Appendix 2

Extract from the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 25 July 2019

14 PROGRESS AND DELIVERY REPORT - PERIOD 1 2019/20

Members considered the Progress and Delivery report for period 1 of 2019/20.

The below areas were highlighted:

• Performance remained below target for the average number of market stalls. An action plan for markets had been signed off, along with the relocation of the Farmers' Market;

Members were to receive a progress report on this area at Prosperous Communities Committee in December;

• A workshop had been held in April on the subject of Home Choices, and a number of areas had been highlighted for improvement actions.

Members then provided comment, and asked questions of officers. The following information was provided:

- Home Choices was an important area and both a national and district priority. A number of changes had been introduced with the aim of improving the service; one of these changes was taking the housing register back 'in-house'.
- The presentation and complexity of the housing need had altered dramatically. More individuals are presenting with drug, drink, debt and anti-social behavioural problems; something more was needed by Members and the public in terms of commentary;
- The Home Choices team now have the ability to compare themselves against other districts with help from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) ;
- The criteria for homelessness was now different. There was a duty to assist everyone that presented to the Council, but this duty did not extend necessarily to finding housing. The rates attached to providing accommodation had declined because of the Homelessness Reduction Act.

The main areas of concern in the district were Gainsborough and Market Rasen;

• There had been an error within the report under 'Healthy District' - the number

of people using the Leisure Centre. The numbers were still below target.

RESOLVED to note the report.