

8: LOCAL PERFORMANCE PLAN

- 1 Under Best Value legislation the Council is required to prepare and publish by 31st March each year a Local Performance Plan. A summary version must be delivered to all households, and at the last Council meeting, the Deputy Leader presented his proposals for doing this as part of a Council newspaper, maximising the opportunity and making it more readable and informative.
- 2 The Cabinet set itself the ambitious and challenging task of putting into profile at the heart of the Plan some of the major projects for delivering in the coming year aspects of Council Plan aims and supporting policies.
- 3 Despite the very tight timescales the Cabinet wanted to give all members the opportunity to contribute to this process, therefore, a forum was held on 8 March at 6.00 pm. Notes of the meeting will be circulated separately as Appendix 1, and the Cabinet has amended the draft in the light of many of the comments made.
- 4 The draft texts were also considered by the Corporate Performance Select Committee on 8 March. The comments of the Committee, which will be circulated separately as Appendix 2, were received and welcomed by the Cabinet at a special meeting on 12 March, and many have been incorporated in the final versions along with other changes suggested by members and officers.
- 5 The text of the full plan and the newspaper, which will incorporate the summary, are being circulated separately. The plan itself has been printed at this stage as raw text. However, a limited number of hard copies in a more attractive and better presented form will be produced, and the plan will be available on the internet, which will also provide direct hyperlinks to a great deal of supporting information, most particularly the underpinning service plans.
- 6 I believe that the new four year Council Plan aims, the supporting policies, together with the action programme and improvement targets set out in our Local Performance Plan provide a very strong platform on which the new Council will be able to build.

RECOMMENDED

That the County Council agrees the Local Performance Plan 2001-02, its summary and the accompanying newspaper.

**DAVID SHAKESPEARE
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Item 1

- Cabinet Report – 12 March 2001