

Meeting:	Cabinet
Date:	21 st June 2007
Subject:	Corporate Plan 2007 -2010
Key Decision: (Executive-side only)	Yes
Responsible Officer:	Paul Najsarek Director, People, Performance and Policy
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Chris Mote
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Corporate Plan

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report brings to Cabinet's attention the Council's Corporate Plan which incorporate the Best Value Performance Plan. It sets out a proposed new vision for the Council, corresponding corporate priorities which demonstrate a sense of direction for the authority, and flagship action for delivery in 2007-8.

The Best Value Performance Plan which reports on the levels of achievements against various national indicators and sets targets for the next 3 years is also included.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Cabinet is asked:

- (1) To agree the draft of the Corporate Plan for recommendation to Council on 12th July 2007.
- (2) To delegate to the Leader and Chief Executive the power to make some editorial and minor amendments to the wording of the plan in advance of the Council meeting in July.

SECTION 2 - REPORT

- 2.1 The Council's Corporate Plan is a public statement of the vision and priorities that drive the work it is intended to undertake between 2007 and 2010. The notable features of this edition of the Corporate Plan are the inclusion of a new slogan for the Council, a new vision supported by 11 vision statements and 11 corporate priorities. These will also be exemplified by a set of Flagship Actions which are practical examples of what the vision and priorities mean and against which the Council is happy to be judged.
- 2.2 The Plan, and particularly the vision and priority statements, have been developed using multiple sources of available information. For example, it has drawn upon the Sustainable Community Plan, the MORI Quality of Life Survey and the triennial Best Value Survey, the Vitality Profiles, the Corporate Assessment and JAR final reports and other sources of data and influence to ensure that it is evidence based, realistic and focused on the key challenges and opportunities for the future. As such it is drawn on a wide range of consultation evidences from Harrow residents and Council stakeholders.
- 2.3 Publication of the Best Value Performance Plan is a statutory requirement and its contents is similarly prescribed. It reports on performance against a varied basket of indicators and acts as an end of year report or accountability statement on the Council's stewardship over the last year.
- 2.4 A more detailed Corporate Improvement Programme for the Council for the next three years will be submitted to July Cabinet. This will set out in greater depth the action the Council will take to improve performance. It will be the key working document to be monitored regularly by Cabinet to track the progress of our improvement. The Corporate Improvement Programme will also supplement and refine the Council's targets for the coming three years.
- 2.5 The Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Local Government (Best Value) Performance Plan and Reviews Order (1999) and up to date guidance.

SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

Chief Finance Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name: Myfanwy Barrett Date: 19/6/07
Monitoring Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name: Hugh Peart Date: 19/6/07

SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Background Papers: *Drafts of the Corporate Plan*
Departmental Service Plans
Mori Quality of Life Survey
BVPI General Survey
Sustainable Community Plan
Vitality Profiles
Corporate Assessment and JAR Reports

Reasons for lateness and urgency.

The preparation of the Corporate Plan required extensive member-level consultation, to ensure that it accurately and completely expressed the intentions of the administration and took account of the full range of influences. Also the Council has to report on its end of year performance. The performance data has only been finalised in the last few days.

The report is urgent in that there is a statutory deadline for the publication of the Best Value Performance Plan and that the Corporate Plan needs to be in place with agreed vision and priority statements to enable next year's planning cycle to begin in July with the development of a Year Ahead Statement. The planning cycle has been devised to ensure that the Corporate Plan is prepared very much earlier next year and is ready for consideration together with the Council's budget in February 2008.

IF APPROPRIATE, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	YES
2.	Corporate Priorities	YES
3.	Manifesto Pledge Reference Number	