
REPORT TO:	FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 9
DATE OF MEETING:	12TH JUNE 2008	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	SERVICE PLANS 2008/9	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That Service Plans for Legal and Democratic, Organisational Development, Customer Services, IT and Business Improvement and Finance and Property Services be approved as basis for service delivery over the period to March 2009. Copies of these are available by following this link

http://harvey/corporate/organisationaldevelopment/policy/Service_Planning_2008_9/2008_9_Final_Plans/

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To consider a presentation on the Service Plans for the following service areas: -

- Legal and Democratic
- Organisational Development
- Customer Services
- IT and Business Improvement
- Finance and Property Services

2.2 Contact points

Service Plan	Contact Point(s)
Legal and Democratic	Andrea McCaskie (ext. 5831)
Organisational Development	David Clamp (ext. 5729)
Customer Services	Pam Carroll (ext. 5784)
IT and Business Improvement	Nigel Glossop (ext. 5703)
Finance and Property Services	Kevin Stackhouse (ext. 5811)

3.0 Detail

Introduction

3.1 Service Plans are a key part of the Council's performance management framework, acting as an important link between high-level plans and strategies, such as the Corporate Plan and Community Strategy and personal performance objectives established through the Employee Review and Development Scheme.

Form and Content

3.2 The form and content of Service Plans has been reviewed and minor changes have been made for this year's plans. This year's plans has been amended to capture a number of cross-cutting themes for the Council such as Value for Money, outcomes and linking priorities to budgets.

3.3 Each Plan now contains sections on:

- Scope and aims of the service.
- Key achievements from 2007/8 and the Priorities for Action in 2008/9.
- People and resources – structure of the service and how this is being shaped to deliver on the priorities and the resources available to deliver on these.
- Performance information and what benchmarking with other councils is telling us about this performance.
- Future national and local performance indicators with key tasks for the next year April 2008 to March 2009. These include actions resulting from the Corporate Plan and the Community Strategy.
- Managing risks.
- Efficiencies through Business Improvement, partnerships and procurement.
- Consultation that we have undertaken and what's planned and how this will be used to shape delivery of services

3.4 The Service Plans reflect the current themes and priorities within the Corporate Plan 2008/11 and Community Strategy 2008/9 and these will be reviewed with new plans being published in 2009.

3.5 For this year plans cover a one-year period and these will be reviewed at the end of March 2009 to link in with these documents. Monitoring/progress reports on service plans will be made to Members as part of the quarterly performance monitoring reports.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None associated directly with this report; implications are detailed in the relevant service plan.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 None associated directly with this report; implications are detailed in the relevant service plan.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 None associated directly with this report; implications are detailed in the relevant service plan.

7.0 Background Papers

Copies of Legal and Democratic, Organisational Development, Customer Services, IT and Business Improvement and Finance and Property Services Service Plans are available on request.