



## Best Value Performance Plan 2008/09

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 To approve the Best Value Performance Plan 2008/09, subject to any amendments agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council.
- 1.2 To give the Corporate Director of Resources delegated authority to finalise the Plan for publication by 30 June 2008.

### REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Best Value Performance Plan - BVPP - publication date and contents are subject to Government guidance. The BVPP forms part of the Council's Budget and Policy framework and the arrangements for approving the Plan take account of the Council's Constitution and the need to include the most up to date performance information at the time of publication.
- 2.2 The BVPP presents the Council's achievements against the full range of corporate targets set for 2007/08 and provides the context for our improvement planning and delivery in 2008/09 and beyond.

### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 Council Cabinet on 3 June 2008 approved the contents of the draft BVPP for 2008/09 and recommended the Plan for adoption by Audit and Accounts Committee.
- 3.2 A draft version of the Plan – Version 4 – is available on CMIS and Derbynet. The latest summary of performance included within the Plan will be presented to Members at the meeting. This draft includes performance against both local targets to deliver the Council's priorities in 2007/08 and those we set for the statutory Best Value Performance Indicators - BVPIs. A summary of Local Area Agreement and Local Public Service Agreement 2 performance is also included.
- 3.3 Looking forward to 2008-11, the Plan sets local targets to deliver our six corporate priorities and annual targets for the Local Area Agreement and wider set of National Indicators where appropriate (which are replacing existing Best Value Performance Indicators from 2008/09). In some cases, it has not been possible to set targets due to a lack of baseline information or delayed introduction of indicators until 2009.
- 3.4 The Plan also reflects our broader change management and improvement activities, through the Transforming Derby programme, service improvement and efficiency reviews.

### 3.5 The key elements of the Plan are...

- Introduction and Derby's Planning Framework, including statement on contracts.
- Summary of performance on Local Area Agreement, LAA, and Local Public Service Agreement 2005-2008.
- New section on National Indicator Set and LAA 2008-2011, with listed three year targets and lead organisations for every indicator.
- Performance tables containing all Best Value and Corporate Plan performance measures, outturn results for 2007/08 and targets for relevant indicators.

3.6 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 National and Corporate Plan Performance Indicators.

3.7 This is the final year the Council will be required to publish a Best Value Performance Plan in light of the new national performance framework introduced on 1 April 2008. Given the significant changes to the national indicator set, it is expected that a mid year review of targets will be undertaken as part of quarter two reporting in October 2008.

### Approval Process

3.8 The Audit and Accounts Committee is asked to approve the Plan subject to any amendments agreed by the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council, and to give delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Resources to finalise the Plan as necessary. This is to make sure that the Plan we publish by 30 June is complete and accurate and based upon the most up to date information available.

### Publication

3.9 The Plan will be sent to our external auditors on Monday 30 June 2008 and published on our website, with wider circulation to partners, officers and the public from Tuesday 1 July 2008. Hard copies of the Plan will be sent to Chief Officers and Assistant Directors, and will be available to Members and all other employees via DerbyNet.

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<b>Background papers:</b> Draft BVPP 2008 V4 – available on CMIS and Derbynet
<b>List of appendices:</b> Appendix 1 – Implications

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

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

**Legal**

2. In previous years, the Council has had a statutory duty to publish a BVPP, by 30 June each year. The new performance framework being implemented from 1 April 2008 means that this requirement no longer exists. Provisions in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act remove the requirement for best value authorities to compile and publish a BVPP. However, due to the potential 'gap' in reporting on 2007/08 targets, the Department for Communities and Local Government has confirmed that they are requiring authorities to publish a BVPP in 2008. The content of the BVPP can be restricted to the reporting of outturn data on 2007/08 BVPIs and a statement certifying compliance with the Code of Practice on Workforce Matters.

**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 Plan includes measures and targets to show how the Council is addressing the priorities listed in the 2008-11 Corporate Plan.