

CABINET

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ANNUAL REPORT 2005/06 (PERFORMANCE PLAN PART 2)

REPORT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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RECENT REFERENCES:

CAB 1220 – Corporate Business Plan 2006/07 (Cabinet 22 March 2006)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Under the Local Government Act 1999, the Council is required to produce an annual Best Value Performance Plan which sets targets for future achievement and reports on progress made over the previous financial year. This Plan must contain certain information (as set out in ODPM Circular 05/2006) and must be published by 30 June. Under the Council's Constitution, the Performance Plan must be approved by full Council.

To make the information more timely and relevant to the Council's programme of work, for this year the Performance Plan is being produced in two sections. The first of these – entitled the Corporate Business Plan 2006/07 – was considered by Cabinet in March 2006 and agreed by Council on 19 April.

The second section, the Annual Report, is attached. This includes information on progress made during 2005/06 to achieve the agreed corporate priorities and detailed information on achievements against national Best Value Performance Indicators. The report also includes detailed targets for improvement against key performance indicators. The performance indicators are still undergoing some final checks and may need to be amended before the report is agreed by Council.

The Performance Plan in total and the returns on national Best Value Performance Indicators are subject to external audit, with any significant failures to comply with legislation or collect indicators correctly potentially leading to a qualification in the audit letter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 That it be recommended to Council that the Annual Report (Performance Plan Part 2) 2005/06 be approved.
- 2 That the Chief Executive be authorised to complete and refine the text of the document, in consultation with the Leader, for recommendation to Council.

RELEVANCE TO CORPORATE STRATEGY

The Performance Plan as a whole sets out targets for performance over the coming years and progress made towards these aims over the previous year. The Annual Report focuses on progress made during the previous financial year.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The Annual Report sets out the progress achieved over the last financial year. The budget for that year was designed to allow business targets to be met.

Resources have been allocated in the Best Value budget for producing this year's Performance Plan.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Database of Council's performance against national performance indicators held in Chief Executive's Department.

Audit Commission database of national performance indicators.

APPENDICES:

Draft Annual Report 2005/06 (Performance Plan Part 2)