

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

Resources Executive Committee

30th June 2006.

Report C/16/06

Best Value Performance Plan & Corporate Strategy 2006/07

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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 For Members to approve the draft 7th annual Best Value Performance Plan and Corporate Strategy.

2.0 Financial, staffing, legal and risk Implications

- 2.1 There are no financial, staffing, legal or risk implications arising out of the production of the Plan.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 Attached with this report is section 1 of the draft Best Value Performance Plan & Corporate Strategy 2006/07. Section 2 contains the performance information adopted by committees earlier this year. Members will be aware that the council has a duty under the Local Government Act 1999 to produce an annual Best Value Performance Plan, which must reflect the strategic objectives and corporate priorities for the council in the forthcoming year. The plan will be published on 30th June 2006 in line with statutory guidelines.

- 3.2 Members will note that following circular 03/2003 there were some changes including the provision of targets for three years ie 2006/07, 2007/08 and 2008/09.

- 3.3 Further guidance was published in February 2004 as an addendum to ODPM Circular 03/2003. This changed the requirement significantly for those authorities categorised as 'good' or 'excellent' for their Comprehensive Performance Assessment. The requirements are now:-

- ◆ Outturn performance over the past year on all Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPs),
- ◆ Targets for the current year and subsequent 2 years for all BVPs,
- ◆ A brief statement on contracts.

- 3.4 The Best Value Performance Plan for 2006/2007 substantially exceeds these requirements, in that it incorporates our Corporate Strategy and

also includes details of key actions to be taken over the next 12 Months as well as other useful information about council services. It further identifies our commitment to data quality and provides links to the data quality strategy and action plan. It is considered to be good practise and also a useful vehicle for the monitoring and review of our plans to continue to do this.

Recommendations

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT ; the draft Best Value Performance Plan and Corporate Strategy is approved for 2006/07, subject to any last minute amendments for the publication of the Best Value Performance Plan.

KDC
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