7: LOCAL PERFORMANCE PLAN 2001-02

Report of Deputy Leader.

- 1 A report on the Local Performance Plan and its summary will be brought to the Cabinet meeting on 5 March, so as to allow the maximum time for Members to become involved in its drafting. I have asked Cabinet Members, who I am sure will wish to consult their PAGs, to finalise their portfolio statements and performance targets for inclusion in the Plan. Part of that Plan will be a report on our progress in achieving the service plan outcomes and targets from last year's plan, and details of performance up to the end of November have been received by Cabinet Members.
- 2 It is a statutory requirement that a summary of the Local Performance Plan is published and distributed to all householders by 31 March. However, discussions with the external auditor have confirmed that an extension of that deadline by a fortnight would be acceptable.
- 3 The important thing about the summary is that it should be readable and accessible to the general public, and several authorities last year made use of a newspaper format, or an insert into a Council newspaper.
- 4 The Deputy Leader has investigated the options and established that the summary plan could be presented as an insert in a 12 page Council newspaper. Printing and delivery could be achieved within the required time frame, and within available resources for corporate communication.
- 5 The Best Value PAG has warmly endorsed this proposal and the Cabinet has agreed that the Deputy Leader, as Cabinet Member for Communications and Best Value, should oversee the preparation of a summary LPP leaflet in newspaper format on a pilot basis. The text of the summary performance plan will be brought to the Cabinet on 5 March and the full Council on 22 March.

6 To provide Members with an indication of the proposed style and format it is hoped to have a specimen available in the Council meeting.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None