

Meeting: Audit Committee
Portfolio Area: Performance and Improvement
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BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN STATUTORY REPORT
(Corporate Policy Unit)

NON-KEY DECISION

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1 PURPOSE

To inform members of the Audit Commission Statutory Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) Report attached as Appendix A.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Audit Commission BVPP Statutory BVPP Report be noted.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The December 2001 White Paper - "Strong Local Leadership – Quality Public Services" introduced a revised performance management framework for local authorities and some changes to best value requirements.
- 3.2. The Best Value Performance Plan must be published by 30th June each year.
- 3.3. The Best Value Performance Plan outlines what we have achieved during the year and outlines our plans for the future. As well as containing the Council's plans for the next 12 months, the Best Value Performance Plan must include performance targets against nationally determined BVPIs and local performance indicators.
- 3.2. In line with recognised best practice our Corporate Business Strategy forms the basis of the Best Value Performance Plan.
- 3.3. The Audit Commission are required by section 7 of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Audit Commission's Code of Audit Practice to carry out an audit of the Council's Best Value Performance Plan.

4 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION AND OTHER OPTIONS

- 4.1 The District Auditor has not identified any matters to report to the Council that prevent the conclusion that the plan has been prepared and published in accordance

with statutory requirements set out in section 6 of the Local Government Act 1999 and statutory guidance.

- 4.2. The District Auditor has no recommendations to make on procedures in relation to the plan under section 7 of the Local Government Act 1999.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications within the recommendations of this report.

5.2 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications to the report recommendations.

5.3 Policy Implications

The Best Value Performance Plan summarises the Council's main policy and performance priorities for the next year.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- Best Value Performance Plan 2006/07

APPENDICES

- Appendix A (attached) – Auditor's report on the Best Value Performance Plan