

Report to: **Audit Committee**

Date: **29th March 2007**

Report of: **Principal Corporate Development Officer**

Subject: **Best Value Performance Plan Summary document**

Ward: **All**

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update Members on the publication of the Best Value Performance Plan Summary document for 2007/8

2.0 Consultation

The performance information in the summary document has been taken from the Annual Direction of Travel Self Assessment and the headline information from the high-level actions and targets within the Corporate Plan, which has been updated with information received from Management Team and Corporate Support Team

3.0 Background

- 3.1 In accordance with the Local Government Act 1999, the Council has a duty to prepare and publish a summary of the Council's performance, ahead of the publication of the annual Best Value Performance Plan. The summary information should be published by 31st March every year. The content, format and communication method of the BVPP summary is not prescribed within the legislation, it is left up to each individual Authority to determine.

4.0 Best Value Performance Summary document

- 4.1 Prior to last year, the summary document has been published as a leaflet and sent out to all households within the district. As you may recall, last year the information was included within March's edition of Infopoint with an additional 3,000 copies printed as a leaflet for reception areas, public buildings etc.
- 4.2 As it is considered best practise, and to make efficiency savings, this year, it was decided to incorporate the Best Value Performance information with the Council Tax leaflet, which is distributed to each household in March. In this way, all residents have been informed of the financial data around their new Council Tax bill, as well as the headline performance data, showing the main objectives of the Council and what has been delivered during the last year. Additional copies have also been printed to be placed on reception areas and included where appropriate as a corporate document, for example for use in Senior level recruitment exercises.
- 4.3 A copy of the final document is attached for Members' information

5. Implications

5.1 Financial Implications

The summary document was financed through existing budgets. The overall cost of producing this document has significantly reduced over the last 2 years

5.2 Legal Implications

The summary document is published in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999

5.3 Policy Implications

Performance is a key component of the Audit Commission's CPA framework

5.4 Risk Implications

A risk assessment has been carried out.

6. Communications

Highlight messages about the current performance are being developed for communication to all staff. Directors are continuing to discuss performance in their own Directorates and management teams.

7. Corporate Implications

7.1 Corporate Plan and Priorities

The BVPP summary document complements the Corporate Plan, as it summarises performance against the Best Value Performance Indicators, as well as the actions and targets set against the 9 Corporate Objectives.

7.2 Service Plans

Performance will be taken into account in reviewing future service plans.

7.3 Performance Management and Scrutiny

7.4 Sustainability

There are no sustainability implications.

7.5 Expenditure related to 'well-being' powers

There are no direct well being implications.

7.6 Human Resource Implications

There are no HR implications.

7.7 Information Technology

There are no I.T. implications.

7.8 Equality and Diversity

There are no direct Equality and Diversity implications.

7.9 Crime and Disorder

There are no direct crime and disorder implications.

7.10 Human Rights

There are no human rights implications.

7.11 Social Inclusion

There are no direct social inclusion implications.

7.12 Procurement

There are no specific procurement issues.

8. Recommendations

Members are recommended to:

- 8.1 Note the production of this year's Best Value Performance Plan Summary document

Background Papers

Best Value Performance Plan 2006/7
Direction of Travel statement November 2006
Corporate Plan 2005/6
Priority Action Plan 2007/8