

West Wiltshire District Council

Council

23 June 2004

2004-05 Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP)

1. Purpose

To seek approval from the Council on its best value performance plan, prior to publication by the statutory due date of 30 June 2004.

2. Background

We have to publish a best value performance plan as part of the Local Government Act 1999. The minimum requirements as updated by the Addendum to ODPM circular 03/2003 published in February 2004, for authorities rated as Fair by the CPA are:

- ⊙ A brief summary of strategic objectives and priorities for improvement. This should reflect the Council's corporate planning approach and the community strategy.
- ⊙ Information which shows how the Council plans to address its improvement priorities, particularly the opportunities and weaknesses identified in CPA, and the outcomes that are expected to be achieved as a result.
- ⊙ Details of performance: outturn performance over the past year on all Best Value Performance Indicators with targets for the current year and subsequent 2 years for all BVPIs.
- ⊙ 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.
- ⊙ Publication on the website, with a reference copy in local libraries as a minimum by 30 June 2004.

3. Key issues

For 2004-05, Corporate Team have decided to change format of the plan to simplify and clarify the information, and to make it more usable.

The BVPP will now be published in two parts. Part A, draft attached, complies with the statutory requirement outlined in the background section. Due to final

accounts work there are still some Best Value Performance Indicators outstanding, and these will be included in the plan, prior to publication, as soon as the information becomes available.

Part B, will contain the detailed service plan pages and financial plan pages. This will be available on request, and from our website and intranet from 30 June 2004.

Financial implications: There are no additional financial implications arising from this report as the BVPP is published in house, and electronically.

Legal issues: Publication of the BVPP by 30 June is a statutory requirement.

Human rights: Approval of the BVPP will not have an direct adverse on anyone's human rights as contained in the Human Rights Act.

4. List of background papers

LGA 1999
ODPM Circular 03/2003 plus addendum.

5. Recommendation (s)

That the Council approves the draft BVPP for 2004-05 for publication subject to any final minor amendments required prior to publication to ensure accuracy and compliance, following review by Internal Audit.

Plain English Guidance Given

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List of Appendices

Appendix 1 – Draft BVPP – Part A

Part B contains detailed service and financial plans and is available on request, on the website and in the Members' room.