

**HEALTH PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE**

**10 March 2004**

Attendance:

Councillors:

Hutton (Chairman)  
Love (Vice Chairman in the Chair) (P)

Carter  
Hammerton  
Mitchell (P)  
Nunn (P)  
Pearce (P)

Quar (P)  
Rees (P)  
Stallard (P)  
Watts (P)

Deputy Members:

Councillor Johnston (Standing Deputy for Councillor Carter)

Others in attendance:

Councillor Wagner (Portfolio Holder for Health and Wellbeing)  
Councillors Pearce and Tait

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Carter, Hutton and Hammerton.

2. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting the Committee held on 21 January 2004 be approved and adopted.

3. **HEALTH AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT GENERAL FUND BUSINESS PLAN 2004/05**

(Report HE24 refers)

The Director of Health and Housing circulated at the meeting an annotated version of the business plan that clarified a number of points regarding the Health Service area.

Members discussed each page of the Business Plan, paying particular attention to the new corporate format.

The Director provided an update regarding the relinquishment by the Police Authority of statutory stray dog control to Local Authorities. He informed the Committee that initial bids had been made regarding likely costs, but these had not been implemented into the proposed budget for 2004/05. Therefore, a supplementary estimate might be required later in the year, as further guidance becomes available.

Following discussion of Section 3 'Summary of Core Activities for 2004/05', it was considered that this list should be numbered or annotated appropriately so that cross reference could be made to the sections that followed.

In respect of Section 5 'Service Priorities for 2004/05' Members considered that the column referring to 'Resources' should not be limited to just generalised statements regarding staff time etc. Furthermore, an additional column should provide specific objectives such as interim target dates and end-dates to assist with performance monitoring. These should also be supplemented where necessary with evidence of methods of how particular schemes are to be evaluated, assessed and monitored.

The Director answered a number of questions regarding 'Key Performance Indicators' as set out at Section 7. It was confirmed that Performance Indicator BV86 (Cost of Waste Collection per Household) was intended only to represent inflationary changes at this stage rather than any anticipated changes to the methods of waste collection. It was clarified that LPI RR 02 was to remain static as it was representative of one of the best performers in the country regarding numbers of waste collections missed per 100,000 collections of household waste.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet be recommended to consider the draft Business Plan and the comments as set out above.

4. **COMMERCIAL TEAM INSPECTIONS INFORMAL GROUP VERBAL UPDATE**  
(Oral Update)

The Director of Health and Housing confirmed that the Informal Group was about to complete its studies and that the Performance Improvement Committee would be required to convene an additional meeting in April to consider its final report.

Members were advised that they would be informed of possible dates for the additional meeting of Committee as soon as possible.

RESOLVED:

That the current position be noted.

5. **SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME**

The Director of Health and Housing advised that it was envisaged that a Members Seminar on Drug Awareness and Associated Issues would be arranged for later in the year.

RESOLVED:

That the Scrutiny Work Programme be noted.

The meeting commenced at 7.10pm and concluded at 8.05pm

Chairman