
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 other measures relevant to Building a Strong Economy.

Building a Strong Economy

- 2 We are focusing on four strategic objectives
 - ◆ To create and retain jobs in County Durham
 - ◆ To create a diverse and robust employment structure with high quality jobs
 - ◆ To create the physical conditions necessary to enable flourishing economic activity
 - ◆ To foster an enterprise culture.

Comments

- 3 Attached as Appendix 1 is a table of the relevant BVPIs 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.
- 4 As there are only 2 statutory BVPIs relevant to this corporate aim a number of additional performance measures are also included in Appendix 1. The council was involved in piloting CEDOS (Chief Economic Development Officers Society) indicators during 2004/05. Baseline data are now available and performance against these indicators will be tracked during 2005/06.
- 5 The CEDOS indicators being part of a pilot, and likely to amendment as the pilot is evaluated, it is not possible at this point to provide any targets for 05/06. This matter will be addressed when feedback is received from CEDOS and the indicators are confirmed.
- 6 Of particular note
 - ◆ Jobs supported through local grants and incentives, including performance from CDDC and Durham County Council – the target of 2000 has been exceeded by 321.

- ◆ BV100 - Number of days of temporary traffic controls or road closure on traffic sensitive roads caused by road works per km of traffic sensitive road – this top quartile indicator is maintaining performance at 0.

Recommendations

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

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