

**COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT
(CPA) FEEDBACK – PUBLIC SPACES**

Director of Environment and Planning

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Scrutiny Committee with an opportunity to comment on the ‘public spaces’ theme of the CPA Inspector’s report, considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 7 September 2004.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Scrutiny Committee considers the feedback from the CPA Inspector on the ‘public spaces’ theme of our Comprehensive Performance Assessment, summarised at Appendix 1, and make any comments to Cabinet as appropriate.

3. Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) Inspector’s Report

- 3.1 A summary of the CPA Inspector’s judgement about the strengths and weaknesses of the council was considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 7 September. Each Scrutiny Committee is being given the opportunity to comment on the Inspector’s feedback in relation to the issues within their remit.
- 3.2 In addition to the strengths and weaknesses identified within the CPA corporate assessment the inspection included thematic assessments, one of which was based on ‘public space’. The public space assessment was structured around four key questions listed below:
- i How well does the council contribute to the management of the physical environment?
 - ii Does the council help keep the locality clean?
 - iii Does the council work with partners to improve community safety?
 - iv Does the council contribute to activities to positively engage children and young people?
- 2.3 Appendix 1 summarises the strengths and weaknesses highlighted by the Inspector in relation to questions (i) and (ii) above. The summary also includes:
- Explanatory notes alongside the identified weaknesses to clarify the points made by the inspector;
 - Information about the progress we have made to date in addressing the issues highlighted in the report, the majority of which were identified in our CPA Self Assessment; and
 - Information as to whether or not the action is included within the revised medium term work programme.

4. Improvement Planning and Progress Monitoring

- 4.1 Actions from our CPA improvement plan, to address the weaknesses highlighted by our own self assessment and/or the Inspector's feedback, have been included in our Medium Term Work Programme, considered by this committee at its meeting on 28 September. Progress reports will be brought to each Scrutiny Committee on a six monthly basis, commencing in May 2005, to provide Members with an opportunity to review progress and inform scrutiny work programmes.

5. Options Considered and reasons for recommendation

- 5.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Scrutiny Committee with an opportunity to comment on the feedback from the CPA Inspector and therefore no other options have been considered.

6. Resource Implications

- 6.1 Where additional resources have been agreed to fund improvements these are highlighted in the Medium Term Work Programme. There are no financial implications in the proposed arrangements for monitoring and reporting.

7. Response to Key Aims and Outcomes

- 7.1 The feedback from the CPA inspector summarised at Appendix 1 relates the council's Local Environment key aim.

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Background Documents: CPA report – June 2004;
AVDC Self Assessment January 2004;
AVDC Improvement Plan January 2004
Cabinet report 7 September 2004
Medium Term Work Programme 2004-07
Report to Resources and Corporate Performance Scrutiny Committee 27 July 2004

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