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Subject: Report of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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1 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the recommendations of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee in respect of the findings of their task and finish working group on the loan to Oxford GB2.

2 Information

- 2.1 At its meeting on 20 September 2017 the Overview & Scrutiny Committee established a task and finish working group to look into any lessons that could be learnt from a review of the processes and governance relating to the award by the Leeds City Region Local Enterprise Partnership (LCR LEP) of a loan to Oxford GB2 in 2013 for the construction of a hotel near the Leeds Arena.
- 2.2 This work has now been completed and the Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered the report of the task and finish working group's findings and proposed recommendations at their meeting on 24 January 2018. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee agreed the recommendations for improvements to processes and systems and asked that these be brought to WYCA for consideration. A copy of the report and appendix is attached at **Appendices 1 and 2**.
- 2.3 It should be noted that the recommendations of the Committee have already been addressed by WYCA in establishing and developing its assurance framework and its governance arrangements.

3 Financial Implications

- 3.1 None.

4 Legal Implications

4.1 None.

5 Staffing Implications

5.1 None.

6 External Consultees

6.1 None.

7 Recommendations

7.1 That WYCA note the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Working Group and endorse the report by noting the improvements to assurance and governance that have taken place over recent years.

8 Background Documents

8.1 None.

9 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Report to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 24 January 2018

Appendix 2 - Appendix 1 to the above report