
CORPORATE PLAN (Min 328/00)

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 To seek Members' approval for the updated version of the Corporate Plan. The production of a corporate plan is not a statutory responsibility but is a key aspect of the best value regime and the evolving community planning process.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Members approved a revised version of the Corporate Plan in March 2000 (Minute 93/00). Finance & General Purposes Committee considered a half-yearly review of the Plan last October (Minute 328 /00). An updated version of the plan will be sent under separate cover for Members' consideration, comment and approval.

3 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Value of the Plan

- 3.1.1 The Plan is seen as a key element of the best value regime. It also relates well to the emerging community planning process and will form a useful basis for developing the Council's contribution to the Community Plan.
- 3.1.2 The updated Plan, as last year, has been drawn up to link in closely with the 3 year budget strategy and the decisions already taken in respect of new initiatives. This provides the Council with a framework upon which to base any future decision-making and also to monitor the implementation of its decisions.

3.2 The Content

- 3.2.1 The Plan has been updated to take on board decisions which have been taken by the Council over the past year and particularly those taken as part of the 2001/2002 budget process. It has also been updated to reflect changes in legislation. Those tasks contained in the 2000/2001 Plan which have been completed have been removed; other tasks have been superceded and deleted or amended to reflect the current position. The Plan is seen very much as the Business Plan of the Authority.
- 3.2.2 The Corporate Plan also shares part of its content with the Council's Best Value Performance Plan, as the latter document focuses on performance over the past year and those actions planned for the next year.

3.3 Publication

- 3.3.1 Subject to Members' comments and approval, the updated Plan will be reproduced and sent to Partner organisations, interest groups, etc. for information and to continue to raise their awareness as to what this Authority's key objectives and actions are over a period. A copy of the Plan will also be placed on the Council's web site.

4 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Plan makes reference to the Local Authority's obligations in connection with Crime and Disorder.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Plan makes reference to the Local Authority's aspirations in respect of the environment.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The maintenance of an up to date Corporate Plan will continue to require considerable senior officer time if it is to remain an effective management tool for the Authority.

7 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 A Corporate Plan is seen as a key element of the Best Value approach, which is underpinned by legislation.

8 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 All Parish and Town Councils will receive a copy of the updated version of the Corporate Plan for information once it is approved.

9 RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**

That subject to any further comments or amendments, the updated version of the Corporate Plan be approved. (CEX)

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Background Papers:

2000/2001 Corporate Plan
2001/2002 Best Value Performance Plan

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