

Meeting: Executive
Portfolio Area: Performance and Improvement
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BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2006/07

KEY DECISION

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1 PURPOSE

To agree the interim version of the Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) for 2006/07 prior to submission to Council on 5th April 2006.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.2 Members recommend the Best Value Performance Plan for approval by Council.
- 2.3 Members note that outturn performance information for 2005/06 will be reported to the first meeting of the Executive in the new Municipal Year followed by detailed consideration by the Performance Priorities and Improvement Group who will then confirm the 2006/2007 targets.

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
- 3.4 The interim version of the Best Value Performance Plan will be circulated to Members under separate cover prior to the meeting and a copy will be placed in the Members' Library.

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.

Date	Meeting
2 Feb 2006	Performance Priorities & Improvement Group
15 Feb 2006	Executive
21 Feb 2006	Scrutiny Overview Committee
22 March 2006	Executive – Interim document
27 th March 2006	Scrutiny Overview Committee
05 April 2006	Council – for policy decision
<i>To be set*</i>	Executive & PPIG – BVPI Outturn data
By 30 th June 2006	Publish BVPP 2006/07 – Full document

- 4.1.2 The Scrutiny Overview Committee at its meeting on 21st February noted the framework and publication timetable for the draft Best Value Performance Plan. The final BVPI outturn data will be reported in the new Municipal Year at which point that Committee may wish to scrutinise these figures and call Portfolio Holders as appropriate.

- 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 (BVPIs)

- 4.2.1 The BVPP will include 2005/06 outturn performance data for all Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs) and targets for 2006/07 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 2006/07 are included in the Council's 2006/07 Budget.

5.3 Legal Implications

Failure to publish the Best Value Performance Plan by the 30th June, under section 7 of the Local Government Act 1999, will result in qualification through audit.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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