

Report of the Head of Corporate Policy

Purpose of the Report

1 The purpose of this report is to provide an end of year performance update (2004/05) for Best Value Performance Indicators and LPSA's relevant to Strong, Healthy, and Safe Communities.

Comments

- 2 Attached as Appendix 1 is a table of the relevant indicators showing performance since 2000/2001 to date, and draft targets up to 2007/08. The 2004/05 actual figures are those that will be reported to the Audit Commission and appear in our Corporate & Best Value Performance Plan 2005/06.
- 3 Of the 28 BVPIs relevant to Promoting Strong, Healthy, Safe Communities that we are reporting, 10 have achieved the targets set for 2004/05, 7 have improved since 2003/04 although did not achieve target, 5 had deteriorated performance, 3 remain estimates or cannot be reported at this point, and 3 are significantly amended so trends cannot be established.
- 4 Of particular note within those that achieved target:
 - BV53 Intensive home care per 1,000 population. Performance against this indicator has been consistently top quartile since 2001/02. A steadily improving trend has led to performance exceeding the target in 2004/05.
 - BV54 Older people helped to live at home per 1,000 population. Performance against this indicator has improved and final outturn exceeds the target for 04/05.
 - BV166a Trading Standards checklist. With performance at 100% since 2000/01, this indicator is consistently top quartile.
- 5 Of particular note within those with deteriorated performance:
 - BV49 Stability of placements of children looked after. The purpose of this indicator is to encourage the stability of looked after children. Authorities are therefore required to report when such children have had 3 or more placements during the year. Although performance has deteriorated and we have missed our target by 2.3%, it should be noted that 0 – 16% is considered "very good" performance.

 BV117 – the number of physical visits to library premises per 1,000 population. Performance has deteriorated since 2003/04 although it should be noted that the indicator has been deleted from the BVPI suite for 2005/06.

Local Public Service Agreement

6 Final performance is now available for LPSA targets relevant to Promoting Strong Healthy Safe Communities. Mixed performance has been realised by the three targets most aligned to this committee. Attached as Appendix 2 is a table showing baseline and final performance. Of the 5 indicators used to measure the LPSA targets, 2 were fully achieved, 1 achieved the 60% improvement threshold and 2 failed to meet their stretch targets

Recommendations

- 7 That Communities Scrutiny Sub-Committee Members:
 - (i) note the contents of this report
 - (ii) agree to receiving quarterly performance progress reports throughout 2005/06