

**KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S GROUP**

**Resources Executive Committee
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**Report Number C/03/05
Performance Target Setting 2005 to 2008**

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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To adopt the National and Local Performance Targets for 2005 to 2008.

2.0 Financial, Staffing & Legal Implications

- 2.1 There are no potential staffing, financial or legal implications arising out of this report.

3.0 Introduction

- 3.1 Attached with this report are the Performance Indicator targets proposed for the years 2005/06 to 2007/08. The council has for many years collected, monitored and reported its performance through the use of Performance Indicators. In many instances this has been through the use of statutory indicators or local indicators that services have chosen to adopt.
- 3.2 Since 2000 the council has been publishing its targets for the future along with the previous years actuals in the Best Value Performance Plan. This also shows comparative performance with other authorities to provide a useful source of information on how the council is performing overall and to put this in context at a national level.
- 3.3 As members are aware the requirement to publish the Best Value Performance Plan is the 30th June each year so that performance actual information can be included. The targets put forward to this committee are those proposed to be published in the next Best Value Performance Plan. They will however be adopted from April 2005.
- 3.4 The targets set out are in line with government guidance and local circumstance. The council has not yet received the statutory guidance on the targets to collect in 2005/06. Therefore as in previous years, late guidance and/or change in circumstance has meant that one or two targets may change nearer to the publication date to ensure it is up to date.

- 3.5 The table below reflects how our indicators compare with the national data set between 2002/03 and 2003/04. As can be seen the number of statutory indicators rose significantly between the two years. This was because the General Opinion Survey was undertaken in 2003/04.
- 3.6 The table also demonstrates that a greater proportion of our indicators were in the bottom quartile in 2003/04, compared to 2002/03. The indicators in the bottom quartile are measurements of housing benefits, recycling and use of brown field sites for housing. The council has acted on this information and during 2004/05 put in place measures to significantly improve benefits administration and recycling and the draft targets reflect this. With regards to brown field sites we have an adopted target established in the local plan of 50% which follows RPG policy. Past rates of development reflect the allocations made in the previous local plan (adopted in 1997) which were pre PPG3 and contain significant Greenfield allocations. When they are complete and the allocations in the replacement Local Plan come on-line, the rate should rise to the LP target.

Quartile	2002/03		2003/04	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Top	20	54%	24	43%
Above the median	7	19%	22	22%
Below the median	7	19%	22	22%
Bottom	3	8%	7	13%
Total	37		55	

- 3.7 The council has consulted with the Kennet Local Strategic Partnership and also placed a consultation on the web site. Comments already received have been reflected in the targets. Any further comments will be reported to committee for consideration.

4.0 Performance Indicators

National Best Value Indicators are marked 'BV'.

We have further identified which indicators directly support the themes contained in our new Corporate Strategy, these are marked as follows:-



Community Leadership



Supporting strong, safe and healthy communities



Stewardship of the environment



Improving services

In recognition of some of the key areas of cross cutting work we also highlight which of the indicators are helping meet objectives in the following areas:-

XC Cross cutting ie quality of life Indicators

CP Corporate Health Indicators

SD Sustainable Development Indicators

CS Community Safety Indicators

SI Social Inclusion

CH Community Health

Quartile information is shown for national indicators and 4 equates to top quartile and 1 to bottom quartile.

Recommendations

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT; the Committee

Adopts the performance targets as set out for 2005/06 to 2007/08, subject to any last minute amendments in the publication of the Best Value Performance Plan.

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