

REPORT TO THE COUNCIL

Report No.8

Date of Meeting	26 June 2007
Title of Report	Best Value Performance Plan 2007/08
Link to Corporate Priorities	The Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) links to all corporate priorities
Key Decision	No
Public Report	Yes

Summary of Report

This report presents the Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) 2007/08 for approval.

Officer Recommendations

That Council approve the Best Value Performance Plan for 2007/08.

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
None	None	None	None	None
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report presents the Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) 2007/08 for approval.

2. Options and Options Appraisal

- 2.1 None. Publication of the Best Value Performance Plan by 30 June each year is a statutory requirement.

3. Background Information

- 3.1 The BVPP is a statutory duty and it forms part of the Council's performance management process. To provide a comprehensive report on the Council's performance and to meet statutory requirements, it must include:
- 3.1.1 A brief summary of the authority's strategic objectives and priorities for improvement, reflecting its corporate/business planning processes and community strategy (p6-24 of BVPP).
 - 3.1.2 Details of arrangements for addressing the authority's improvement priorities, particularly the opportunities and weaknesses identified in CPA and the outcomes that are expected to be achieved as a result (p37 of BVPP).
 - 3.1.3 Details of performance:
 - Assessment of direction of travel in performance (p33 of BVPP)
 - Outturn performance over the past year (2006/07) on all Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs) (Appendix 1 to BVPP)
 - Targets for the current year and subsequent 2 years for all BVPIs (Appendix 1 to BVPP)
 - 3.1.4 A brief statement to 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 (p32 of BVPP)
- 3.2 The BVPP needs to be adopted by Council and published by 30 June 2007. Failure to comply with the requirements may result in an audit reservation.
- 3.3 The draft BVPP was presented to the Executive on 7 June 2007, to give members the opportunity to make comments on the document, prior to its submission to Council.

4. Using the BVPP

- 4.1 Detailed information on all BVPIs is given at Appendix 1 to the BVPP, including direction of travel in performance, whether targets have been met, how performance compares to other district councils, and targets for the next 3 years. A brief commentary on performance and targets has also been included for each indicator.
- 4.2 It should be noted that reviewing PI information in isolation does not provide a complete picture of how well a service is performing, but it can identify areas of concern that may require further investigation.
- 4.3 Areas of concern or perceived under-performance can be monitored via performance updates to Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This method of exception reporting was introduced in the 3rd quarter of 2006/07, to closely monitor poorly performing performance indicators that were in key areas.

5. Summary of Performance

- 5.1 An analysis of performance information is provided at pages 33-35 of the BVPP. For the first time in four years, the proportion of indicators that have improved has increased in 2006/07. However, in comparison to other district councils, the Council's overall performance has deteriorated from 2005/06 to 2006/07. BVPIs were equally spread across the 4 quartiles for 2005/06, but have a higher proportion in the bottom two quartiles in 2006/07.

6. Risk Analysis

- 7.1 No risks have been identified in relation to the recommendations of this report.

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Best Value Performance Plan 2007/08• Appendix 1 – Best Value Performance Indicators, 2006/07 Outturns & 2007-10 Targets• Appendix 2 – Local Performance Indicators 2006/07
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ODPM Circular 05/2006 - GUIDANCE ON BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLANS

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
<input type="checkbox"/> Best Value Performance Plan 2007/08	Executive: 7 June 2007	E8