

Meeting: Executive
Portfolio Area: Performance and Improvement
Date: 8th March 2005

BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2005/06

KEY DECISION

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1 PURPOSE

To agree the Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) prior to submission to Council on 6th April 2005.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members note the comments from Scrutiny Overview Committee on 24th February 2005 as outlined in the minutes of that meeting for inclusion in the BVPP.
- 2.2 That Council on 6th April be recommended to approve the Best Value Performance Plan subject to the subsequent addition of the BVPI outturn data.
- 2.3 Members note that outturn performance information for 2004/05 will be reported and included for consideration at future meetings of Performance Priorities and Improvement Group and Executive in June 2005.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) is a statutory requirement for local authorities. 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. The publication date for the Best Value Performance Plan was changed to 30th June each year to allow the document to be based on actual rather than estimated performance information.
- 3.2 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 Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs) and local performance indicators.
- 3.3 In line with recognised best practice our Corporate Business Strategy forms the basis of the Best Value Performance Plan.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION AND OTHER OPTIONS

4.1 Reporting and publication timetable for BVPP

- 4.1.1 The Best Value Performance Plan forms part of the Council's policy framework. As part of the constitutional requirements the BVPP must meet the following reporting timetable. This enables us to meet the statutory publication deadline of 30th June.

Meeting	Date
Performance Priorities and Improvement Group	14 th February 2005
Executive	16 th February 2005
Scrutiny Overview Committee	24 th February 2005
Executive	8 th March 2005
Scrutiny Overview Committee	16 th March 2005
Council	6 th April 2005
Performance Priorities and Improvement Group	Early June * (BVPI outturn data)
Executive	Mid June * (BVPI outturn data)

- 4.1.2 The Scrutiny Overview Committee gave detailed consideration to the draft Best Value Performance Plan at their meeting on the 24th February 2005. Executive Portfolio Holders and officers were involved in that process. Members were concerned about the robustness of some of the local performance indicators in the draft plan. Officers were asked to carry out a review of those indicators prior to publication. (Specific references are made in the Scrutiny Overview Committee minutes.) Any changes will be reflected in the amended version of the BVPP to be reported to Executive.
- 4.1.3 As in previous years, a summary of the BVPP will be included in the September edition of Chronicle

4.2 Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPs)

- 4.2.1 The BVPP will include 2004/05 outturn performance data for all Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPs) and targets for 2005/06 against the full range of indicators used by the Council.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Policy Implications

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

5.2 Financial Implications

The financial implications of the policies set out in the Best Value Performance Plan for 2005/06 are included in the Council's 2005/06 Budget.

5.3 Legal Implications

Failure to publish the best value performance plan by the 30th June will result in the council being in breach of legislation.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- December 2001 White Paper “Strong Local Leadership – Quality Public Services”
- Local Government (Best Value) Performance Plans and Reviews Amendment Order