

Leicester
City Council

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All – corporate report

FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:

Cabinet
Council

26th June 2006
29th June 2006

Best Value Performance Plan 2006 – 2007

Report of the Chief Executive

1. Purpose of Report

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

2. Summary

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2.2. Full Council must by Law approve the plan. Following approval it will be published on the Council's Internet site.

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 23rd June. As soon as all the information is ready and, owing to its bulk, a few copies of the BVPP will be placed in the members' area.

3. Recommendations

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3.1.1. To recommend the Council to approve the BVPP for 2006/07.

3.1.2. That publication is done electronically with a limited paper copy run.

3.2. The Council is recommended:

3.2.1. To approve the BVPP for 2006/07.

4. Headline Financial and legal Implications

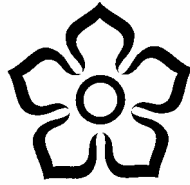
- 4.1. The cost of publication is contained within the Chief Executive's Office budget (Andy Morley).
- 4.2. Full Council must by Law approve the plan. Following approval it will be published on the Council's Internet site (Peter Nicholls).

5. Report Author/Officer to contact:

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	No
Reason	Part of Policy and Budget framework
Appeared in Forward Plan	Yes
Executive or Council Decision	Council



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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Report

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4. Report

- 4.1. The Local Government Act 1999 requires all best value authorities to prepare an annual Performance Plan. This provides an opportunity for authorities to measure and secure continuous improvement in the way services are provided.
- 4.2. For top rated Councils, under the Comprehensive Performance Assessment, in addition to a corporate plan the Government only requires to monitor performance, the following additional information:
- Outturn data for Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPI's);
 - Targets for BVPI's in the current and subsequent 2 years;
 - Confirmation that the Code of Practice in workforce matters and contracting is adopted.
- 4.3. 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 April 2006):**
 - 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.
 - The second generation Public Service Agreements.
 - The 2005 – 2006 performance information tables containing targets for the current and next two years.
 - A statement of the national priorities for local Councils.
 - 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

- 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. Paper copies will be provided for main service points and if requested on demand.

5. FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

- 5.1. The cost of publication is contained within the Chief Executive's Office budget (Andy Morley).

Legal Implications

- 5.2. Full Council must by Law approve the plan. Following approval it will be published on the Council's Internet site (Peter Nicholls).

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. All departments have contributed to the plan.

- 5.6. **Report Author**

5.6.1. Carine Cardoza, Policy Officer, Chief Executive's Office, Ext 6089.