CORPORATE PLAN 2005-08

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1. Purpose

1.1 To invite the Cabinet to recommend the Corporate Plan for 2005-08 to the council for adoption.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Council be recommended to adopt the Corporate Plan for 2005-08.

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 The Council’s Corporate Plan for 2005-08 is an extension of its Best Value Performance Plan which it is required to publish each year under the 1999 Local Government Act. As the performance plan forms part of the corporate plan it has to be published by 30 June with a summary going to every household in the previous March.

3.2 The structure of the plan has been altered from last year to reflect the need to give it a stronger corporate and strategic focus. It therefore sets out more clearly what the Council is trying to achieve over the next three years as well as the council’s approach to improvement planning. The Plan continues to report on performance based on the Best Value performance indicators (BVPIs).

3.3 In the light of these changes the plan has been structured as follows:

- Preface from the Leader and Chief Executive
- The Council’s Past Performance
- Future Direction
- Financial Information
3.4 The plan will be monitored twice during 2004-05 – in September and March. This is to ensure that the actions against the corporate priorities are successfully implemented. Projects identified within the plan will also be monitored separately e.g. ChangingMK elements through the programme board for this project.

3.5 An attempt has also been made to reduce the size of the document in order to make it more accessible and to encourage officers and Members to use it more regularly as the blueprint for improving the council and reinforcing the message about what the council is trying to achieve.

3.6 As the plan meets the council’s statutory requirements with regard to Best Value it will be subject to audit - including the Best Value performance indicators contained within it.

3.7 Following the meeting of the Cabinet on 7 June, the draft plan will be considered by the Performance Review and Audit Panel on 9 June. Any significant changes will be reported to full council on 14 June.

3.8 Subject to Council agreeing the plan it will be published by 30 June.

3.9 Copies of the plan have been circulated separately.

4. Implications

4.1 Policy

The corporate plan represents a key policy document as it sets out the council’s corporate priorities and how these will be met.

4.2 Resources

The cost of producing the corporate plan and the summary will be £5,500. This cost will be met from within existing budgets.

4.3 Legal

The council is required to produce a best value performance and summary under Section 12 of the Local Government Act in 1999 and to publish this by the 30 June.

Background Papers: Local Government Act 1999
Circular 10/99 and 03/2003