PORATE PEER CHALLENGE – DRAFT ACTION PLAN 2022/23

	Key Recommendation and Required Action	Milestones	Milestone Due Date	Leads
1.	Corporate Plan, Vision and Priorities Use the proposed review of the Corporate Plan, later this year, to	Develop Pendle Profile, hold workshop with Members, and hold engagement sessions with partners and targeted groups.	September 2022	Council Leader Chief Executive Chief Finance Officer Localities and Policy Manager
	define and articulate a clearer, shared vision and priorities for both the Council and Place with officers, members and partners	Agree priorities with Members.	September 2022	
	and ensure resources are aligned to this.	Carry out further consultations.	October 2022	
		Produce draft Plan alongside Medium Term Financial Plan.	January 2023	
		Approval of Plan at Budget Council meeting.	February 2023	
2.	Performance Management Framework	Quarter 1 report to Policy and	July 2022	Chief Executive Chief Finance Officer
	Review the Council's performance management	Resources Committee.		
	framework to ensure that it is aligned to the re-set of the Council vision and strategic priorities. It is important that this is	Quarter 2 report to Policy and Resources Committee.	October 2022	
	focussed on helping the Council measure what matters most.	Quarter 3 report to Policy and Resources Committee.	January 2023	

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	Based on the revised Corporate priorities for 2022/23 review risk registers and service plans to reflect these. Establish quarterly performance clinics and submit quarterly reports to Policy and Resources Committee.	Quarter 4 report to Policy and Resources Committee.	May 2023	
3.	Performance Appraisals Implement/fully roll out the revised performance development	Research best practice and develop process.	July 2022	Chief Executive HR Manager Service Managers
	appraisal process and ensure this reaches all staff. This will provide opportunities to identify development needs in support of	Undertake communication to staff, training and implementation of new process.	September 2022	
	the Council's Transformation programme.	Review and evaluate new process.	January 2023	
		Add any new values to process to run from April 2023.	March 2023	
4.	Organisational Structure and Governance	Review how senior roles can be aligned to corporate priorities.	September 2022	Chief Executive HR Manager
	Ensure both the proposed leadership and management re- structure and review of governance and decision making are aligned to the Corporate Plan. It is important that the Council's strategic vision and priorities are used to guide future ways of			
	working.			

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5.	Governance and Decision Making Identify and source independent peer support for the proposed review of governance and decision making e.g. Local Government Association, Planning Advisory Service or Centre for Governance and Scrutiny. The peer team's observations on areas to consider in the proposed review are			Council Leader Chief Executive
	• Planning – consider cost, capacity, speed of decision making and public perceptions/experience of the current approach involving both Area Committees and Policy and Resources Committee	Report to Council on move to Planning Committee. Implement change to Planning Committee.	May 2022 September 2022	Corporate Director Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager Head of Democratic Services
	• Policy and Resources Committee – ensure this committee is able to focus on the bigger, strategic issues facing the Council and that it does not become pre- occupied with routine planning applications and other non- strategic or operational matters	Report to Council on change from Committee System to Executive Leader/Cabinet arrangement.	May 2022	Council Leader Chief Executive Corporate Director

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	 Call In – review the call in procedure to ensure it is still being used as intended e.g. in exceptional circumstances Election Cycle- the peer team heard from some members 	Report to Council on revisions to Constitution needed to implement change from May 2023.	December 2022	Corporate Director
	and officers who are keen to explore (acknowledging that this was looked at previously) the potential, working within the required legal framework, of four yearly elections. This is in the context of the ongoing financial challenges facing the	Report to Council on possible changes.	July 2022	Council Leader Chief Executive Corporate Director
	Council and the need to ensure any party in control is able to take longer term, bold and difficult decisions	Report to Council on possible change.	July 2022	
	• Protocol for streaming and recording meetings- consider developing approaches to improve accountability, transparency and public access	Report to Policy and Resources Committee and Council	September 2022	Corporate Director Head of Democratic Services
6.	Medium Term Financial Strategy			
	Ensure strong, strategic decision making to meet the financial challenges ahead. This includes	Initial report on the Medium Term Financial Strategy to	July 2022	Council Leader Chief Executive Chief Finance Officer

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	the proposed transformation programme which will include looking at the future strategic	Policy and Resources Committee.		Transformation Director
	Leisure offer for Pendle and the Liberata Contract which includes many of the Council's strategic services	Second report on the Medium Term Financial Strategy to Policy and Resources Committee.	December 2022	
	Update the Medium Term Financial Strategy to align with the 2022/23 new corporate priorities whilst also reflecting the need for budget savings and the outcomes of the Transformation Programme work including the Liberata contract and the Pendle Leisure Trust contract.	Council approval of budget for 2023/24.	February 2023.	
7.	Capital Budget Ensure project and programme management capacity to maintain			Chief Executive Chief Finance Officer
	momentum on delivery of major capital projects and secure funding for the programme as a whole. Review the Capital Programme	Initial report on the Medium Term Financial Strategy including review of capital programme to Policy and Resources Committee.	July 2022	
	as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy including			
	external review of the overall funding of the Programme. Funding to be dependent on the corporate priorities and	Second report on the Medium Term Financial Strategy including review of capital programme to Policy and	December 2022	

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	affordability of schemes and taking into account additional resource for the Nelson Town Deal and LUF schemes in Colne	Resources Committee.	February 2023	
	already in place.	Programme for 2023/24.		
8.	Transformation Ensure clear and frequent internal communication and engagement on the purpose of the Transformation Programme. The Council should ensure the whole	Initial report to Policy and Resources Committee setting out governance and arrangements for delivery of Programme.	March 2022	Chief Executive Transformation Director
	organisation has a focus, commitment and relentless drive on the Programme in order to meet the financial challenges ahead.	Quarterly progress report including establishment of Member Reference Group to Policy and Resources Committee.	May 2022	
		Engagement and communication with all staff.	July 2022	
		Quarterly progress report to Policy and Resources Committee.	August 2022	
		Quarterly progress report to Policy and Resources Committee.	November 2022	
		Quarterly progress report to Policy and Resources Committee.	February 2023	

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9.	Strategic Housing Use the review of the Corporate Plan (to be undertaken later this year) and new ways of working developed through the Transformation Programme, to bring a renewed focus on the delivering the Council's strategic housing priorities. Progress on the new Pendle Local Plan, including the Borough's agreed housing requirement, will be key.	 (See above for milestones on development of new corporate plan). Report to Policy and Resources Committee on initial consultations required for preparation of new Local Plan. (further milestones to be added) 	June 2022	Chief Executive Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager