

REPORT OF CABINET

(Meeting held on 6 June 2007)

1. PERFORMANCE MATTERS : PERFORMANCE PLAN 2007/08 (REPORT C) (MINUTE NO. 8)

The Cabinet has considered the Council's 2007/08 Performance Plan, including proposed changes, arrangements for approval, and performance indicator schedules by Portfolio.

The Council has a legal obligation to publish a performance plan. Over the last few years the Plan has continued to develop and improve the way the Council reports its overall performance to the public and partners. The Performance Plan is an important part of the Council's Performance Management process and enables members to challenge performance and drive the process of continuous improvement.

The Cabinet is pleased to report that there has been a general positive improvement in performance. Portfolio Holders and Review Panels are fully conversant with the detail of the performance details and therefore the Cabinet had no specific amendments to make to future targets or other information. Members noted that officers would be looking further at the issues around dealing with abandoned vehicles (Environment - BV218) and that ongoing monitoring was taking place in relation to appointments made for repair jobs (Housing - LP 185).

Following the publication of the last plan it was agreed that a review would be undertaken to consider alternative publication options and gauge opinions of residents, officers and members on possible alternatives for the future.

Following feedback from members and officers the Cabinet has agreed the process for the publication of the Performance Plan. Whilst, on balance, they have agreed that a hard copy of the main plan should be retained, a much more tailored approach to distribution is proposed that will reduce the overall numbers printed. An additional summary leaflet will also be produced that will give greater flexibility and more focused performance data at minimal extra cost. Some reductions in graphic design work costs have also been agreed that can be accommodated without adversely affecting the final documents.

As usual all performance information will be available to view on ForestNet and on the Council's website. The Council, at their meeting in June, will have the complete Performance Plan to consider.

RECOMMENDED:

That it be noted that there were no changes arising from the discussion at the Cabinet meeting to be made to the proposed targets for the Council's Best Value and local set of Indicators.

**Cllr M J Kendal
CHAIRMAN**