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Performance Report and MOU for 2017/18

Purpose

For discussion.

Summary

The report presents an update of performance against the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) the LGA/IDeA have with the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) about the use of grant for 2016/17 and the finalised MOU agreed with DCLG for 2017/18.

Recommendation

That the Improvement & Innovation Board considers the report and agrees any follow-up action.

Action

Officers to initiate any required action.

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Performance Report

1. Introduction

1.1. This report presents an update on performance against the key deliverables set out in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that is in place between the IDeA and DCLG about use of the grant allocated for 2016/17.

1.2. It also informs members about the MoU agreed covering 2017/18.

2. Performance summary for 2016/17

2.1. The table below summarises the final end of year position on the deliverables contained in the MoU

	Total	Green	Amber	Red
Deliverables	50	48	2	0

2.2. Overall, 48 of the 50 targets were fully achieved by the end of the financial year. The two targets partly achieved related to the recruitment of graduates and the work we commissioned from CIPFA in relation to supporting councils around fraud.

2.3. Whilst we recruited over 100 graduates, unfortunately there was a slightly higher number of withdrawals this year between the time graduates being recruited and placed with councils and them actually taking up placements. The number of graduates placed with councils from the current cohort stands at 94.

2.4. In relation to fraud, only two of the four regional workshops we had commissioned CIPFA to deliver were held by the end of the year. We are in discussion with CIPFA about the additional 2 workshops being held after the general election.

2.5. Key highlights from the last year include

2.5.1. 119 peer challenges.

2.5.2. Tailored support through the use of member or officer peers provided for a total of 82 councils.

2.5.3. Continued to provide intensive support to councils with the most severe challenges.

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- 2.5.4. Helped councils save an estimated £13.2 million through the use of collaborative procurement frameworks and our deployment of commercial experts.
 - 2.5.5. Helped councils save in excess of £26 million through the deployment of our productivity experts.
 - 2.5.6. Created a new database for capturing and sharing innovative practice containing 1,000 examples.
 - 2.5.7. Developed over 700 councillors through various training programmes.
 - 2.5.8. Supported 112 councils on a range of workforce issues.
 - 2.5.9. Created an on-line resource to support councils to strengthen community cohesion.
- 2.6. In terms of key outcomes as a result of the work:
- 2.6.1. No authorities have entered formal DCLG intervention in the year and good progress being made in Rotherham and Tower Hamlets to come out of intervention
 - 2.6.2. Two-thirds of a basket of indicators commonly used by councils have improved
 - 2.6.3. Resident satisfaction with councils remains high at 65 per cent
 - 2.6.4. Almost 90 per cent of council leaders and chief executives say the LGA support has had a positive impact on their authority.
- 2.7. A comprehensive end of year report is attached as **Appendix 1**.
3. **Financial performance**
- 3.1. The 2016/17 outturn shows that of the £21.4 million grant, spend was £21.393 million (an underspend of £7,000).
4. **MoU for 2017/18**
- 4.1. At previous meetings members have been updated on our performance against the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) we have with DCLG around our improvement work and the discussions taking place with the sector and government and improvement priorities for future years.

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- 4.2. Negotiations continued with DCLG during the first part of 2017 and all members of the Board were written to on 3 April to update them on the position.
- 4.3. DCLG signed off the MoU on 24 April and agreed a sum of £21 million for 2017/18, which is a reduction of £400,000 from 2016/17. A copy of the MoU is attached as **Appendix 2**.