

Performance Monitoring 2008-11

RECOMMENDATION

- 1 To consider how the Commission can add value to the Council's performance management over the three year life of the Local Area Agreement.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 For all local authorities, the change in 2008 from Best Value Performance Indicators to the reduced number of 198 centrally-set indicators was the biggest change since the introduction of Performance Eye, in 2004, or equivalent computer-based monitoring reports in other councils. While each unitary/county council could agree up to 35 of the 198 indicators as priorities for inclusion in the first Local Area Agreement 2008-11 there is a requirement to keep data on all the indicators.
- 2.2 Appendix Two sets out the National Indicators that relate to the portfolio of the Commission, together with locally reported indicators. The data including the 'traffic light' indicators shows the 2008-09 out-turn for the quarterly, six monthly and annual indicators. To interrogate the data and commentaries, Members should access the on-line version accessible through the DerbyNet. The co-ordination officer would be pleased to arrange training for individual members in use of the system.

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Background papers: None
List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications
Appendix 2 – National and local indicators and 2008-09 out turn

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

- 1.1 None directly. However, good scrutiny of performance contributes to good stewardship of public monies and may identify opportunities for more greater effectiveness, efficiency and economy.

Legal

- 2.1 Under Section 3 (1) of the Local Government Act 1999 there is a duty on a best value authority to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness. Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000 requires that the Council's overview and scrutiny commissions between them can review and scrutinise the range of the Council's functions. Performance Eye can greatly assist by enabling a watching brief to be kept on the full remit of services within a Commission's portfolio so allowing members to identify and give focussed attention to areas of concern.

Personnel

- 3.1 None directly arising

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 None directly arising

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 5.1 Performance Eye is a major tool that can beneficially assist the overview and scrutiny function in monitoring the Council Cabinet's delivery of all of the Corporate objectives and priorities