

SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 21st JUNE 2006

CABINET – 27TH JUNE 2006

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ANNUAL PLAN (BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN) 2006/07

Introduction

1. This report presents the draft Annual Plan 2006/07 for consideration. The Annual Plan is effectively the Council's Best Value Performance Plan, (BVPP).

Background

2. There is still a statutory requirement to produce a BVPP but recent Government guidance now gives us more freedom in what is included in this document. The statutory requirements can be met by producing an "Annual Corporate Plan" setting out our service improvement targets for the forthcoming year, accompanied by full details of our performance against the full range of prescribed Performance Indicators.
3. The guidance also states that:-
 - "It is important that the Plan does not become an end in its own right"
 - "the primary audience for the Plan should be the Authority itself... authorities should not view the public as primary recipients of these Plans"

Current Position

4. A draft of the Annual Plan for 2006/07 is attached. This is in two parts:-

Part One is a summary of the major issues identified in departmental service plans for 2006/07 as they relate to the Council's new Medium Term Corporate Strategy. In the final published version of the Plan it is intended to break this text up with illustrations that would make it more attractive, whilst at the same time trying to keep it to a manageable size overall.

5. **Part Two** consists of all the Performance Indicator and target information which we are still obliged to publish in full.

Timetable

6. The final draft of the Plan will be considered by Cabinet on 27th June 2006. Any comments from the Scrutiny Commission on the form or content of the draft will be reported to Cabinet at that meeting. The Plan will then be published, subject to adoption by the Council on 12th July 2006.

Recommendations

7. The Scrutiny Commission is requested to consider the attached draft of the Annual Plan and make any suggestions for changes to be considered by the Cabinet .
8. The Cabinet is asked to consider the attached draft Annual Plan together with any comments submitted thereon and agree to its submission to the County Council for approval.

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