

**Report to Finance and Performance
Management Standing Scrutiny
Panel**

Date of meeting: 2 August 2005

Portfolio: Finance and Performance Management

Subject: Best Value And Local Performance Indicators 2004/05

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That the Scrutiny Panel consider the Council's performance for 2004/05 in relation to Best Value and Local Performance Indicators.

1. (Head 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) adopted by the Council, was previously reported to the former overview and scrutiny committees on a portfolio basis, at the conclusion of each quarter.
2. As part of the recent review of overview and scrutiny arrangements, the Finance and Performance Management Scrutiny Panel has assumed the BVPI and LPI monitoring responsibilities of the previous overview and scrutiny committees. Although an item elsewhere on this agenda requests the Panel to consider how it wishes to undertake this monitoring role in future and BVPI and LPI outturns for 2004/05 have recently been published in the Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP), these details have yet to be formally reported to members. Performance for the year in relation to all portfolios has been circulated separately, illustrated graphically wherever possible and with 'traffic lights' to identify the following performance issues:

RED – actual performance was below the target set in the BVPP for 2004/05;
AMBER – actual performance matched the target set in the BVPP for 2004/05;
GREEN – actual performance exceeded the target set in the BVPP for 2004/05.
3. The Panel is requested to note the Council's performance for 2004/05 in relation to Best Value and Local Performance Indicators. Appropriate Heads of Service will be in attendance at the meeting to respond to any questions raised in respect of the attached indicators and performance thereon.
4. The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has substantially revised the BVPI set for 2005/06. Additionally Heads of Service have reviewed the LPIs previously monitored by the overview and scrutiny committees, to ensure that these are focused on the council's priorities. Members should note that a significant number of BVPIs and LPIs from last year have therefore now been deleted or amended.