

Scrutiny Sub-Committee to Promote Strong, Healthy and Safe Communities

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Performance Management

Report of Head of Overview and Scrutiny

Purpose of Report

1. To explain the way in which the Sub-Committee seeks to monitor performance in relation to issues within its jurisdiction.

Background

2. The Overview and Scrutiny Committees have an important role in the Council's overall arrangements for Performance Management. Regular reports on key performance issues are provided to the Sub-Committee to assist in this role.
3. All local authorities are required to publicly report their achievements in relation to a large number of performance indicators. These indicators are prescribed by the Government and are sometimes referred to as Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs). For this Sub-Committee, there are also a number of other Performance Indicators (which, in due course, will be provided by the Social Care and Health Service) including information about how the Council is delivering the Local Public Service Agreement which is an Agreement between the Council and Central Government about specific improvements in services. These indicators provide an opportunity to assess the Council's performance and some involve comparison of performance on a national basis.
4. Each Scrutiny Sub-Committee receives a quarterly report about the relevant Performance Indicators for that Sub-Committee. This information is provided in a symbol form. The relevance of the symbols will be explained in more detail at the Sub-Committee meeting.
5. The attached report from the Head of Corporate Policy explains the relevant performance management information for the Communities Sub-Committee. The main purpose of this item will be to provide an explanation about this information particularly for new Members and to give some guidance about those areas to which Members' attention should be drawn.

Recommendation

6. You are asked to note this information.

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