



SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 18TH JUNE, 2003

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

MEDIUM TERM CORPORATE STRATEGY

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the views of the Commission to revisions to the County Council's Medium Term Corporate Strategy.

Background

2. The County Council at its meeting on 28th November, 2001 approved the Medium Term Corporate Strategy which would guide the work of the County Council during the life of the present Council.
3. The Medium Term Corporate Strategy forms part of the Plan Framework and is the key document which informs the development of detailed budget proposals as well as other strategic documents such as the Leicestershire Community Strategy.

Review of the Strategy

4. A commitment was given when the Medium Term Corporate Strategy was originally produced, and subsequently in the County Council's self assessment as part of the Corporate Performance Assessment, (CPA), to review the Strategy. This review has just recently been completed and the draft strategy is being circulated to all members of the County Council as a Members' Information Item.
5. It was accepted during the CPA in 2002 that further refinement of the range of priority issues identified in the original Strategy would improve the focus on issues of high importance and enable clear links to be made with the allocation of resources to these areas. It would also more easily allow a process of performance management to be developed that will enable Members to monitor and hold officers accountable for progress against these priorities.
6. The review of the Strategy is also an opportunity to clarify the emphasis on issues that are seen as being of particular importance to the local community and to reflect the recent development of a countywide Community Strategy and a Public Service Agreement with the Government.

Timetable for Decisions

7. The outcome of the consultation will be reported to the Cabinet on 24th June and then to the County Council on 9th July for approval.

Equal Opportunities Implications

8. Underlying the objectives and priorities in the Medium Term Corporate strategy is a commitment to improve equality of access, reduce social exclusion and address the specific needs of ethnic minority communities.

Recommendations

9. The Commission is asked to consider and comments on the revisions to the County Council's Medium Term Corporate Strategy.

Background Papers

- Report of the Cabinet on the Medium Term Corporate Strategy 2000-05 to the County Council on 28th November, 2001.
- CPA Self Assessment Submission.

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