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Gary Ridley Acting Chief Executive

18th June 2008

Dear Councillor,

I hereby give you Notice that a Special Meeting of the **POLICY AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, CROOK** on **THURSDAY 26th JUNE 2008** at **5.00 P.M.**

AGENDA

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1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations Of Interest

Members are invited to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interest in matters appearing on the agenda and the nature of their interest.

Members should use either of the following declarations:

Personal Interest – to be used where a Member will be remaining and participating on the debate and any vote:

I have a personal interest in agenda item (...) regarding the report on (...) because I am (...)

Personal and Prejudicial Interest – to be used where a Member will be withdrawing from the room for that item:

I have a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item (...) regarding the report on (...) because I am (...)

Officers are also invited to declare any interest in any matters appearing on the agenda.

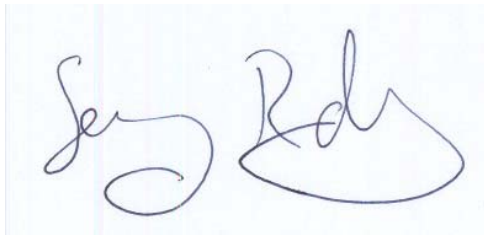
NOTE: Members are requested to complete the enclosed declarations form and, after declaring interests verbally, to hand the form in to the Committee Administrator.

3. To consider the Best Value Performance Plan 2008/09.

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4. To consider a report on a public sector Housing Stock Condition Survey.* 78 - 80
5. *It is likely that item 4 will be taken in the closed part of the meeting in accordance with paragraph 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) Order 2006.

Yours faithfully



Acting Chief Executive

Members of this Committee: Councillors Mrs Bolam, Buckham, Mrs Burn, Ferguson*, Gale, Grogan, Harrison, Hayton, Henry, Kay, Kingston, Mews, Perkins, Stonehouse, Taylor, Mrs Todd*and Zair.

*ex-officio, non-voting capacity.

Chair: Councillor Taylor

Deputy Chair: Councillor Zair

TO: All other Members of the Council for information
Management Team

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FORM

NAME AND DATE OF COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	NATURE OF INTEREST AND REASONS	PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE

POLICY & STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

26th JUNE 2008

Report of the Chief Executive
BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN, 2008-09

purpose of the report

1. The purpose of the report is to present for approval the Council's draft annual Best Value Performance Plan for 2008/2009 attached at annex A.

background

2. Councils are required by statute to publish their Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) by 30 June each year. A copy of this year's draft publication is attached at annex A of this report.
3. This is the final Best Value Performance Plan that Wear Valley District Council will produce. For this reason, the Council has decided to change the format slightly to include a summary of our previous achievements.
4. In addition, to meet our statutory requirements, a summary version of the plan was distributed to the public in the spring edition of the Council's newspaper 'Wear Valley Matters' as the Citizens Promise.
5. The full plan will be published on the Council's website. Much of the content and format of the plan is dictated by the Government, and it is subject to external audit. It contains a range of information relating to the Council's priorities, achievements and performance. The Council's financial information was produced earlier this year in the Annual Report and distributed to all households.
6. This document is subject to change in terms of format, design and minor contextual changes.

financial implications

7. There are no financial implications to consider.

legal implications

8. There is a statutory deadline of the 30th June for the publication of the BVPP.

human resource implications

9. There are no human resource implications to consider.

information technology

10. IT implications have been considered during the preparation of this report and are not in conflict with Council policy.

crime and disorder and other implications

11. There is no direct implication to consider with the publication of the BVPP.

timescale

12. There is a statutory deadline of the 30th June for the publication of the BVPP.

monitoring

13. Monitoring of the plan is undertaken in line with Council policy. This includes a quarterly report of all BVPIs, and 6-monthly performance clinics.

data quality

14. The performance information and data contained within this report is consistent with Council's Data Quality Strategy and was subjected to a formal data quality audit.

recommendation

- i That Council approve the publication of the Council's 2008/2009 Best Value Performance Plan.

Officer responsible for the report

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