



REPORT TO: AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 28 MARCH 2018

**SUBJECT: LOCAL GOVERNMENT BENCHMARKING FRAMEWORK
OVERVIEW REPORT 2016/17**

BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The reason for the report is for the Committee to consider results for 2016/17 Local Government Benchmarking Framework following the publication of the National Overview Report.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III I (16) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to reviewing current performance information for all services.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **It is recommended that the Committee considers and notes the national performance summary for the period 2016/17.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Local Government Benchmarking Framework data, published in December, informs the National Overview Report. Data against some indicator results is not yet available nationally so a further refresh is anticipated in March. Thereafter the National Report and the Council's response to it will be fully evaluated at a future meeting of this Committee.
- 3.2 Summary results were submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee on 13 March 2018 (item 8 of the agenda refers) **(Appendix 1)**.
- 3.3 Evaluation of outcomes for Moray in terms of good performance and areas for improvement will be considered by the relevant Service Committees as benchmarking results are incorporated in half yearly performance reports, due to be submitted to the cycle of committee meetings from May 2018.
- 3.4 For information, a copy of the full report has been placed in the elected members portal and is also available to view on the following link.
<http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/benchmarking/reports.html>

- 3.5 Meantime, the Committee might be minded to highlight particular results to the relevant Service Committees that require more detailed consideration or call-in to a future meeting of this Committee.

4. **SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

(a) **Moray 2026: A Plan for the Future and Moray Corporate Plan 2015 - 2017**

The council and its partners have agreed priorities in the Moray 2026: A plan for the future, with a range of outcome targets included for each of the priorities. It will be important that service committees keep those targets in mind when reviewing the performance data in the national benchmarking result to recognise that to achieve success the targets might mean weaker performance in non-priority areas and to consider whether the priorities and targets should be reviewed or amended in light of the information contained within the national benchmarking results.

(b) **Policy and Legal**

The Council has a statutory obligation to publish a range of information that will demonstrate that it is securing best value and assist in comparing performance both over time and between authorities where appropriate.

(c) **Financial implications**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

(d) **Risk Implications**

There are no direct risk implications arising from this report although effective performance management assists in the management of risk.

(e) **Staffing Implications**

There are no direct staffing implications arising from this report.

(f) **Property**

None.

(g) **Equalities**

An Equality Impact Assessment is not needed because the report is to inform the committee on performance issues.

(h) **Consultations**

The Corporate Policy Unit Manager has been consulted and is agreement with the contents of this report. Service Managers provide input in terms of their response to Local Government Benchmarking Framework results.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 That the Committee has considered the national performance summary for the period 2016/17 and is satisfied with onward scrutiny of results.**

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Background Papers:
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