

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

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CORPORATE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2005/06 – PROPOSED CONTENT
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Jan Richmond – Chief Executive

Summary

1. To consider and comment on the content and production timetable for the 2005/06 Corporate Performance Plan, which includes Government requirements relating to the production of Best Value Performance Plans.

Introduction

2. In 2003/04 the Government issued new guidelines, which reduced the amount of information that had to be contained within Best Value Performance Plans. The new guidelines provided increased flexibility to 'good' and 'excellent' councils and enabled Middlesbrough Council to produce its first Corporate Performance Plan, which subsumed the requirements of the Best Value Performance Plan.
3. 'Good' and 'excellent' councils are required to include the following information in their Best Value Performance Plans:
 - out-turn data for Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs)
 - targets for BVPIs in the current year and subsequent two years
 - confirmation that they are adopting the code of practice in their approach to workforce matters and contracting

Evidence / Discussion

4. The Council has a range of options as to what to include in the Corporate Performance Plan. However, one of the most important considerations is that the Corporate Performance Plan must clearly fit within the “stable” of other plans and strategies, in particular the Community Strategy and service plans. It must reflect the Council’s priorities and its contribution to the delivery of the Community Strategy.
5. During 2004/05 a significant amount of work has been undertaken both with our partners and internally to ensure that our plans and strategies are joined up. It is suggested that the Corporate Performance Plan 2005/06 should build upon and strengthen this work. In particular it is suggested that the plan should remain in the same format as last year:
 - Part I – providing a strategic overview and the Councils contributions to the Community Strategy themes
 - Part II – providing statistical information including out-turn BVPI information
6. The Corporate Performance Plan 2005/06 will take into consideration new developments including:
 - Outcome from CPA Proportionate Corporate Assessment
 - Mayor’s reduction agenda
 - Gershon and efficiency requirements
 - Revised Community Strategy Strategic Priorities and targets – where applicable
 - Local Public Service Agreement 2
7. Attached at Appendix A is a production timetable for this year’s plan, which allows for sections of the plan to be taken to the relevant individual scrutiny panel and the draft overall plan to come to OSB. However, due to the rather tight timescales involved there will be small changes to the plan after it has been to Scrutiny, any significant changes occurring after the draft plan has been to Scrutiny would be notified to OSB in order to enable further comment if required.

Conclusion

8. Scrutiny are asked to comment on the proposals for the Corporate Performance Plan 2005/06.

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