

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION 22 SEPTEMBER 2008

Report of the Corporate Director of Corporate and Adult Services

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 The data at Appendix Two sets out the new National Indicators that relate to the portfolio of the Commission. For Derby, as for all local authorities, the change from Best Value Performance Indicators to the reduced number of 198 centrally-set indicators is 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. The gold cup symbol next to N1 047 and NI 178 indicates the two targets relating to this Commission that are included in Derby's LAA agreement.

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 Background papers:
 None

 List of appendices:
 Appendix 1 – Implications

 Appendix 2 – National Indicators

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1.1 None directly. However, good scrutiny of performance contributes to good stewardship of public monies and may identify opportunities for 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