

## **Report to the Cabinet**

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**Epping Forest  
District Council**

**Portfolio: Finance and Performance Management.**

**Subject: Summary Best Value Performance Plan 2007/07.**

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### **Recommendations:**

**That the Council's Summary Best Value Performance Plan for 2006/07 be agreed.**

### **Report:**

1. The Local Government Act 1999 and the Best Value regime require the Council to produce an annual performance plan. The Plan is required to:
  - (a) summarise the Council's successes in meeting its key priorities, objectives and targets;
  - (b) show where these key priorities, objectives and targets were not met;
  - (c) inform customers of the Council's key priorities, objectives and targets for the next year;
  - (d) publish the outcomes of Best Value service reviews undertaken during the last year; and
  - (e) compare the Council's performance for with that for previous years.
2. The Council's Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) is produced in two versions each year. A detailed version of the Plan is prepared for the Government, the Audit Commission and other bodies involved in the evaluation of the Council's performance, which is also made available to those who desire a comprehensive explanation of its plans and activities. In addition and in accordance with a recommendation of the Audit Commission, a short summary of the BVPP is also distributed to all households in the district within the explanatory leaflet issued with the annual Council Tax demands.
3. The draft BVPP Summary for 2006/07 (attached as Appendix 1 to this report) has been considered by the Finance and Performance Management Overview and Scrutiny Panel, and the views of the Panel will be reported at the Cabinet meeting. In order to minimise costs and contain the summary within the Council Tax leaflet, the detail of the draft summary relates primarily to the Council's main objectives for the current year and its targets for 2006/07. Fuller detail on specific performance will be set out in the full version of the BVPP to be published in June 2006, which will be reported to a future meeting of the Cabinet for consideration.
4. The Cabinet is requested to consider and agree the draft summary.

**Reason for decision:**

5. To enable the publication of summary performance information within the Council Tax demands to be issued in March 2006.

**Options considered and rejected:**

6. No other options are available. In previous years the BVPP Summary has been hand-delivered, but for the last three years production costs have been reduced at the request of members to enable it to be contained within the Council Tax leaflet.

**Consultation undertaken:**

7. All Heads of Service have contributed to the content of the BVPP Summary.

**Resource implications:**

**Budget provision:** From within existing Performance Management Unit budget.

**Personnel:** From within existing Performance Management Unit staff resources.

**Land:** Nil.

**Council Plan/BVPP reference:** Nil.

**Relevant statutory powers:** Local Government Act 1999.

**Background papers:** None.

**Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act Implications:** Nil.

**Key Decision reference (if required):** None.