



Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee

Briefing Paper

Report of: Jo Payne, Policy & Performance Officer

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Annual Report 2008-09

1. Summary

- 1.1 To report the Council's end-of year performance with regards to Corporate Plan Priorities, National and Local Performance Indicators and achievements in the form of an Annual Report.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Local Government Act 1999 required Councils to produce and publish an annual Best Value Performance Plan by 30 June to report performance primarily against the Best Value Performance Indicators.
- 2.2 This statutory requirement ceased with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, however the Council continues to annually publish performance internally and externally in the form of an Annual Report in line with the Performance Management Framework. The majority of other authorities have also continued to produce Annual Reports including all other District Councils in the County.
- 2.3 The Audit Commission carried out an audit of the Council's Performance Management arrangements in October 2008 and one of their conclusions was that the Council could improve the clarity over reporting against priorities and outcomes.
- 2.4 The Annual Report focuses on the Corporate Plan Priorities, both raising awareness of the priorities and keeping Members and the public informed about outcomes and progress made against them. It also provides feedback to our employees.

3. Key Issues

- 3.1 The Annual Report provides a summary of performance and progress made by the Council in 2008/09 under the following headings:
 - Our Aims & Priorities for 2008/09
 - More affordable housing
 - Reducing waste to landfill & increasing recycling
 - District-wide regenerations

- Improving efficiency & value for money
- Other Achievements
- Performance Summary
 - Performance Indicators
 - Inspections & Assessments
- Budget Summary

3.2 The Annual Report will be published on the Council's website once approved. Full details of the all performance data will be provided as Appendices however these are not included in the main report due to size.

4. Options

- 4.1 That the content of the Annual Report 2008/09 be noted.
- 4.2 The Committee recommend to Cabinet that Annual Report 2008/09 be approved

5. Consultation

- 5.1 CMT

6. Relevant Council Policies/Strategies

- 6.1 Corporate Plan 2008 – 2011
- 6.2 Performance Management Framework

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Annual Report 2008/09

8. Background Papers

- 8.1 Appendices to Annual Report

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