

Meeting of the Council – 16th July 2007

Report of the Cabinet

Best Value Performance Plan 2007

Purpose of Report

1. To consider the approval of the Best Value Performance Plan for 2007-2008.

Background

2. The Council's eighth annual Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) has been produced in accordance with Government requirements.
3. As reported at the last Cabinet meeting, under the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) regime, the Authority has been categorised as a 3 star organisation and, as such, the Council's BVPP was required to include:
 - a) Details of performance;
 - outturn performance over the past year on all Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs).
 - targets for the current year and subsequent 2 years for all BVPIs.
 - b) A brief statement on contracts. The authority should state and certify that all individual contracts awarded during the past year, which involve a transfer of staff comply, where applicable, with the requirements in the Code of Practice on Workforce Matters in Local Authority Service Contracts.
4. The requirements for this year's plans have not yet been confirmed but are not expected to be greatly different from previous years.
 - a. As in previous years, the BVPP will be subject to audit.
 - b. Publication of the BVPP was required by 29th June. Inclusion on the Internet constitutes publication and has been the favoured method since 2002, although a small number of paper copies must still be produced.

- c. Requirements for production and publication conflict with the Council's calendar of meetings meaning that approval of the BVPP is not possible before publication.
5. On receiving a report of the Chief Executive on the preparation of the BVPP for 2007, the Cabinet, at its meeting held on 13th June, 2007, approved the proposed content of the Plan and authorised its submission to the Council for approval.
6. In accordance with paragraph 4(b) above, the Plan was placed on the Internet by 29th June, 2007. A paper copy is available for inspection in the Members' Room.

Finance

7. There are no financial implications for this report.

Law

8. The Best Value Performance Plan is required under Section 6 of the Local Government Act 1999.

Equality Impact

9. The BVPP contains performance information in relation to equality, which assists the Council in measuring progress towards implementing its equality and diversity policies.
10. The BVPP contains a summary of the Authority's strategic objectives and priorities for improvement, which were developed following widespread consultation including specific consultation with children and young people.

Recommendations

11. That the BVPP for 2007 be approved.
12. That the action taken in publicising the BVPP on the Internet by the date required of 29th June, 2007, be endorsed

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