



Report to Cabinet Member for Resources

Decision to be taken on or after 9 November 2007

Decision can normally be implemented at least 3 working days after decision has been signed.

Cabinet Member Report No. **R12.07**

Title: Resources Portfolio Service Plans 2007/08
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Electoral Divisions Affected: ALL
Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee: ALL

Summary

This report seeks the approval of the 2007/08 Service Plans for the Resources Portfolio.

Recommendation

That the 2007/08 Resources Portfolio Service Plans are approved.

A. Narrative setting out the reasons for the decision

1. Service Plans are the formal process for setting out the priorities for each service and the measurable targets against which performance will be monitored. They explain how the Council's Aims will be delivered within a budget agreed as part of the Medium Term Planning.
2. The Cabinet Member for Resources is invited to approve the attached Service Plans, together with the Medium Term Resources Plan for the year commencing 1 April 2007, after which they will be published on the County Council's website.
3. The Resources Portfolio Service Plans cover the following areas:
 - Customer Service and Communications
 - Finance

- Human Resources and Organisational Development
- ICT
- Legal and Democratic Services
- Procurement & Commissioning
- Property Services

B. Other options available, and their pros and cons

The Cabinet Member may wish not to approve the Service Plans, or make changes to their content should they not meet the strategic direction of the Council.

C. Resource implications

The financial implications of the Service Plans were considered during their drafting and the performance targets included in the plans reflect the level of funding agreed, as part of the Medium Term Planning, by the Council at its meeting on 22 February 2007.

D. Value for Money (VFM) Self Assessment

The resources needed to implement Service Plan outcomes were agreed in accordance with the Council's VFM Strategy, as part of Medium Term Planning.

E. Legal implications

None.

F. Property implications

There are no property implications arising from these plans.

G. Other implications/issues

The Service Plans will have a direct impact upon relationships with stakeholders and users of services. The process of drafting the plans has involved both formal and informal consultation.

H. Feedback from consultation and Local Member views

The Cabinet Member has played a significant role in defining the strategic direction of the services.

I. Communication issues

Following approval, the Service Plans will be published on the County Council's website.

J. Progress Monitoring

The Service Plans will be monitored on a monthly basis through the performance management framework.

K. Review

The Service Plans will be reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

Background Papers

There are no background papers

Your questions and views

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose telephone number is given at the head of the paper.

If you have any views on this paper that you would like the Cabinet Member to consider, or if you wish to object to the proposed decision, please inform the Democratic Services Team by 5.00pm on 8 November 2007. This can be done by telephone (to 01296 383610), Fax (to 01296 382538), or e-mail to cabinet@buckscc.gov.uk