

Subject: Corporate Self-Assessment
against the Corporate KLOE's

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Report to: Cabinet

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Report of: Chief Executive

Portfolio

Holder: Leader of the Council

Key Decision:

NO

Forward Plan

General Exception

Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 As Members are aware, the Audit Commission will be carrying out a Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) of the Council, week commencing April 16th, 2007.
- 1.2 As part of this process, the Council is required to prepare its own Self-Assessment against the themes contained in the CPA Corporate Key Lines of Enquiry. The purpose of this 'Self-Assessment' is to demonstrate the progress and achievements that the Council has made since the original inspection in 2003.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 2.1 The opportunity to improve the Council's 'Poor' rating against CPA will demonstrate the improvement and impact made by the Council against all of its strategic objectives and priorities, including those it shares with the Local Strategic Partnership.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Failure to fully capture and reflect all the improvements made by the Council, together with its partners within the Self-Assessment. Failure to provide solid evidence of these improvements
- 3.2 Council officers, Members and key stakeholders not taking 'ownership' of the self-assessment

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 4.1 This is the first draft of the Council's Self-Assessment against the five CPA Corporate Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOE's). The KLOE's represent 5 broad themes of:

- 1. Ambition for the Community
- 2. Prioritisation
- 3. Capacity
- 4. Performance Management
- 5. Achievement and Improvement

- 4.2 The Self-Assessment demonstrates the progress achieved under each of these themes by addressing the underlying criteria and evidence requirements, attached to each of these themes.
- 4.3 The deadline for receipt of the document by the Audit Commission is the 2nd of March 2007. It is expected that this initial draft will continue to change as a result of a series of 'ongoing- challenges' from both Members and other key stakeholders. The final draft of the self-assessment will go to the Full Council on the 27th February, for approval and 'sign-off'.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

- 5.1 There are no immediate financial considerations as a result of this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

- 6.1 There are no immediate legal considerations attached to the recommendations within this report.

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

- 7.1 There are no immediate human resource implications attached to the recommendations within this report.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 It is vital that the self assessment fully and fairly reflects the Council's (and key partners of the Council), set against the context of the criteria contained in the Key Lines of Enquiry. The document should also demonstrate the Council's own 'self-awareness', of its current position and priorities, and what the Council is still planning to achieve. It is also important that the final Self-Assessment is 'owned' by Members, Council Officers and other key stakeholders.
- 8.2 To achieve this, the Council is engaging with a range of key stakeholders, including Members in the development of the Self-Assessment.

9. Recommendations

- 9.1 That the Cabinet reviews the first draft of the Council's Self-Assessment document and make any recommendations for changes or additions to the document.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
RBC Self – Assessment Feb 2007	
CPA Key Lines of Enquiry	