

REPORT TO CABINET

REPORT OF: Chief Executive

REPORT NO. CEX343

DATE: 12th June 2006

TITLE:	Annual Review of Priorities and Non-Priorities
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	Yes
COUNCIL AIMS/PORTFOLIO HOLDER NAME AND DESIGNATION:	All
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:	CEX326 Residents Survey

Background

1. As detailed in my previous report to Cabinet on 8th May (CEX326) the timescale approved by Council provides for an annual review of priorities in May/June.

This process has 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 will then be reported orally to the Cabinet meeting.
- iv) An On-line Citizens Jury which is considering information relating to the priorities at the moment and will conclude by Monday 12th June when Mrs. Chadwick, as the facilitator of the Jury will be able to attend Cabinet and present the findings.

Proposed Categorisation of Priorities

2. In accordance with my previous report to Cabinet it is proposed that services be categorised as follows:

Category A (Step-change):

- 1) Anti Social Behaviour
- 2) Recycling
- 3) Access
- 4) Town centre regeneration and the development of Grantham as a sub regional centre
- 5) Affordable housing
- 6) Communications
- 7) Use of Resources.

Category B (Incremental improvement priorities)

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 - 1) Street scene
 - 2) Business Development
 - 3) Diversity
 - 4) Housing Management
 - 5) LSP and Community Strategy
 - 6) Maintenance of the Council's Assets
- 4. 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).
- 5. The Cabinet clearly wish to take account of the additional information which will be presented at the meeting but which was not available at the time of preparing this report and will need to make its recommendations to Council for consideration at the Extra-ordinary meeting on the 22nd June. It is proposed that both this report, my previous report and the Residents Survey all be included as background information for that meeting.

Comments of the Council's S151 Officer

6. When considering recommendations to Council, the Cabinet should take into account the Council's 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.

Recommendations

7. Cabinet determine what recommendations to make to Council regarding the future priorities of the Council.

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Chief Executive