

REPORT COUNCIL

REPORT OF: CABINET

REPORT NO: CAB7

DATE: 22ND JUNE 2006

TITLE:	ANNUAL REVIEW OF PRIORITIES AND NON-PRIORITIES
FORWARD PLAN ITEM:	Yes
DATE WHEN FIRST APPEARED IN FORWARD PLAN:	14 th February 2006
POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	Yes

COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:	Cabinet
CORPORATE PRIORITY:	All
CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS:	Yes
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT IMPLICATIONS:	This report is available via the Local Democracy link on the Council's website www.southkesteven.gov.uk
BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Please see paragraph 3.2.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this report is to put forward Cabinet's recommendations to Full Council in respect of the Council's categorisation of priorities and to provide relevant background documents to assist with informing the decision making process.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 At the public meeting held on 12th June 2006 Cabinet considered the existing priorities and associated consultations and concluded on recommending to Council that its future priorities should be:-

(i) Category A (Step-change):

- Anti-social Behaviour
- Recycling
- Access
- Town centre regeneration and the development of Grantham as a Sub-regional centre
- Affordable housing
- Communications
- Use of Resources

(ii) Category B (Incremental improvement priorities)

- Street scene
- Business Development
- Diversity
- Housing Management
- LSP and Community Strategy
- Maintenance of the Council's Assets

2.2 On the basis of consultations undertaken to date, it is not proposed that there should be any change to the services falling within Category Y (service minimums) or Category Z (non priorities), other than the addition of Planning & Development Control and Public Toilets to the Y's as a result of the above.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT

3.1 The Chief Executive's report to Cabinet on 12th June 2006 (CEX343) detailed the timescale approved by Council to provide for an annual review of priorities in May/June.

The review process had a number of strands which are detailed below:

- i) a residents survey conducted in February, the results of which were considered by Cabinet on 8th May
- ii) a Gateway Review on progress on priorities by members of the

Cabinet and DSP Chairs which was held on 26th April and the results of which were also considered by the Cabinet on the 8th May.

- iii) consultation through a round of local area assembly meetings. The results of these consultations will be completed with the final meeting being held in Grantham on the 7th June and the outcomes from these meetings are attached at Appendix 5.
- iv) An on-line Citizens' Jury which is considering information relating to the priorities at the moment and will conclude by Monday 12th June. The outcome is attached at Appendix 6.

3.2 In order to assist members and to inform the decision making process the relevant background papers are attached in the following appendices:-

	<u>Report Number</u>	<u>Details of Report</u>	<u>Appendix No</u>
(i)	Report CEX326	Details on progress on the priorities and non priorities	Appendix 1
(ii)	Report CEX343	Recommendations to Council	Appendix 2
(iii)	Residents Survey	Weighted results for the 2006 survey.	Appendix 3
(iv)	Draft LSP Action Plan	Draft Actions Plan 2006/2011	Appendix 4
(v)	Local Area Assembly meetings	Feedback on consultations undertaken	Appendix 5
(iv)	On-line Citizens Jury	Briefing paper on their findings	Appendix 6
(v)	Resources DSP	Extract from minutes of 17 th May 2006 on Council Priorities	Appendix 7
(vi)	Economic DSP	Extract from minutes of 18 th April 2006	Appendix 8

4. COMMENTS OF CORPORATE HEAD OF FINANCE AND RESOURCES/s151 OFFICER

4.1 When considering the recommendations to Council members should take into account the current budgetary framework and progress made towards achieving category Z savings for re-investment in service priorities, as reported to the Gateway review on 26th April.

5. COMMENTS OF LEGAL SERVICES MANAGER/MONITORING OFFICER

5.1 No comment.

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