The LGA Review Team returned to carry out an interim assessment of progress in March 2025. Due to the fast track nature of local government reorganisation in Surrey, and elections to any new shadow council(s) in May 2026, a number of the recommendations from the original CPC visit and the subsequent action plan no longer had the same relevance or needed to be compressed into a much shorter time frame: in summary, focus should now be on positioning the Council effectively for future challenges (i.e. the LGR process).
- 2.4 The previous [CPC Action Plan update report](#) was taken to Strategy and Resources in November 2024. Following the subsequent visit from the LGA and the significant change in context for the Council with LGR, this report has been produced to formally bring to a close the CPC Action Plan. The final update is attached at Appendix 1.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

- 3.1 Equality Impact Assessment
- 3.1.1 No direct implications.
- 3.2 Crime & Disorder
- 3.2.1 No direct implications.
- 3.3 Safeguarding
- 3.3.1 No direct implications.
- 3.4 Dependencies
- 3.4.1 None.
- 3.5 Other
- 3.5.1 None.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 No direct implications.
- 4.2 Section 24 considerations:** None arising from this report.
- 4.3 Section 151 Officer's comments:** None arising from this report.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 Legal Officer's comments:** None arising from the content of this report.

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- 6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:
- See Appendix 1.
- 6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.
- 6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** No direct implications.
- 6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** No direct implications.
- 6.5 **Partnerships:** No direct implications.
- 6.6 **Local Government Reorganisation Implications:** There are no direct LGR implications. However, the purpose of this report is to bring a close to the CPC Action Plan in light of LGR and not to leave CPC actions open past Vesting Day for the new East Surrey Unitary Authority.

7 Background papers

- 7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

- Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan, *Strategy and Resources Committee*, 23rd July 2024. Online available: [Epsom and Ewell Democracy](#) [last accessed 11/06/2026].
- Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan Update, *Strategy and Resources Committee*, 12th November 2024. Online available: [Epsom and Ewell Democracy](#) [last accessed 11/06/2026].

Other papers:

- See in-text links to external documents.