

Meeting of the Cabinet - 14th June 2006

Report of the Chief Executive

The Best Value Performance Plan 2006

Purpose of Report

1. To advise the Cabinet of details of the Best Value Performance Plan for the current year and to seek authorisation for publication and for the completed plan to be referred to Council for approval.

Background

2. The Council's 7th annual Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) is being produced in accordance with Government requirements.
3. Under the former CPA regime the Authority was categorised as 'fair' and, as such, the Council's BVPP was required to include:
 - a) A brief summary of the authority's strategic objectives and priorities for improvement. This should reflect its corporate business planning processes and community strategy.
 - b) Arrangements for addressing the authority's improvement priorities, particularly the opportunities and weaknesses identified in CPA (or self-assessment where a CPA has not reported), and the outcomes that are expected to be achieved as a result.
 - c) Details of performance:
 - Historical performance information
 - Outturn performance over the past year on all Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPI's)
 - Targets for future performance.
 - d) A brief statement on contracts. The authority should state and certify that all individual contracts awarded during the past year which involve a transfer of staff comply, where applicable, with the requirements in the Code of Practice on Workforce Matters in Local Authority Service Contracts.
4. The requirements for this year's plans have not yet been confirmed but are not expected to be greatly different from previous years. However, as the Authority is now categorised as three star, the requirements may be less than those indicated at paragraph 3 above.
 - a. As in previous years, the BVPP will be subject to audit.

- b. Publication of the BVPP is required by 30th June. Inclusion on the internet constitutes publication and has been the favoured method since 2002, although a small number of paper copies must still be produced.
- c. Requirements for production and publication conflict with the Council's calendar of meetings meaning that approval of the BVPP is not possible before publication.

Finance

- 5. There are no financial implications for this report.

Law

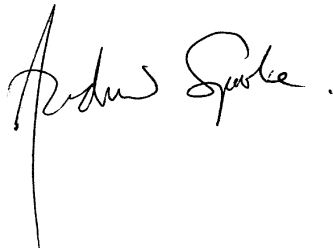
- 6. The Best Value Performance Plan is required under Section 6 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Equality Impact

- 7. The BVPP contains performance information in relation to equality which assists the Council in measuring progress towards implementing its equality and diversity policies.
- 8. The BVPP contains a summary of the Authority's strategic objectives and priorities for improvement which were developed following widespread consultation including specific consultation with children and young people.

Recommendations

- 9. That the contents of the plan, as required and as outlined above, be approved.
- 10. That the completed BVPP be submitted to Council for approval.



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