

GROWING SUCCESS – CORPORATE PLAN

(Report by the Head of Policy and Strategic Services)

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to invite the Cabinet to review Growing Success, the Council's Corporate Plan, and specifically performance data for 2006/07. Due to the timing of meetings outstanding data will be incorporated into the Plan prior to its consideration by the council on 27th June.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Growing Success was adopted by the Council in December 2006 and it was intended that the main focus of performance review would be directed at the achievement against targets set for 2007/08. However, the plan also included local indicators with a target for 2007; in these circumstances an update on performance and a new target for 2007/08 has been included in the attached copy, highlighted in red.
- 2.2 As in previous years the Council is required to publish a Best Value Performance Plan. However, as an 'excellent' authority, the Council is in a position to take advantage of "freedoms and flexibilities" by incorporating national performance data - in the form of Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPI's) - as part of its normal business planning process by attaching such data to the corporate plan. Growing Success, as attached, therefore includes a schedule of performance data for the relevant national BVPI's for 2006/07 and targets for future years. Comments to explain significant variations in performance have been included in the schedule where available.
- 2.3 Improvement Plan –Growing Success also incorporates the Councils initially produced following the Comprehensive Performance Assessment and related following assessments. The specific actions are largely complete and will be updated to reflect areas of improvement identified from the Auditor's Use of Resources Assessment and the Audit Commission's Direction of Travel statement in due course, when they have been finalised and agreed by the Corporate Governance Panel.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Cabinet are requested to review Growing Success and the BVPI data, prior to re-adoption and publication by the Council.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Growing Success, the Council's Corporate Plan
Best Value Performance Indicators

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