

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION 20 June 2006

ITEM 13

DERBY CITY COUNCIL Report of the Director of Resources

Best Value Performance Plan 2006-07

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 To note the draft Best Value Performance Plan BVPP for 2006-07.
- 1.2 To refer comments to Council Cabinet as appropriate.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

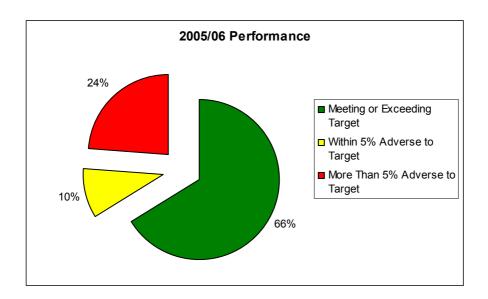
- 2.1 Council Cabinet on 6 June 2006 agreed the contents of the draft BVPP for 2006-07 and referred the Plan to Scrutiny Management Commission for comment.
- 2.2 The Council is required to produce a BVPP by the Local Government Act 1999. The last update to the Act was contained in ODPM Circular 05/2006, which confirms the required content of BVPPs for councils categorised as good or excellent, as:
 - a. Details of performance:
 - out-turn performance over the past year on all Best Value Performance Indicators - BVPIs
 - targets for the current year and subsequent two years for all BVPIs.
 - b. A brief statement on contracts. Councils should certify in their plans that they have followed the Code of Practice on Workforce Matters for all individual contracts awarded during the past year that involve a transfer of staff.
- 2.3 The BVPP is also used to support our corporate performance framework which includes local measures and targets from our Corporate Plan and Local Area Agreement.
- 2.4 The latest draft of the Plan version 3 is available on CMIS at http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=6775. This draft includes performance against both local targets to deliver the Council's priorities in 2005-06 and those we set for our statutory BVPIs.
- 2.5 Looking forward, the Plan sets local targets to deliver our four corporate priorities for 2006-09 and annual targets for BVPIs up to 2008-09. It also lists the targets to show how we will help deliver the Local Area Agreement, which includes the performance measures from our Community Strategy and second Local Public Service Agreement LPSA2.

- 2.6 The Plan also reflects our broader change management and improvement activities, through the Building on Excellence programme and Gershon efficiency agenda.
- 2.7 Officers will continue to review the information included in the Plan, amending items where necessary and incorporating items not yet included in the draft. A small number of targets require finalisation in respect of the Best Value and Corporate Plan Performance Indicators.

Overview of performance

- 2.8 The final BVPP will include a summary of performance against target for each of our priorities. The figures presented here give the provisional position for 2005-06. They remain subject to audit and exclude those indicators where data is not yet available.
- 2.9 Performance compared to target shows a similar pattern to the previous year. In 2004-05 we achieved or exceeded target for 72% of measures. This year, provisional data indicates that we met or exceeded 66% of targets, as shown in the graph below:

Figure 1: Performance against Corporate Plan and BVPP targets in 2005-06



2.10 Provisional data also suggests a similar trend in improvement compared to the position a year earlier, with more indicators improving rather than declining:

Table 1: Performance trends in 2005-06 and 2004-05

Trend position*	2005-06	2004-05
Performance improved compared to previous financial year	63%	64%
Performance the same as previous financial year	15%	13%
Performance declined compared to previous financial year	22%	23%

^{*} This analysis excludes new indicators for 2005/06 as there is no baseline figure to compare.

Approval process

2.11 In accordance with the Constitution and the need to approve and publish the Plan by the end of June 2006, Audit and Accounts Committee will approve the Plan at its meeting on 29 June. The Chief Executive, in conjunction with the Leader of the Council, will then be given delegated authority to amend the BVPP as necessary to permit publication.

Publication

2.12 The Plan will be sent to our auditors on 30 June 2006 and published on our website, with wider circulation to officers, partners and the public from Monday 3 July 2006. Hard copies of the Plan will be sent to third tier managers and above, and will be available to all other employees via Derbynet.

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Background papers: Draft BVPP Version 3 on CMIS at

http://cmis.derby.gov.uk/CMISWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=6775

List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The costs of producing and publishing the BVPP will be met from existing budget provision.

Legal

2. Councils are required under the Local Government Act 1999 to publish Best Value Performance Plans by 30 June each year. The latest guidance on content is provided in the Addendum to OPDM Circular, dated May 2006.

Personnel

3. None directly arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. The BVPP will include performance indicators that measure how the Council is addressing equalities in both service delivery and employment.

Corporate priorities

5. The BVPP includes measures and targets to show how the Council is addressing the priorities included in the 2006-09 Corporate Plan.