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				Senior and operational management	Compliance reviews, risk management, scrutiny reviews	Internal and External Audit, Inspectorates, External Assurance Providers	
AF1a	Business Plan	The Council has clear political direction, vision, priorities and outcomes in the 16/17 Business Plan to direct resource use. Necessary efficiency savings should be identified and incorporated into the plan.	Corporate Risk Register (1a)	Directors Assurance Statements Monthly Integrated Resources and Performance Report to General Purposes Committee Regular meetings with Director of Finance/ S151 Officer, Committee Chairs and relevant Directors to track exceptions and identify remedial actions	Quarterly updates to SMT as part of corporate risk reporting process. Engagement of Committees in the creation of the 2016/17 Business Plan	Internal Audit Review - Service Transformation - February 2014 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Business Planning 2013/14 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Business Planning 2014/15 - March 2014 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Early Help Project - Embedded Assurance Review - July 2014 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Programme and Project Management - January 2015 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Fees and Charges - February 2016	
AF1b	Current Business Plan Delivery	The Council is able to achieve required savings and meet statutory responsibilities or budget targets	Corporate Risk Register (1b)	 Directors Assurance Statements Monthly Integrated Resources and Performance Report to General Purposes Committee Regular meetings with Director of Finance / S151 Officer, Committee Chairs and relevant Directors to track exceptions and identify remedial actions Budget holders' monthly meetings with Finance Manager LGSS governance arrangements include representation on SMT Peer Reviews and complaints / consultation processes Treasury Management to GPC Bi-annual Leaders and Chairs meeting and Cambridgeshire Public Service Board Board Thematic Partnerships including the LEP and the Health and Well Being Board. 	Quarterly updates to SMT as part of corporate risk reporting process.	Internal Audit Review - Transforming Economy, Transport and Environment - February 2013 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Embedded Assurance - ETE Directorate Transformation Closure / Post Implementation - December 2013 - Substantial Assurance. Internal Audit Review - Budgetary Control - January 2014 - Substantial Assurance Local Government Association - Corporate Peer Challenge - October 2013 Internal Audit Review - Delivery of Business Plan Savings 2014/15 - December 2014 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Programme and Project Management - January 2015 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Budgetary Control - October 2014 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Capital Programme - February 2015 - Substantial Assurance Consultancy Review - Older People's Service Financial Management - June 2015 Internal Audit Review - Budgetary Control - December 2015 - Control Environment - Substantial, Complaince - Good Internal Audit Review - Payment Methods - March 2016 - Control Environment - Limited, Compliance - Limited Internal Audit Review - Trading Units - September 2015 - Moderate Assurance	
AF2	Shared Services Programme	The quality, responsiveness and standard of LGSS services meets CCC requirements.	Corporate Risk Register (2)	Directors Assurance Statements LGSS Joint Committee structure including CCC Councillor representation CCC representation on LGSS Management Board LGSS Strategic Plan 2013/14 - 2017/18 LGSS representation on SMT to ensure LGSS meets current and future council needs New LGSS SLA and linked KPIs, which are reported to SMT	Resources and Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee Review of Shared Services Savings within Integrated Plan - February 2013 Quarterly updates on progress from LGSS Director of Finance/Operating Director with mitigation update as part of corporate risk reporting process LGSS Overview and Scrutiny Group review of LGSS Marketing Strategy - February 2013	Internal Audit Review - Budget Monitoring and Control - May 2013 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit - Main Financial Systems (Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Payroll, General Ledger and Cash Management) - May 2013 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit - Main Financial Systems (Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Payroll, General Ledger and Cash Management) - March 2015 - Substantial Assurance LGA - Corporate Peer Challenge - October 2013 Internal Audit Review - LGSS Service Delivery - March 2014 - Moderate Assurance	

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AF3	Workforce recruitment and retention	The Council has a highly motivated, skilled and flexible workforce working to flexible terms and conditions who are able to deliver effective services	Corporate Risk Register (3)	Directors Assurance Statements Workforce strategy and development plans Comprehensive HR and OD Policies Increased use of statistical data to shape activity relating to recruitment Staff Training Employee support through health and well being and counselling service agenda Monitoring of recruitment advertising Robust performance management and development practices in place Flexible terms and conditions of employment	Quarterly updates to SMT as part of corporate risk reporting process. HR & OD Performance Report - March 2013 Resources & Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee review of The Council's use of Consultants and Interim Managers - March 2013 Resources & Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee review of Zero Hours Contracts - March 2014 Exit interviews from staff leaving the service to monitor their reasons for leaving	Internal Audit Review - Embedded Assurance - ETE Directorate Transformation Closure / Post Implementation Review - December 2013 - Substantial Assurance. Internal Audit Review - Workforce Retention and Knowledge Management - June 2014 - Substantial Assurance		
AF4	Procurement and Contract Management	Strong and consistent procurement and contract management arrangements are in place to aid the delivery of value for money through procurement activities aided by effective training for contract managers.	Corporate Risk Register (4)	Directors Assurance Statements Central Contract Register Contract Regulations and Procurement Best Practice Guidance available on intranet system Procurement Training is compulsory before users can access the system. Cambridgeshire Procurement Strategy	Quarterly updates on progress with mitigation update as part of corporate risk reporting process Resources & Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee review of The Council's use of Consultants and Interim Managers - March 2013. Update March 2014. Resources & Performance Overview and Scrutiny Committee review 'Getting Maximum Value for Money in Procuring Goods, Services and Works' - June 2010. Update March 2014.	Internal Audit review - Embedded Assurance - Science Park Station - January 2014 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Use of e-auctions - February 2014 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Use of Consultants/Agency Workers - April 2014 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Procurement - May 2014 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Highways Service Contract - August 2014 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Public Health Commisioning and Contracting - August 2014 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Duplicate Payments - January 2016 - Organisational Impact - Minor Internal Audit Review - Fairer Contributions - December 2015 - Good Assurance Internal Audit Review- Home to School Transport - March 2016 - Good Assurance Internal Audit Review- Public health Checks - June 2015 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Cash & Cheques Payments - Febraury 2016 - Moderate Assurance		
AF5	Infrastructure Funding Shortage	Sufficient funding is obtained from all available sources including Section 106 payments and other planning contributions to deliver key infrastructure / services / developments.	Corporate Risk Register (9)	Directors Assurance Statements A prudential borrowing strategy is in place to fund infrastructure where appropriate. Maximisation of securing developer contributions is achieved through County Council input to Section 106 negotiations. Framework for bidding for transport funds under LTP Huntingdonshire District Council and East Cambridgeshire District Council implementation of Community Infrastructure Levy A14 Local Finance Contribution City Deal for Greater Cambridge Lobbying Central Government	Quarterly updates on progress with mitigation update as part of corporate risk reporting process Overview and Scrutiny Committee review of Northstowe S106 Agreement Enterprise, Growth and Community Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Review of Street Lighting PFI contract - Sept 2013	Internal Audit Review - Section 106 - January 2013 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Local highways Improvement Scheme - December 2013 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Embedded Assurance - Science Park Station - January 2014 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Investing in Local Transport Solutions - June 2014 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Use of S106 Receipts and the Community Infrastructure Levy - June 2015 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Briefing note - Highways Revaluation - August 2015 Internal Audit Review - City Deal - January 2016 - Organisational Impact - Minor		

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AF7	Safeguarding Vulnerable Children and Adults	Robust systems are in place to safeguard vulnerable children and adults, preventing harm to them in accordance with statutory requirements.	Corporate Risk Register (15) Strategic Objective 2	Senior and operational management Directors Assurance Statement Multi-agency Safeguarding Boards Safeguarding Procedures, monitored during on-going supervision, and via CYPS Quality Framework arrangements including case audits. Cambridgeshire Post-Ofsted Action Plan 'Together for Families' Programme CFA Performance & Quality Assurance Board monthly report Early Years and Childcare Quality Framework Countywide Older People Strategy Transforming Lives Project and Transforming Lives Strategy Development of Draft Cambridgeshire Adult Carers' Strategy Fairer Contributions Policy Adults Safeguarding Practice Guidance and Procedures in place for Partners Comprehensive and robust recruitment and training and development policies for staff, icluding safer employment practices and arrangements for induction and ongoing development	Compliance reviews, risk management, scrutiny reviews	Internal and External Audit, Inspectorates, External Assurance Providers • Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Arrangements for the Protection of Children - August 2014 - Rated as Good • Internal Audit Review - Looked after Children and Corporate Parenting - March 2014 - Substantial Assurance • Internal Audit Review - Safe Recruitment in Schools - September 2013 - Moderate Assurance • Safeguarding Peer Review - October 2013 • Internal Audit Review - SEN Placement Strategy - Substantial Assurance • Internal Audit Review - Children in Entertainment - October 2013 (Consultancy review) • I• Internal Audit Review -nternal Audit Review - Transfer of Older People's Services (CCS) - December 2013 - Substantial Assurance • Internal Audit Review - Embedded Assurance - Early Help - July 2014 - Moderate Assurance • Internal Audit Review - Personal Budgets for Children - January 2015 - Substantial Assurance		
				Common Assessment Framework Health and Wellbeing Strategy Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub supports effective referral of vulnerable people across agencies Adult Safeguarding Strategy Recruitment and Retention Strategy		Internal Audit Review - Safe Recruitment in Schools - June 2014 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Adoption Service Partnership - Embedded Assurance Review - March 2015 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Review - LAC Placements Strategy - February 2016 Internal Audit Review - Home to School Transport - March 2016 - Control Environment - Limited, Compliance - Good Internal Audit Review - Vulnerable Clients Monies Management - July 2015 - Limited Assurance Internal Audit Review - Direct Payments Compliance - March 2016 - Organisational Impact - Minor Internal Audit Review - Safe Recruitment in Schools - October 2015 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Domiciliary Care - Missed Calls - March 2016 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Direct Payments - March 2016 - Good Assurance Internal Audit Review - Better Care Fund - July 2015 - Substantial Assurance		
AF9	Compliance with legislative and regulatory requirements	Robust arrangements are in place to ensure that staff remain aware of changes to legislative / regulatory requirements and take necessary actions as required in a timely manner	Corporate Risk Register (20)	Directors Assurance Statement Chief Executive sign-off Scheme of delegation Monitoring Officer Code of Corporate Governance LGSS Legal team up to date with legislation and brief Corporate Leadership team on any changes Health and Safety policy and processes The Policy Network maintains an overview of emerging requirements	Safeguarding and Standards Unit	Internal Audit Review - Embedded Assurance - Public Health - July 2013 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Looked After Children and Corporate Parenting - March 2014 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Procurement - May 2014 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Information Governance - October 2014 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Information Governance in Public Health - February 2015 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Adoption Service Partnership - Embedded Assurance Review - March 2015 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Health and Safety - November 2015 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Vulnerable Clients Monies Management - July 2015 - Limited Assurance Internal Audit Review - Health and Safety - September 2015 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Direct Payments - March 2016 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Section 106 and CIL - June 2015 - Moderate Assurance		

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AF10		The Authority has appropriate arrangements in place to deal with large scale incidents including: industrial action pandemics adverse weather loss of use of assets, utility services, staff, premises, suppliers, IT, equipment or data Ensuring key services for vulnerable people are maintained and disruptions to services as a whole are minimised	Corporate Risk Register (21)	 Directors Assurance Statement Service continuity plans Corporate and service business continuity plans Multi-agency collaboration through the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Local Resilience Forum (CPLRF) Periodic testing of Business Continuity Plans Business Continuity Policy 	Quarterly updates to SMT as part of corporate risk reporting process. Business Continuity Planning toolkit	Internal Audit Review - Business Contunuity - February 2015 - Moderate Assurance		
AF11	Future Transport	The programme delivers effective, efficient and responsive passenger transport services around Cambridgeshire, meeting accessibility needs of residents.	Corporate Risk Register (22)	Directors Assurance Statements Governance group in place to oversee the programme. Cambridge Future Transport community engagement programme Communications strategy Engagement strategy including stakeholder mapping Two year programme for the review of commissioning	Quarterly updates to SMT as part of corporate risk reporting process. Economy and Environment Committee oversight of CFT programme and consultation of the Chair and Vice Chair on individual investments	Internal Audit Review - Investing in Local Transport Solutions Community Engagement Programme - February 2013 - Moderate Assurance		
AF12	Corruption	The Council has appropriate anti fraud measures in place to prevent reputational damage and financial loss.	Corporate Risk Register (23)	Directors Assurance Statements Anti Fraud and Corruption Policy & Fraud Response Plan Whistle Blowing Policy System of Internal Audit Code of conduct Fraud and Corruption Intranet page	Quarterly updates to SMT as part of corporate risk reporting process.	National Fraud Initiative Work Programme Investigation Activity Anti Fraud and Corruption Policy & Fraud Response Plan and Awareness Activities - March 2013 Internal Audit Review - Key Financial Systems - April 2014 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Pensions Administration - July 2013 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Payroll - July 2013 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit review - Payroll - July 2015 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Payroll - July 2015 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Direct Payments Compliance - March 2016 - Organisational Impact - Minor Internal Audit Review - Direct Payments - March 2016 - Good Assurance Internal Audit Review - Key Systems Access Control - January 2016 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Vulnerable Clients Monies - September 2015 - Limited Assuraance		

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AF13	Management, Data Accuracy and compliance with the Data Protection Act	Staff are equipped with the training, skills, systems and tools to enable them to meet the statutory standards for information management. Information and data held in systems is accurate, up to date, comprehensive and fit for purpose enabling managers to make confident and informed decisions.	Corporate Risk Register (24)	Directors Assurance Statements Information Strategy in place Records Management policies and retention schedules in place IT Strategy 2013 - 2017 Tools including Encrypted laptops and USB sticks utilised for security	Quarterly updates to SMT as part of corporate risk reporting process.	Internal Audit Review - Consultation and Use of Intelligence - January 2013 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Information Governance Council-Wide - October 2014 - Moderate Assurance Internal Audit Review - Infomation Governance in Public Health - February 2015 - Substantial Assurance External Audit Review by Information Commissioners Office - May 2016 PSN certification - yearly Information Toolkit for Public Health Internal Audit Review - Records Management - June 2016 - Good Assurance		
AF15	purpose of the authority, the outcomes for the community and	Strategic Leadership is exercised. Clear communication of the authorities purpose and vision and outcomes for citizens. Users receive a high quality service whether directly, or in partnership by commissioning.		 Chief Executive sign-off of Business Plan and Annual Governance Statement. Business Planning Process, and associated public consultation Online channels and social media to engage with the public Cambridgeshire Public Service Board The Policy Network Health and Wellbeing Strategy 	Community Impact Assessments (CIA)	Review of Annual Governance Statement Internal Audit Review - Public Health - Embedded Assurance - July 2013 - Substantial Assurance LGA - Corporate Peer Challenge - October 2013 2013/14 Internal Audit Plan - Business Planning - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Business Planning 2014/15 - March 2014 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Delivery of Business Plan Savings 2014/15 - December 2014 - Substantial Assurance		
AF16	Members and Officers working together to achieve a common purpose with clearly defined functions and roles	There is effective leadership throughout the Council. Clarity about executive and non-executive functions and of the roles and responsibilities of the scrutiny function exist. A constructive working relationship exists between elected members and officers. Responsibilities of members and officers are carried out to a high standard.	Six CIPFA / SOLACE key principles Annual Governance Statement Code of Corporate Governance	Directors Assurance Statement Scheme of delegation Chief Executive sign off of Business Plan and Annual Governance Statement. Member development training and mentoring Regular Group Leader / Spokes / Senior Officer meetings		Review of Annual Governance Statement Internal Audit Review - Democratic Services - July 2013 - Substantial Assurance 2013/14 Internal Audit Plan - Business Planning - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Business Planning 2014/15 - March 2014 - Substantial Assurance Internal Audit Review - Delivery of Business Plan Savings 2014/15 - December 2014 - Substantial Assurance		

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AF17	the authority and	Authority members and officers exercise leadership by behaving in ways that	• Six CIPFA / SOLACE key	Directors Assurance Statement	Staff Ethical Governance Framework	Review of Annual Governance Statement		
		exemplify high standards of conduct and effective governance.	principles	Review for Annual Governance Statement	Constitution and Ethics Committee	LGSS Anti-Fraud Policy and Response Plan		
	governance through upholding high	Organisational values are put into practice	Annual Governance	Member and Officer Codes of Conduct		Internal Audit Review - Democratic Services - July 2013 - Substantial Assurance		
	standards of conduct and behaviour	and are effective.	Statement	Annual Governance Statement		• Internal Audit Review - Members Expenses - May 2013 - Moderate		
			• Code of Corporate	Whistle blowing Policy		Assurance		
			Governance	Fraud and Corruption Intranet site		Internal Audit Fraud Awareness Activities - March 2013		
				Bribery Act guidance online leaflet		Internal Audit Review - Ethics - September 2014 - Substantial Assurance		
				Section 151 Officer Responsibilities				
				Council Constitution				
				Register of Interests				
				Contract Regulations				
				Monitoring Officer				
AF18	Taking informed and transparent decisions	Rigorous and transparent decisions are taken.	• Six CIPFA / SOLACE key	Directors Assurance Statement	Quarterly updates to SMT as part of corporate risk reporting process.	Review of Annual Governance Statement		
		Outcomes of constructive scrutiny are acted on.	principles	Risk Management Team reporting to SMT / GPC		Internal Audit Review - Consultation and Use of Intelligence - January 2013 - Moderate Assurance		
	managing risk	Good quality information, advice and	Annual Governance	Register of Interests		2013/14 Internal Audit Plan - Business Planning - Substantial		
		support, ensure services are delivered effectively and are what the community want	Statement	Declaration of interests in meetings		Assurance		
		/ need.	• Code of Corporate	Committee minutes and agendas		Internal Audit Review - Business Planning 2014/15 - March 2014 - Substantial Assurance		
		An effective Risk Management system is in place.	Governance			Internal Audit Review - Delivery of Business Plan Savings 2014/15 -		
		Legal powers are used to the full benefit of				December 2014 - Substantial Assurance		
		citizens and communities.						
AF19		Members and officers have the skills,	• Six CIPFA /	Directors Assurance Statement		Review of Annual Governance Statement		
	capability of	knowledge and resources required to perform well in their roles.	SOLACE key principles	Members' Corporate Seminars		Internal Audit Review - Democratic Services - July 2013 - Cub stantial Assurance		
		The capabilities of people with governance	Annual Covernance	Induction programme for Members		Substantial Assurance		
		responsibilities are developed and their performance evaluated as individuals and as	Governance Statement	Corporate Induction and Development Policies		Internal Audit Review - Looked After Children and Corporate Parenting - May 2014 - Substantial Assurance		
		a group.	• Code of	Member development training and mentoring				
		New talent for membership of the authority is encouraged, balancing continuity and renewal.	Corporate Governance	East of England Charter For Elected Member Development				

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AF20	Engaging with local people and other	A robust overview and scrutiny function which effectively engages local people and all	SOLACE key	Directors Assurance Statements	Freedom of Information and Information Governance	Review of Annual Governance Statement		
	stakeholders to	1	principles	Community Engagement Strategy and Action Plan		Internal Audit Review - Consultation and Use of Intelligence - January 2013 - Moderate Assurance		
	accountability	An active and planned approach to dialogue with and accountability to the public, ensures	Annual Governance Statement	 Adult Social Care Service User Experience Survey Public consultation on 2015/16 Business Plan budget 		• 2013/14 Internal Audit Plan - Business Planning - Substantial		
		effective and appropriate service delivery		_		Assurance		
		whether directly by the authority, in partnership or by commissioning.	Code of Corporate Governance	Public Question Time and Petitions		Internal Audit Review - Business Planning 2014/15 - March 2014 - Substantial Assurance		
						• Internal Audit Review - Delivery of Business Plan Savings 2014/15 - December 2014 - Substantial Assurance		
						Internal Audit Review - Central Library Enterprise Centre		
AF21	A mechanism has	Responsibilities for statutory obligations are	Annual	Directors Assurance Statements				
	been established for	formally established.	Governance					
	identifying statutory obligations.	Record held of statutory obligations.	Statement	Constitution Review by Monitoring Officer				
		Effective procedures to identify, evaluate, communicate, implement, comply with, and		Policy Network				
		monitor legislative change, exist and are						
		used.						
		Effective action is taken where areas of non-compliance are found in either mechanism or						
		legislation.						
AF22	A mechanism is in	Consultation with stakeholders on priorities	Annual	Directors Assurance Statements		LGA - Corporate Peer Challenge - October 2013		
	place to establish corporate objectives.	and objectives.	Governance Statement	Business Planning workshops with businesses, voluntary and		• 2013/14 Internal Audit Plan - Business Planning - Substantial		
		The authority's priorities and organisational objectives have been agreed (taking into account feedback from consultation).		community groups • Public consultation on 2015/16 Business Plan budget		Assurance • Internal Audit Review - Business Planning 2014/15 - March 2014 -		
		,				Substantial Assurance		
		Priorities and objectives are aligned to principal statutory obligations and relate to available funding.				• Internal Audit Review - Business Plan Savings 2014/15 - December 2014 - Substantial Assurance		
		Objectives are reflected in departmental						
		plans and are clearly matched with associated budgets.						
		The authority's objectives are clearly						
		communicated to staff and to all stakeholders.						
AF23	Effective corporate	Code of corporate governance established.	Annual	Directors Assurance Statements		Covered in Review for Annual Governance Statement.		
	governance arrangements are	Review and monitoring arrangements in	Governance Statement	Code of Corporate Governance				
	_	place.	Statement					
		Committee charged with governance responsibilities.		Corporate Governance Monitoring Officer				
		Governance training provided to key officers and all members.						
		Staff, public and other stakeholder awareness of corporate governance.						
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AF24	Effective	Comprehensive and effective performance	Annual	Directors Assurance Statements		Providers • Annual Governance Statement
A1 24		management systems operate routinely.	Governance	- Directors Assurance Statements		- Annual Governance Statement
	management		Statement	Performance Management Framework		Internal Audit Review - Budgetary Control - January 2014 -
	arrangements are in	Key performance indicators are established				Substantial Assurance
	place.	and monitored.		Corporate Risk Register reported to and reviewed by GPC / SMT		• LGA - Corporate Peer Challenge - October 2013
		The authority knows how well it is		Monthly Finance and Performance Reports		20A Corporate reer chancings October 2013
		performing against its planned outcomes.				Internal Audit Review - Budgetary Control - October 2014 -
		Double was a data in want to a war and		Risk and Performance Reviews in DMT's		Substantial Assurance
		Performances data is used to support decisions that drive improvements in				• Internal Audit Review - Budgetary Control Review - March 2016 -
		outcomes.				Good Assurance
		The authority continuously improves its performance management.				
		periormance management.				
AF25	Identification of the	The authority has successfully implemented	Annual	Directors Assurance Statements		Annual Governance Statement
AF25		clear policies, structures and processes for	Governance	- Directors Assurance Statements		- Annual Governance Statement
		risk management.	Statement	Corporate Risk Management Process - Oversight and reporting to		• 2014/15 Internal Audit Plan and Reports
	objectives		I .	GPC Quarterly.		
		The authority has developed a programme of risk management training for relevant staff.		Corporate Risk Register		• 2015/16 Internal Audit Plan and Reports
		risk management training for relevant stant.		- Corporate hisk negister		
		The corporate risk management board (or				
		equivalent) adds value to the risk management process.				
		management process.				
		A corporate risk officer has been appointed				
		with the necessary skills to analyse issues and				
		offer options and advice.				
		Risk management is embedded throughout				
		the authority.				
		Risks in partnership working are fully				
		considered.				
AF26			Annual	Directors Assurance Statements		Annual Governance Statement
	-	orders/ whistle blowing policy / counter	Governance	Head of Audit Appual Opinion		a 2014/15 Internal Audit Plan and Penerte
		fraud and corruption policy / codes of conduct / register of interests / scheme of	Statement	Head of Audit Annual Opinion		2014/15 Internal Audit Plan and Reports
		delegation / corporate complaints policy /		Risk Management Procedures		2015/16 Internal Audit Plan and Reports
		corporate health and safety document /		Company Piels Parietas		
		corporate procurement policy are in place.		Corporate Risk Register		
		Business/service continuity plans are in place				
		and subject to regular testing and regular				
		review.				
		The corporate/ departmental risk registers				
		includes expected key controls to manage				
		principal risks.				
		The authority's internal control framework is				
		subject to regular independent assessment.				
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AF27		The authority has determined appropriate	Annual	Directors Assurance Statements		Annual Governance Statement	
	the effectiveness of key controls	internal and external sources of assurance. Appropriate key controls on which assurance is to be given have been identified and	Governance Statement	Head of Audit Annual Opinion		2014/15 Internal Audit Plan and Reports	
		agreed including public opinion, financial compliance and service delivery.				2015/16 Internal Audit Plan and Reports	
		Departmental assurances are provided. External assurance reports are collated centrally					
		Effectiveness of the Internal Audit Arrangements.					
		Corporate Governance Arrangements. Performance monitoring arrangements.					
AF28	Effectiveness of Internal Audit	The Council has an adequate and effective internal audit function	Audit & Accounts Committee ToR	Audit & Accounts Committee ToR under the Accounts and Audit Regulations to 'ensure that the Council has an adequate and effective internal audit function'	Internal Audit Customer Feedback Questionnaire	Review of effectiveness of system of audit report concluded that the IA function is effective	
				Internal Audit End of Year Report			
AF29	-	Defects in the Guided Busway are identified and corrected, and the Council does not bear	Corporate Risk Register (26)	Directors Assurance Statements	Quarterly update of Risk Register		
	Busway defects	the costs of repair.		Senior Officer Dispute Resolution Group overseeing resolution process			
AF30	The Pension Fund is	Contribution levels maintain the level of the	Corporate Risk	Directors Assurance Statements	Quarterly update of Risk Register		
	materially under funded	fund.	Register (27)	Investment Panel work plan			
				Perfomance reviewed by Pensions Committee			
AF32	Failure to address inequlaities in the	Wider economic and social determinants, which may require mitigation through	Corporate Risk Register (29)	Directors Assurance Statements Council's Business Plan	Quarterly updates to SMT as part of corporate risk reporting process.		
	county continues	Council services.	negister (23)	Committee monitoring of indicators	process		
				Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, Annual Public Health Report, and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy			
				Child Poverty Strategy			
				Cambridgeshire Inequalities Charter			
				Wisbech 20:20 programme Cambridgeshire 0-19 Education Organisation Plan			
				Cambridgeshire Older People Strategy			
AF33	Failure to deliver	Failure to deliver Household Recycling	Corporate Risk	Directors Assurance Statements	Quarterly updates to SMT as part of corporate risk reporting	Internal Audit Review - Waste PFI - September 2015 - Substantial	
	Waste savings /	Service savings, realise savings oportunties	Register (30)	Strong contract management and close working with legal and	process.	Assurance Vaste III September 2013 Substantial	
	opportunities and achieve a balanced	from waste contract and manage operational risk of unforseen contractual		procurement • Working closely with DEFRA, WIDP, Local Partnerships, WOSP			
	budget	events.		and other local authorities			
				Waste PFI contractor investigating contract for Refuse Derived Fuel option for Compost Like Output (CLO)			
AF33	Insufficient	The number of children who are looked	Corporate Risk	Directors Assurance Statements	Quarterly updates to SMT as part of corporate risk reporting		
	availability of	after is below the number identified in the	Register (31)	Regular monitoring of numbers, placements and length of time in			
	affordable Looked After Children (LAC)	LAC strategy action plan.		placement by CFA management team and services to inform service priorities and planning			
	placements	The unit cost of placements for children in		Effective range of preventative services across all age groups and			
	I.	care is below targets identified in the LAC		service user groups			
		strategy action plan		Looked After Children Strategy Community resilience stratgey			

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Ref		Assurances Required		Assurance Currently Available		
	Key Control area	Nature of assurance required	Source	First level of Assurance	Second Level of Assurance	Third level of Assurance
				Senior and operational management	Compliance reviews, risk management, scrutiny reviews	Internal and External Audit, Inspectorates, External Assurance Providers
AF34	availability of care services at affordale rates	Average number of ASC attributable bed- day delays per month is below national average. Delayed transfer of care from hospital attributable to adult social care.	Corporate Risk Register (32)	Directors Assurance Statements Data regulary updated and monitored to inform service priorities and planning Effective range of preventative services across all age groups and service user groups Coordinate procurement with CCG to better control costs and ensure sufficient capacity in market Benchmark rate to control costs of care homes Capacity Overview Dashboard to capture market position Residential and Nursing Care Project	Quarterly updates to SMT as part of corporate risk reporting process.	