

Subject: The Council's Corporate Plan including Best Value Performance Plan

Status: For Publication

Report to: Full Council

Date: 27th June 2007

Report of: The Chief Executive

Portfolio

Holder: Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for a Well Managed Council

Key Decision: No

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To request that Members approve the final draft of the Council's Corporate Plan including Best Value Performance Plan.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The Corporate Plan and Best Value Performance Plan clearly lay out the Council's priorities and the actions it intends to undertake to achieve those priorities.

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Council's Strategic Risk Register is contained within the Corporate Plan.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

4.1 The Council's Corporate Plan includes the Council's Best Value Performance Plan and is the Council's primary strategic plan.

4.2 The Best Value Performance Plan is a statutory document that must be published by the 30th June and accurately reflect the Council's Performance against the full range of Best Value Performance Indicators for 2006/07, together with targets against each of those indicators for the next 3 years.

4.3 Following approval of the Corporate Plan and Best Value Performance Plan, an electronic copy will be placed on the Council's web-site by the 30th June 2007.

4.4 When the plan has been printed it will be distributed throughout the Council; placed in various agency reception points throughout the Borough; and mailed to a wide range of stakeholders such as the Audit Commission, neighbouring councils and Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Partners.

4.5 The Plan has been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and the Cabinet, who's comments have been incorporated.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

5.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

6.1 There are no specific legal issues arising from the proposals set out in this report.

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

7.1 There are no immediate Human Resources implications arising from this report.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 Engaging with Members in the development of the Corporate Plan is seen as having a number of advantages, but particularly in creating a situation where the Full Council can take ownership of the Plan for the municipal year.

8.2 Approval of the Plan enables the Council to satisfy statutory requirements. Distributing the published edition of the Corporate Plan to a wide range of stakeholders clearly expresses to them the Council's priorities; demonstrates the actions it intends to undertake to achieve these priorities; and, the outcomes that will be achieved on behalf of local people.

9. RECOMMENDATION

9.1 Full Council are recommended to approve the Corporate Plan including the Best Value Performance Plan.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

10.1 Chief Executive, Executive Director of Resources, All Head of Services, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for a Well Managed Council, the Cabinet and Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.

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