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To:	Performance and Review Scrutiny Forum
Date:	4 September 2018
Prepared by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Local Government Benchmarking Framework – 2016/2017 Final Results
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of this report is to:-

- advise the Forum of the publication of the final Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) results for 2016/2017

2. Recommendations

2.1. The Forum is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the publication of the 2016/2017 LGBF results be noted; and
- (2) that it be noted that the Executive Directors will consider the results, to help inform future improvement activity.

3. Background

3.1. The use of the LGBF indicators and the publication of the results by councils is part of the commitment to Public Performance Reporting. This is a statutory requirement set out by the Accounts Commission in its Direction to local authorities on the publication of performance information.

3.2. This report presents the final 2016/2017 LGBF results.

4. LGBF Indicators – Final Results

4.1. The final LGBF results were released by the Improvement Service on 9 April 2018. Table 1 below summarises the number of indicators improving and declining and those where results are better or worse than the Scottish average between 2015/2016 and 2016/2017. 38 (52%) indicators show an improvement from the year before, compared with 31 (47%) previously. In terms of comparison with the Scottish average, 39 (53%) of South Lanarkshire Council's indicators performed better, compared with 37 (56%) in the previous year.

Table 1 – Summary of 2016/2017 final LGBF Results (and 2015/2016 comparison)

KEY:		Number of indicators	
		2015/2016	2016/2017
↑	improving performance in SLC	31 (47%)	38 (52%)
↓	declining performance in SLC	31 (47%)	28 (38%)
↔	No change in performance in SLC	3 (5%)	2 (3%)
N/A	Info not available	1 (1%)	5 (7%)
SLC Results vs Scottish Average			
✓	SLC results better than Scottish average	37 (56%)	39 (53%)
X	SLC results worse than Scottish average	27 (41%)	27 (37%)
↔	SLC results same as Scottish average	2 (3%)	2 (3%)
N/A	Info not available	0	5 (7%)

4.2. The final LGBF results for 2016/2017 are attached as Appendix 1. The results and performance for 2016/2017 have been examined in detail by Resources and appropriate improvement actions have been identified.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. There are no employee implications.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. To further the work of the Improvement Service in relation to the LGBF, each Scottish local authority has committed to make a £2,500 annual contribution. This is met from within existing budgets.

7. Other Implications

7.1. There are no risk or sustainability issues associated with the content of this report.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

8.2. Consultation has taken place with the Executive Directors and the Corporate Improvement Advisory Board (CIAB) in gathering the data, information and explanations included within this report.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambitions/Objectives

- Achieve results through leadership, good governance and organisational effectiveness

Previous References

- Performance and Review Scrutiny Forum papers (6 June 2018)

List of Background Papers

- None

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