

SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 7TH JANUARY 2004

**HALF YEAR PROGRESS AGAINST MEDIUM TERM CORPORATE
STRATEGY AND COMMUNITY STRATEGY**

**JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR OF
RESOURCES**

Purpose of report

1. To summarise progress to the end of September against the commitments made by the Council in the Medium Term Corporate Strategy (MTCS) and the Community Strategy.
2. The relevant Scrutiny Committees will receive reports at their meetings on-
 - i) Highways , Transportation and Waste – 4th December 2003
 - ii) Health and Social Care – 8th December 2003
 - iii) Education – 10th December 2003
 - iv) Community Services – 15th December 2003
 - v) Scrutiny Commission – 7th January 2004

Background

3. In previous years a half year progress report has been produced based on the targets and commitments in the Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP). Now that the Council's major priorities are set out in the Medium Term Corporate Strategy (MTCS) and the Community Strategy this progress report focuses on those documents, as well as the more detailed targets in the BVPP which underpin them.

Current Position

4. Appendix A attached summarises the priorities listed in the MTCS which are relevant to this Committee. It also includes the issues on which the County Council is the lead or only contributor to actions included in the Community Strategy. Many of the latter overlap with actions in the MTCS so it is logical to report progress on them at the same time. It is not yet possible to report progress on several targets that rely on data collection or surveys that will be carried out later in the year. Appendix A also includes a short summary of specific actions that have been taken and any problems arising against the priority issues.

5. Appendix B gives details of progress against the Performance Indicator targets included in the BVPP. It shows the original target and the current estimate of performance. Where this varies by more than 10% from the original estimate a brief explanation is also given.
6. A separate arrangement is being set up with our partners to monitor progress on the PSA targets. The County Council's contribution to these targets is incorporated in the MTCS and is therefore included in Appendix A as part of the report of progress on the MTCS.
7. It appears that good progress is being made on most of the priority issues in the MTCS and against the relevant performance indicators, although there are some variations from original targets for a variety of reasons as indicated in the Appendices. Members are therefore asked to note the current position and consider if they wish to comment or ask for further information on particular issues.

Equal Opportunities Implications

8. None.

Background Papers

Medium Term Corporate Strategy
Community Strategy
Best Value Performance Plan

Circulation under Sensitive Issues Procedure

None.

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