



Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee

Briefing Paper

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National Indicators

1. Summary

- 1.1 This paper reports progress for Quarter 3 (up to 31st December 2008) for the National Indicators (NIs) for 2008/09.

2. Background

- 2.1 A set of 198 NIs were introduced in April 2008 as part of the Government's new Performance Framework for Local Government, Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA). This has since been reduced to 188 indicators.
- 2.2 The NIs have replaced the previous Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs) and are the only measures on which central Government will performance manage outcomes delivered by local government working alone or in partnership.
- 2.3 19 of the indicators that measure citizen's views and perspectives are collected through a single survey, the Place Survey, which has been administered jointly with Worcestershire County Council and will be completed every two years.
- 2.6 Data is reported at a "spatial level", i.e. a geographical area, for example County-wide or District-wide. The performance of district councils will therefore only be reported for those indicators which are defined at the district spatial level. These indicators may however be produced by organisation other than the Council, e.g. the police or Environment Agency. District spatial level indicators are shown in the **Appendix**.
- 2.7 Performance against the indicators will be published annually by the Audit Commission and will be used as part of CAA.

3. Key Issues

- 3.1 Data for the majority of NIs will not be available until the end of the year.
- 3.2 Targets have not been set for most NIs because there is no baseline data available to set them against.
- 3.3 All available data and notes on progress are shown in the **Appendix.**

4. Consultation

- 4.1 Cabinet & Corporate Management Team

5. Relevant Council Policies/Strategies

- 5.1 None

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix – Quarter 3 Position Statement on National Indicators

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 National Indicators for Local Authorities and Local Authority Partnerships: Handbook of Definitions

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