

## **Report to Overview & Scrutiny 2**

### **Date of meeting: 5 April 2005**

**Portfolio: Civil Engineering and Maintenance,  
Environmental Protection, and Planning and  
Economic Development**

**Subject: Best Value And Local Performance Indicators 2004/05**

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#### **Recommendation:**

**That the Council's performance for the third quarter of 2004/05, in relation to Best Value and Local Performance Indicators for the Civil Engineering and Maintenance, Environmental Protection, and Planning and Economic Development Portfolios, be noted.**

1. (Heads of Service/Heads of Human Resources and Performance Management) Progress in meeting the targets set by the Government's statutory Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs) and the Local Performance Indicators (LPIs) previously adopted by the Council, is reported to members on a quarterly basis.
2. Details of the Council's BVPI and LPI performance for the third quarter of 2004/05, in relation to the Civil Engineering and Maintenance, Environmental Protection, and Planning and Economic Development Portfolios, is attached as Annex 1 to this report. Appropriate Heads of Service will be in attendance at the meeting to respond to any questions raised by members in respect of the indicators and performance thereon.
3. The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) has recently published final proposals for BVPIs for 2005/06. Following a fundamental review of the existing BVPIs and after extensive consultation with stakeholders, ODPM has reduced the overall number of indicators to ninety-four, although it should be noted that these cover all tiers of local government including the police and fire services, and that not all are therefore required to be collected by the council. Fourteen indicators have been deleted from the existing set, ten new BVPIs have been introduced and a further twenty-six have been amended. ODPM has stated that it now intends to leave the set largely unchanged for the next two to three years, to enable authorities to build up valuable performance data. Details, definitions and calculation methods of the BVPIs for 2005/06 runs to over 300 pages in length, and a copy of the ODPM publication has therefore been placed in the Members' Room.
4. At the next cycle of meetings, overview and scrutiny will be asked to identify those indicators that members wish to monitor on a regular basis for 2005/06, based on priorities and outturn performance for the current year. In response to the findings of the council's Comprehensive Performance Assessment, work has begun on a review of the LPIs currently adopted by the council, and proposals for a revised suite of local indicators will also be reported to the committee at its next meeting.