

Leicester
City Council

WARDS AFFECTED
All – corporate report

FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:

Cabinet
Council

21st June 2004
1st July 2004

Best Value Performance Plan 2004 – 2005

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive – Corporate Management

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. To report on this year's Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP).

2. Summary

2.1. The Council is required by Law to publish information every year on its annual performance in delivering services to Leicester residents and businesses. The public facing summary version of the plan was published in the April version of Link. The full version of the 2004/05 Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) is now treated as an internal document. However it still must be published by the 30th June 2004 and it is still subject to audit by the Audit Commission.

2.2. Full Council must by law approve the plan. It is not possible to meet the deadline for publication and have got Council approval. The plan will therefore be published on the Council's Internet site but with a note to say the plan is subject to Council approval.

2.3. The data that forms the report is vast and cannot be marshalled until the end of the preceding financial year. This process is not due to be completed until the 11th June. As soon as all the information is ready and, owing to its bulk, a copy of the BVPP will be placed in the members' area.

3. Recommendations

3.1. The Cabinet is recommended:

- 3.1.1. To recommend the Council to approve the BVPP for 2004/05.
- 3.1.2. That publication is done electronically.

3.2. The Council is recommended:

- 3.2.1. To approve the BVPP for 2004/05

4. Headline Financial and legal Implications

4.1. The cost of publication is contained within the Chief Executive's Office budget. As with previous years this will be further reduced by publication electronically.

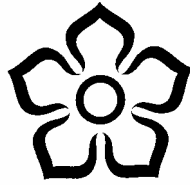
4.2. By Law the plan must be published by the 30th June 2004

5. Report Author/Officer to contact:

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	Yes
Reason	Part of budget and policy framework
Appeared in Forward Plan	Yes
Executive or Council Decision	Council



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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Report

- 1.1. This report sets out the outline structure for this year's Best Value Performance Plan. **The full plan, in view of its bulk, will be placed in the Members area after the 11th June 2004.**

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3. Background

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4. Report

- 4.1. The Government's interest in BVPP's lies in it monitoring performance by local government as a whole towards the National Public Service Agreement (PSA's), as well those specific to governmental departments. There is also interest in monitoring the performance of individual Councils.
- 4.2. For Councils rated as excellent or good (the Council's rating), in addition to a corporate plan, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) guidelines require as a minimum the following information:
- Outturn data for best value performance indicators (BVPI's)
 - Targets for BVPI's in the current and subsequent 2 years
 - Confirmation that the (ODPM) code of practice in workforce matters and contracting is adopted.
- 4.3. The full version of the BVPP is essentially an internally facing document. The aim of the plan is to set out the Council's (strategic) proposals for improvement for the coming year with a clear focus on better outcomes for local people. These improvements are contained in the corporate plan as informed by the Comprehensive Performance Assessment improvement plan. A digest of these improvements was included in the summary performance plan alongside a progress report on those for the previous year.
- 4.4. In light of the above the BVPP contains the following:
- **Material from the best Value Performance Plan summary (published in March 04):**
 - Foreword by the Leader of the Council and Chief Executive
 - Improvement measures, what we said we would do, what we have done and what we will do this year
 - Finance – overall breakdown of spend and where it is derived
 - The Audit Commission's summary following the CPA refreshment
 - Have your say
 - **Additional material**
 - The purpose of the BVPP and its structure.
 - The corporate plan
 - The Comprehensive Performance Assessment scorecard.
 - A summary of progress on the Public Service Agreements.
 - A summary of progress on BV reviews.
 - The 2003 – 2004 performance information tables containing targets for the current and next two years.
 - If the information is readily available:
 - Progress on the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund floor targets.
 - Progress against the Community Plan.
 - A statement of the national priorities for local Council's.

- A statement on adoption of the code of practice in workforce matters and contracting.
- Details of the performance management framework
- The capital programme
- Trading operations
- How the budget was aligned to the improvement priorities

4.5. This year, as the BVPP is now an internally facing document and to reduce costs, the recommendation is that the plan is published electronically. If exceptionally there is a need for a paper copy this will be provided on demand.

5. FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

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Legal Implications

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Other Implications

5.3. These are set out in the table below:

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph references within supporting information
Equal Opportunities	No	
Policy	No	
Sustainable and Environmental	No	
Crime and Disorder	No	
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/People on Low Income	No	

5.4. **Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972**

5.4.1. None

5.5. **Consultations**

5.5.1. Members of the Strategic Resources and Performance Management groups were consulted on this report.

5.6. **Report Author**

5.6.1. Austin Roberts - Head of Performance & Best Value - 7120