

Meeting:	Overview & Scrutiny
Date:	25 th April 2006
Subject:	Corporate Plan
Responsible Officer:	Paul Najsarek
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Portfolio Holder:	Cllr Dighe
Key Decision:	No
Status:	Part 1

Section 1: Summary

Decision Required

That members note that there is no opportunity for review by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Best Value Performance Plan prior to consideration of the plan by Cabinet in June 2006

Reason for report

To advise members of a departure from the published work programme

Benefits

N/A

Cost of Proposals

N/A

Risks

N/A

Implications if recommendations rejected

The Council would not be able to publish a Corporate Plan (Best Value Performance Plan) in line with statutory requirements.
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Section 2: Report

2.1 Brief History

There is a statutory requirement on the Council to publish its Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) on 30th June 2006. The BVPP constitutes the Council's Corporate Plan and a set of performance outcomes for 2005/06 and targets for the next three years for the Best Value Performance Indicators.

Last year the Council published the Corporate Plan early in May 2005 and subsequently a supplement of BVPIs in line with statutory requirements in June 2005.

It was agreed by Cabinet in 2005 that in light of the Council elections in May 2006 the new Cabinet should have the opportunity to review the 2006/09 Corporate Plan. The plan will be discussed at Cabinet on June 8th 2006. It was therefore agreed that the BVPP incorporating the Corporate Plan and BVPIs should be published together by 30th June. This will subsequently be agreed at Council on 13th July 2006.

As a result of these timetables a draft plan is not currently available.

In light of the publication date of 30th June and the absence of Overview and Scrutiny meetings in June, members of Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note that there is no opportunity for review of the plan prior to its consideration by Cabinet in June 2006.

Officers will discuss with Cabinet members in June whether comments on the draft can be sought from the newly appointed Chair of Overview and Scrutiny.

2.2 Options considered

N/A

2.3 Consultation

N/A

2.4 Financial Implications

None

2.5 Legal Implications

It is a statutory requirement under Section 6 of the Local Government Act 1999 and the Local Government (Best Value) Performance Plans and Reviews Amendment and Specified Dates Order 2002 (SI 2002/305) for the Council to publish a BVPP by 30th June.

There is no constitutional requirement for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review the Best Value Performance Plan prior to its submission to the ODPM.

2.6 Equalities Impact

None

2.7 Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Considerations

None

Section 3: Supporting Information/Background Documents

Background Documents: None.