

Report to the Council

Committee: Cabinet

Date: 28 July 2005

Portfolio Holder: Councillor J Knapman

Item: 5(c)

1. EXECUTIVE WORK PLAN AND PRIORITIES 2005/06

Recommending:

That, in accordance with the budget and policy framework procedure rules, the Executive Work Programme for 2005/06 be approved.

- 1.1 Within the context of business planning it is important that the Council's priorities are clearly reinstated.
- 1.2 The Council Plan 2003-07 sets out the medium term aims and objectives for the Council and the Best Value Performance Plan details the Council's aims, objectives and levels of performance for 2005/06.
- 1.3 The purpose of the Executive Work Programme and Priority Actions List is to highlight and give greater focus to those aims and objectives, which must be achieved during the next 12 months. At its meeting on 6 June 2005, the Cabinet agreed executive priorities for 2005/06.
- 1.4 To ensure delivery of these priority actions it is proposed that the Joint Chief Executives will report monthly on progress to the Leader of the Council. Heads of Service will report regularly to the appropriate Joint Chief Executives on whether priority actions are being achieved, and will submit corrective action plans to Cabinet where progress is not satisfactory.
- 1.5 The Executive is required by the constitution to have a work programme. The Local Government Act 2000 requires the Council to have a forward plan. To ensure a streamlined and consistent approach to planning it is proposed to merge the Council's forward plan and the draft work programme together. Recent changes to key decisions now mean that a great degree of information is required to be provided by the forward plan and it seems sensible to provide one overarching programme for the public. This will ensure that the executive work programme is firmly rooted in the Council's performance management framework.
- ... 1.6 The forward plan/work programme for 2005/06 is attached.