

REPORT TO CABINET

REPORT OF: Director of Operational Services

REPORT NO. DOS 280

DATE: 9th May 2005

TITLE:	Draft Best Value Performance Plan and Best Value Review Programme 2005/06
FORWARD PLAN ITEM:	Yes
DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN:	April 2005
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	PFP

COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:	All Mrs L. Neal Leader
CORPORATE PRIORITY:	All
CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:	Commentary on crime & disorder performance data and targets Included in the draft performance plan
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:	None, The Performance Plan will be published on the Council's corporate website when approved

1. SUMMARY

Under best value legislation contained in Section 6 of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council must produce and approve a best value performance plan (BVPP) by 30th June each year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet is requested to:

- a) Agree the Council's 3-year performance targets against the national BVPIs (the targets for the local BVPIs were approved by Cabinet on 7th March 2005)
- b) Recommend to Council the approval of the draft Best Value Performance Plan for 2005/06 and
- c) That authority is delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to make any minor changes to the draft Plan that may be necessary following its approval by the Council on 26th May 2005 and before its publication at the end of June 2005.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

Performance Plan

Performance plan content requirements are prescribed by legislation and it is recognised that the audience for the document is mainly the Authority itself plus any interested outside parties.

The contents should give a brief summary of SKDC's strategic objectives and priorities, progress and outcomes over the past year, plans for improvement in future years plus details of past, current and planned performance against local and national indicators. It should make reference to any best value reviews and inspection recommendations.

In compiling the plan much of the commentary has been taken from recent reports to Council & Cabinet on the Council's corporate planning arrangements and review of priorities.

Performance information has been extracted from the Council's existing performance management arrangements and the 3 year BVPI targets have been set by the appropriate service manager and reviewed by Corporate Management Team (CMT).

Performance Data

Cabinet members are asked to note that some of our 2004/05 out-turn performance data is subject to final verification hence the request in the recommendation to allow minor amendments post Council approval of the plan. With regard to our performance in 2004/05, out of the 57 BVPs for which targets were set, 41 were achieved or bettered. This equates to 72%. In 2003/04 only 24 out of 50 targets (48%) were achieved.

Best Value Reviews

In identifying likely best value review areas in 2005/06 consideration had been given to earmarking Environmental Health Services as per the Council's original 5 year review programme. However the inclusion of EH Services in the pilot business process redesign project (under the Council's approved Modernisation agenda) renders the review process inappropriate at the present time.

From the 2004/05 performance data it is evident that Revenue Services are showing a 'mixed bag' in relation to achieving or meeting a number of performance targets. It is suggested therefore that a best value review is carried out in Revenue Services during 2005/06.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND ASSESSED

The content of the draft plan satisfies the statutory requirements under the Government's best value legislation. The BVPP will be subject to a compliance audit carried out by the District Audit Service later in the year.

5. COMMENTS OF DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND STRATEGIC RESOURCES

As a member of the Council's CMT I have been involved in both reviewing the draft BVPP and agreeing service performance targets. I am also supportive of a best value review being carried out in Revenue Services

6. COMMENTS OF CORPORATE MANAGER, DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL SERVICES (MONITORING OFFICER)

As with the Director of Finance I have, as a CMT officer, been involved in reviewing the draft BVPP and the targets therein.

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