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| Meeting:             | Cabinet   |
| Date:                | 18 September 2008   |
| Subject:             | Strategic Performance Report (Q1)   |
| Key Decision:        | No  |
| Responsible Officer: | Tom Whiting, Assistant Chief Executive  |
| Portfolio Holder:    | Paul Osborn, Portfolio Holder for Performance, Communication and Corporate Services |
| Exempt:              | No  |
| Enclosures:          | Encl 1 – “Performance Summary”<br>Encl 2 – “Corporate Balanced Scorecard”           |

## Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report summarises Council and service performance against key measures and draws attention to areas requiring action.

### **Recommendations:**

1. Portfolio Holders to continue working with officers to achieve improvement against identified key challenges
2. Cabinet is requested to note the report and identify any changes it wishes to see in future reports

### **Reason: (For recommendation)**

To enable Cabinet to be informed of performance against key measures and to identify and assign corrective action where necessary.

## **Section 2 – Report**

### **Introductory paragraph**

Cabinet on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2004 agreed to sit in the role of Performance Board on a quarterly basis and to receive the Strategic Performance Report. The report helps members to monitor progress against the Council's vision and corporate priorities and identify corrective action where necessary.

The Council has undergone a significant change in the external regulatory framework which is driving its setting of priorities for 2008/09. At the end of March 2008 the previous Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) was replaced by the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA). Critically Central Government is in the process of phasing out the Best Value Performance Indicators and other indicators that were part of the CPA. These indicators are being replaced with the new National Indicator Set.

The indicators used in this report have been updated to reflect the new National Indicator Set. However in some cases data is not yet available as the indicators have not yet been measured for the first time. Furthermore, where indicators are measured comparator data will not be available until after April 2009.

The format of the report has also been amended so as to be structured in line with the Council's Corporate Priorities for 2008/09. As such the report is presented in sections with a section covering each priority and showing how this is being met through performance indicators and delivery of the Council's Flagship Actions. A separate Appendix Shows the Corporate Balanced Scorecard of indicators for 2008/09.

The Appendix contains the updated report for Quarter 1 2008/09 for members' consideration.

### **Options Considered**

This report is for discussion and information. No other options considered.

### **Implications of the Recommendation *Considerations***

#### **Equalities impact**

Any decisions driven by the actions taken in response to this report will need to be assessed through an Equalities Impact Assessment.

#### **Legal comments**

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### **Financial Implications**

The Corporate Priorities in this report should be used as a basis for prioritising investment in the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2009/10 onwards.

### **Performance Issues**

The report deals in detail with performance issues.

### **Risk Management Implications**

The risks arising from the Performance Report will be measured through the Council's Strategic Risk Register.

## **Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance**

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| Date: 27 <sup>th</sup> August 2008 |                                     |  |
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## **Section 4 – Performance Officer Clearance**

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## **Section 5 - Contact Details and Background Papers**

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