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**Subject: Progress and Delivery Report – Projects – 4<sup>th</sup> Period Report –  
January to March 2016**

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Purpose / Summary:

This report deals with the progress and delivery of projects which are aimed at the delivery of the corporate plan. This report highlights those projects that have entered the delivery stage and are either off track or at risk of not delivering.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

- 1) That the Committee examine the report and assure themselves that the arrangements in place to oversee Programme and Project development across the Council are effective.

**IMPLICATIONS**

**Legal:** None arising from this report

**Financial :** FIN23/17 None

**Staffing :** None arising from this report

**Equality and Diversity including Human Rights:** None arising from this report.

**Risk Assessment :** None arising from this report

**Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :** None arising from this report

**Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**Call in and Urgency:**

**Is the decision one which Rule 14 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?**

**Yes**

**No**

**Key Decision:**

**Yes**

**No**

## **1.0 Background**

1.1 Councillors have received progress and delivery reports since 2012. The Leadership team has sought to give councillors information on how the council is performing through its services, project delivery and finances. Members are asked to :

- Identify and recognise achievements and success
- Seek assurance on remedial actions where appropriate
- Make recommendations for any changes to policy or request for strategic reviews

1.2 This report is about the projects the council is delivering in order to meet the objectives it has set itself in the corporate plan.

1.3 For clarity and in order to comply with the council's project management requirements only those projects which are in the "delivery stage" will be reported through this mechanism.

1.4 In addition from time to time projects are rescope and their timelines altered during the delivery phase. That can mean that their status can change. Where this happens, when a project was red in a previous progress and delivery report (at significant risk of not delivering either to the timetable or within budget) this will be reported to members through this mechanism, together with an explanation of why the project has been rescope and new time lines set.

## **2.0 Programme/Projects Overview**

2.1 To oversee programme/project development and delivery the Council has established three 'themed' Boards – Transformation; Commercial and Growth. Each Board oversees projects relating to their particular theme and seeks assurance from project managers that where issues are identified rectifications are in place.

2.2 A fourth Board is in existence; The Entrepreneurial Board, which has an overall view of programme/project delivery with each of the three Boards report to it and highlight successes or areas/issues to be addressed. By having an overarching view, the Entrepreneurial Board plays a key role in resource allocation and prioritisation of work.

## **3.0 The Report**

3.1 This report covers the period from January to March 2015. It is a report "by exception" which contains information on those programmes/projects that are current during the reporting period and are at risk of not delivering their outcomes and/or may not be completed within prescribed timescales or costs.

#### **4.0 Programmes/Projects by Exception**

- 4.1 The following programmes/projects are considered to be at risk of delivery within agreed timescales and/or costs, or the intended outcomes are at risk of being realised. Recommendations and/or rectifications have been offered by the relevant project managers and have been considered by both the respective Board and the Entrepreneurial Board.

##### Fraud Investigation Services - AMBER

Following the creation of the Single Fraud Investigation Service (SFIS) and the subsequent transfer of Housing Benefit investigation responsibilities to the Department for Work and Pensions, many local authorities took the decision to transfer on block their investigatory staffing resource. West Lindsey District Council recognised the need to retain investigatory resource to protect the integrity of its systems and processes and to explore potential commercial opportunities. A new business case has been approved and this project will no longer be amber in future reports.

##### Hemswell Cliff MasterPlan - AMBER

Development of the Masterplan has been delayed. Work is underway to bring this back on track.

#### **5.0 Movement Since the Previous Report**

- 5.1 There is one update on a project that was previously Amber.

##### 5.2 Gainsborough South West Ward Programme - Green

The South West Ward is a priority area and has a number of issues associated with high levels of deprivation. A multi-agency Strategic Groups has been developed to tackle the issues and the causes. Additional resources have been provided to tackle environmental and ASB issues. The partners engaged in this programme are now developing their own tactical plans for the area.

#### **6. Conclusion**

- 6.1 Across the Council there is a significant volume of programme/project associated work underway. The Boards are playing a key role in ensuring that business cases are effectively scrutinised and where projects are initiated progress is maintained. Any potential issues affecting progress or the delivery of projects are assessed and remedial actions are applied.

6.2 From the report provided, Members can be assured that the current position of programme/project development is as stated and that this represents a positive position.