

<b>Title of Report:</b> <b>Performance Improvement</b>	<b>Officer Presenting: Lead Assurance Officer</b> <b>Author: Lead Assurance Officer</b>
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## **1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations**

- 1.1 To update Members in relation to the Council's Performance Improvement Responsibilities.

## **2 Background**

2.1 Part 12 (Performance Improvement) of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 (the Act), Section 90 requires each council, during each financial year, to collect evidence which will allow it to assess its performance in achieving its improvement objectives and to measure its performance against performance indicators or standards set by the Department or any other indicators or standards which the council chooses to use.

2.2 Section 91 of the Act requires a council to use this information to assess its performance against:

- a previous year's performance; and
- from 2017 onwards compare its performance, so far as is practicable, with the performance of other councils in the exercise of the same or similar functions.

2.3 This improvement evidence should be collated and communicated in a report or reports to be published before 30 September of the following financial year (section 92 of the Act).

2.4 Guidance from the NIAO indicates that the Council should publish by 30th September 2018 a self-assessment of its performance for the 2017-18 financial year, which must include content on the Council's assessment of:

- Its performance in discharging the general duty to secure continuous improvement in 2017-18;
- Progression/achievement/outcomes from its 2017-18 improvement objectives;
- The results of its 2017-18 statutory performance standards compared with the same standards in the prior year; and,

- The results of its 2017-18 self-imposed performance standards and indicators compared with the same standards in the prior year.

### **3 Key Issues**

- 3.1 Members are advised that the Annual Performance Report was considered and approved by the Governance & Strategic Planning Committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and subject to Council approval will be published, in accordance with the requirements, by the 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – refer to Appendix 10.

### **4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement and other Implications**

- 4.1 It is a requirement under Part 12 (Performance Improvement) of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014, Section 90, for each council to publish an assessment of its performance during 2017/18 before 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

### **5 Recommendations**

- 5.1 That Members note the content of this report.

### **Background Papers**