



Full Council
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**Report from the Director of
Policy & Regeneration**

For Action

Wards Affected:
ALL

Best Value Performance Plan Digest 2006/07

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report introduces the Performance Plan for 2005/07. The Plan contains details of Brent Council's performance over the last year and sets targets for improving services for the next three years.
- 1.2 The council is obliged to publish the Plan each year by 31 June. Due to the tight timeframes, the data in the Plan is still being verified. A final version will be sent to Members prior to the 26 June 2006 Full Council meeting.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the council's performance against key national performance indicators and agree the targets for the next three years.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The shape of the Performance Plan has changed this year to reflect new guidelines as the plan is now seen as a tool for members, officers and partners rather than a document for public use.
- 3.2 The Performance Plan includes details of our performance against ninety-four national indicators. It allows us to benchmark ourselves against other authorities and set targets for the future. Some of the indicators are also monitored more regularly in the council's quarterly Vital Signs performance report. They feed into work carried out within Scrutiny and Overview, service reviews and High Level Monitoring. Targeted support to those areas underperforming resulted in 79% of these performance indicators improving between 2002 and 2005/06 which reflected real improvement in service

delivery and made Brent one of the top 10 most improving council's in the country.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 The council is legally obliged to produce a Performance Plan each year by 31 June. Due to Brent's rating as a three star authority, the Plan now only needs to include performance against Best Value Performance Indicators and targets for three years.

6.0 Diversity Implications

6.1 A number of performance indicators in this Plan are a measure of equality in the borough, both in terms of the council's employees and residents. The Plan sets targets for those indicators over the next three years.

7.0 Background Information

7.1 Further information can be obtained from Ann Kenny (Policy & Regeneration Unit) on 020 8937 1033.

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