



SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 20TH JUNE 2007

CABINET – 27TH JUNE 2007

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ANNUAL PLAN (BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN) 2007/08

Purpose

1. This report presents the draft Annual Plan 2007/08 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. There is a general expectation arising from Audit Commission assessment criteria that performance information should be presented in forms which are more easily understood and interpreted both inside and outside the organisation.

Current Position

4. A draft of the Annual Plan for 2007/08 is attached. This is in two parts:-

Part One is a narrative summary of the major issues identified in departmental service plans for 2007/08 as they relate to the Council's Medium Term Corporate Strategy. It includes a summary of achievements over the previous year. 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.

Part Two consists of all the performance indicator and target information which we are still obliged to publish in full.

5. In the past performance indicator data has been presented in table form. In an effort to make the performance indicator information more accessible, this year it is proposed to present data using a “dashboard layout”. This follows the approach which has been successfully used for community safety partnership meetings for some time. Data tables will be made available on the Council’s website for those who wish to access the detailed performance indicator tables.

Timetable

6. The final draft of the Plan will be considered by the Cabinet on 27th June 2007. Any comments from the Scrutiny Commission on the form or content of the draft will be reported to the Cabinet at that meeting. The Plan will then be published, subject to adoption by the Council on 11th July 2007.

Equal Opportunities Implications

7. The Plan is concerned with improving the quality of life for all sections of the local community. It contains specific measures designed to improve opportunities for disadvantaged people.

Recommendations

8. 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.
9. 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.

Background Papers

None.

Circulation under Sensitive Issues Procedure

The Draft Plan has been circulated to all members of the County Council.

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