
REPORT TO:	SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 11
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SUBJECT:	BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2007	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended that:

- the 2007 Best Value Performance Plan be approved
- the Chief Executive (in consultation with the Leader) be authorised to make any final changes to the Plan prior to publication

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To agree the Council's Best Value Performance Plan for 2007.

3.0 Detail

Statutory requirements

3.1 The Council has a statutory duty to publish a Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) by 30 June.

3.2 Since 2004, statutory guidance has linked reporting requirements in the BVPP to Comprehensive Performance Assessment outcomes. As a 'fair' Council, the Plan must include the following information:

- A summary of the Council's strategic objectives and priorities for improvement. This should reflect corporate/business planning processes and the community strategy.

- An explanation of the arrangements for addressing the Council's improvement priorities and the outcomes that are expected to be achieved as a result
- Details of performance:
 - Outturn performance for 2006/07 on all Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs)
 - Targets for 2007/08 and the following 2 years for all BVPIs
- A statement on contracts for staff transferred under outsourcing arrangements

3.3 Council have also been advised to include details of the efficiency savings they are required to make as part of 'Gershon' agenda.

3.4 The BVPP is subject to audit by the Audit Commission; a formal report on the Plan is made as part of the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter.

BVPP 2007

3.5 A copy of the draft BVPP is enclosed with the report.

3.6 It will be noted that a small number of sections have still to be completed. The remaining information will be made available at the meeting.

3.7 The BVPP sets out our record of delivering local services along with our plans and priorities for improvements.

3.8 It is divided into 6 parts:

Part 1	Setting the Scene
Part 2	Performance in 2006/07
Part 3	Audit and Inspection
Part 4	Plans and Priorities for Improving Services
Part 5	Finance, Efficiency Savings and Contracts
Part 6	Appendices (including the required BVPI data)

3.9 The Plan builds upon the quarterly performance reports that are made to Members as part of the 'Achieving More' performance management framework. These cover the Corporate Plan, Improvement Plan, Community Strategy, BVPIs and service specific actions.

3.10 The key message is that overall performance has continued to improve with 87% of actions/targets (145 out of 168) achieved or partially achieved.)

3.11 Looking ahead, the BVPP also details targets for the 2007/10 Corporate Plan, the 2007/08 Improvement Plan, BVPIs for 2007/08 and the following two years and the remaining actions in the Community Strategy Action Plan.

- 3.12 Many of the targets are 'stretching' in order to secure further improvements in quality of local services.

Looking ahead

- 3.12 The Plan will be circulated to partner organisation and will be made available in libraries and on the web site.
- 3.13 The Government has announced that this will be the last BVPP that has to be produced.
- 3.14 It is likely, however, that there will still be a requirement (possibly via changes to the Code of Corporate Governance) to produce some form of annual performance report. In anticipation of these changes, a pilot project is planned that will use data from the BVPP to produce a shorter, more accessible report. A further report will be presented to Members in due course.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The cost of printing and publishing the Plan will be met from existing budgets.

5.0 Background Papers

- 5.1 ODPM Circular 05/2006 'Addendum to ODPM Circular 02/2004 - 'Guidance on Best Value Performance Plans'

BVPP Working Papers (Policy and Economic Regeneration Division)