

**DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE – 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2004**

**REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**THE BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2004**

**1.0 PURPOSE**

1.1 To advise the Executive of details of the Best Value Performance Plan for the current year and seek authorisation for the completed plan to be referred to Council for approval.

**2.0 BACKGROUND**

2.1 The Council's fifth annual Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) has been produced in accordance with Government requirements.

2.2 As an authority categorised in CPA as 'fair', the Council's BVPP must include:

- a) A brief summary of the authority's strategic objectives and priorities for improvement. This should reflect its corporate business planning processes and community strategy.
- b) Arrangements for addressing the authority's improvement priorities, particularly the opportunities and weaknesses identified in CPA (or self-assessment where a CPA has not reported), and the outcomes that are expected to be achieved as a result.
- c) Details of performance:
  - outturn performance over the past year on all Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPI's)
  - Targets for the current year and subsequent 2 years for all BVPI's.
- d) 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.

2.3 Those requirements are less than in previous years but, as before, the BVPP will be subject to audit.

2.4 Publication of the BVPP is required by 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

2.5 Requirements for production and publication conflict with the council's calendar of meetings meaning that approval of the BVPP is not possible before publication.

**3.0 PROPOSALS**

3.1 That the contents of the plan, as outlined, be approved.

3.2 That the completed BVPP be submitted to Council for approval.

**4.0 FINANCE**

4.1 There are no financial implications for this report.

**5.0 LAW**

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

**6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

6.1 The BVPP contains performance information in relation to equality which assists the Council in measuring progress towards implementing its equality and diversity policies.

**7.0 RECOMMENDATION**

7.1 That the proposals in paragraph 3.0 be agreed.

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