

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

Executive – 20th June 2005

Report from the Director of Policy and Regeneration

For information

Wards affected: All

Report Title: Best Value Performance Plan

Forward Plan Ref: PRU 05/06 -01

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 Each year, the Council is required to publish its Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) in accordance with government guidance and by the end of June. The 2005/06 plan is attached as an appendix to this report for consideration and agreement by the Executive.
- 1.2 The 2005/06 BVPP will be Brent's sixth published plan. It will look back over the last year and forward over the coming three years. It is a statutory requirement to publish the plan each year.
- 1.3 The style and content of the plan has changed this year in response to government guidance for Best Value authorities within the CPA category of Good.
- 1.4 Some minor amendments may be made to this document (Part 2) before it is published on June 30th 2005, as outturn data continues to be received.

The council is required to give;

- a) Details of performance- outturn of performance over the past year on all Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs); targets for the current year and subsequent 2 years for all BVPIs.
- b) A brief statement on contracts. The authority should state and certify that all individual contracts awarded during the past year which involve a transfer of staff, comply, where applicable, with the requirements in the Code of Practice on Workforce Matters in Local Authority Service Contracts.

- 1.5 Performance information is reported by Service area and the tables of performance indicators continue to be reported separately in the second part of the plan.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Executive are recommended to:

- 2.1.1 agree the format and content of the draft Best Value Performance Plan 2003/04 as presented at Appendix I of this report,
- 2.1.2 to present the 2004/05 performance plan to full Council for agreement before the end of June 2004.

4.0 Financial Implications

The cost of preparing and distributing the BVPP will be met from existing resources.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 Section 6 of the Local Government Act 1999 requires local authorities to publish a Best Value Performance Plan. The content of the Plan and the date by which it must be published may be specified in an Order from the Secretary of State and its content may also be covered by guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

- 5.2 The requirements concerning the content of the Plan previously specified by Order have been revoked and are now covered by guidance issued in March 2003 in circular 03/2003 Local Government Act 1999: Part 1, Best Value and Performance Improvement; and, circular 02/2004 ADDENDUM TO ODPM Circular 03/2003 - Local Government Act 1999: Part 1 Best Value and Performance Improvement (Guidance on Best Value Performance Plans).

- 5.3 The date by which the Best Value Performance Plan must be published remains the 30th June in the financial year to which the Plan relates.

- 5.4 Regulations made under the Local Government Act 2000 identify the Best Value Performance Plan as one of the plans which makes up the Council's Policy Framework. This means the Plan must be approved by the Full Council.

6.0 Diversity Implications

Not applicable

7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications

Not applicable

Background Papers

None

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