

# REPORT TO CABINET AND COUNCIL

REPORT OF: Director of Operational Services

REPORT NO. DOS255

DATE: Cabinet 11<sup>th</sup> October 2004 and Council 28<sup>th</sup> October 2004

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| <b>TITLE:</b>                                     | <b>Review of performance targets for Best Value Performance Indicators included in SKDC's 2004/05 Best Value Performance Plan</b> |
| <b>FORWARD PLAN ITEM:</b>                         | YES   |
| <b>DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN:</b>  |   |
| <b>KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:</b> | PFP   |

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| <b>COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:</b> | ALL   |
| <b>CORPORATE PRIORITY:</b>                                 | ALL   |
| <b>CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:</b>                    | Performance Indicators exist for certain crime categories   |
| <b>FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:</b>            | Council's Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) is published as a public document  |
| <b>BACKGROUND PAPERS:</b>                                  | Report to Cabinet 12 <sup>th</sup> January DPM230<br>Report to Cabinet 10 <sup>th</sup> May 2004 Draft BVPP<br>Report to Council 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2004 Approval of BVPP |

## **1. INTRODUCTION OR SUMMARY**

The existing best value regime requires all authorities to set annual targets for their performance against a range of specified performance measures. These targets form part of the content of the Council's annual Best Value Performance Plan. (BVPP) Members approved SKDC's targets for the current year at its meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2004.

As targets are set having regard for factors applying at that time i.e. the beginning of the year, it is considered sensible that targets should be reviewed and where necessary, and with sound justification, amendments made to reflect current circumstances. Members will recall this approach was taken last year and certain targets amended nine months into the year.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- I. Cabinet Members are requested to agree the amendments to current year performance targets as shown in Appendix 1
- II. Performance targets form part of the BVPP, a document which requires Council approval. Council are requested to endorse the Cabinet's recommendations on the amendments to current year performance targets

## **3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND ASSESSED**

At the heart of best value is the performance management framework. Central Government uses key performance data to assess local government's progress under best value generally. It expects local authorities to also set itself stretch targets, which bring about service improvements and efficiencies. It also expects that targets are realistic and achievable. Where our performance is already out-stripping current year targets it is sensible to encourage further improvement; similarly if any current year targets are patently unattainable amendments should be made to properly reflect the current situation.

## **4. COMMENTS OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND STRATEGIC RESOURCES**

None

## **5. COMMENTS OF CORPORATE MANAGER, DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL SERVICES (MONITORING OFFICER)**

None

## **6. COMMENTS OF OTHER RELEVANT SERVICE MANAGERS**

All service managers, with Best Value Performance Indicators covering their service areas, have contributed to this report.

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