# CABINET MEETING: 10<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2005

## Minute CO73:  ALIGNING COUNCIL AND LSP PRIORITIES

**DECISION: That the Council be recommended**

**(1)  (1)  to adopt the new corporate planning calendar as follows:**

- ·   **Residents survey**                                **February**
- ·   **Update of area profile**                         **March**
- ·   **Gateway reviews by LSP and Council**   **April**
- ·   **Review of LSP priorities**                      **May**
- ·   **Review of Council priorities**                **June**
- ·   **Approval of Service Planning pro-forma**  **July**
- ·   **Budget Preparation**                            **August to December**

**(2)  (2)   to promote Affordable Housing and Communications from Category B to Category A**

**(3)  (3)   to endorse that contingency plans are prepared to secure savings, if required, from Category Y services that scored 12 points or less.**

Considerations/Reasons for Decision:

(1)  (1)    Report CEX300 by the Chief Executive highlighting that the degree of alignment between the Council's priorities and those of the LSP, as expressed in the Community Strategy, will make a very significant contribution to the assessment of the District's CPA performance;

(2)  (2)    Following full area profiling of the district, four new priorities have been agreed by the LSP which will be reflected in the revised Community Strategy. Determination of these priorities has enabled the Council to revise the service planning pro-forma to include reference to these within the corporate context;

(3)  (3)    In the light of the LSP determining its priorities, it is appropriate for the Council to review its own priorities.  By undertaking this process now it will influence the forthcoming budget round and can use the outcomes of the Gateway review of priorities reported to the September Council meeting.  A future corporate calendar for the revision of priorities is therefore proposed;

(4)  (4)    Affordable Housing and Communications are issues which arise from aligning our current priorities alongside the LSPs.  It is also appropriate to review and prepare contingency plans in case greater savings are needed from non-priority areas.