

Report to the Cabinet

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**Epping Forest
District Council**

Portfolio: Finance and Performance Management.

Subject: Council Plan 2006-2010.

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Recommendation:

That the content of the draft Council Plan for 2006 to 2010 be agreed for consultation purposes.

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1. A full draft version of the new Council Plan has been circulated separately, and members are asked to bring their copies of the draft document to the meeting.
2. The draft Council Plan has been considered by the Finance and Performance Management Scrutiny Panel and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee during the current cycle of meetings. The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will report to the Cabinet on the views of Overview and Scrutiny in respect of the draft Plan.
3. Subject to its agreement by the Cabinet, the draft Council Plan will be subject to appropriate consultation with residents, partner agencies and other organisations. The Council will adopt the final version of the Plan later in 2006.

Reason for decision:

4. To identify the Council's key priorities for 2006 to 2010, and to address an area for improvement identified in the Council's first Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) in 2004, in preparation for the next round of second-tier CPA due to commence during 2006/07.

Options considered and rejected:

5. None. The Council is expected to identify its key priorities and the content of the previous Council Plan was highlighted as a weakness in the first round of second-tier Comprehensive Performance Assessments.

Consultation undertaken:

6. Consultation in relation to the issues and priorities contained in the draft Council Plan has been undertaken with the Finance and Performance Management Scrutiny Panel, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Management Board and the Senior Management Team. Full member and public consultation will be undertaken in relation to the draft document.

Resource implications:

Budget provision: The development of the new Council Plan can be met from within existing budget provision.

Personnel: None.

Land: None.

Council Plan/BVPP reference: The Council's Customer Charter sets out a commitment to consult service users and residents.

Relevant statutory powers: None.

Background papers: None.

Environmental/Human Rights Act/Crime and Disorder Act Implications: None.

Key Decision Reference: (if required): N/A.