

Item No. 13.1	Classification: Open	Date: 25/6/03	MEETING NAME COUNCIL ASSEMBLY
Report title:		BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2003/04	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Assistant Chief Executive Performance & Strategy	

RECOMMENDATION

That the Southwark's Best Value Performance Plan (circulated separately as Supplemental Agenda No.3 for the Executive 17th June 2003 meeting) be agreed.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Under the Local Government Act 1999 all local authorities are required to publish a Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) by the 30th June each year.
2. The BVPP will be audited by the Audit Commission to ensure compliance with the statutory requirements.
3. The Plan details past performance and future targets, along with details of the financial management of the Council and details of Best Value Reviews. In addition, following the Government's recently published guidance, it now also reports on the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) score and improvement plan and integrates the CPA process with the existing Best Value framework. The Audit Commission will consider all of these aspects in its assessment of the Plan.
4. The Plan reports on both our performance in delivering improvement over the past three years (2000/01-2002/03) and our targets and priorities for the next three years (2003/06).
5. The content of the Plan is set out under the Community Strategy themes and draws on:
 - the Community Strategy;
 - business plans;
 - performance against Best Value Performance Indicators;
 - the CPA improvement plan and the CPA self-assessment.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

6. On 11th March 2003 Executive received the Quarter 3 Performance Report, including projected outturns for 2002/03 and draft targets for 2003/04, which formed the basis of the BVPP.

7. Overview & Scrutiny Committee and all Scrutiny Sub Committees received, and were given the opportunity to comment on, the outline content of the Plan and the performance data in the Quarter 3 Performance Report.
8. Any comments by the Executive on the BVPP will be circulated in an update report prior to Council Assembly.
9. Officers will continue to carry out necessary work on the plan up until the completion of the audit of the Plan and performance indicator pre-audit to ensure it receives an “unqualified” opinion from auditors.

The following sections still need to be completed and these will be forwarded together with the update report prior to Council Assembly:

- The Leaders Foreword.
- Introduction (a guide to using the plan).
- Overall performance summary (a précis of key performance issues contained within the plan).
- Update on actions relating to the Annual Audit Letters (to reflect actions detailed in the body of the plan).
- Variance analysis (explaining significant variances between targets and outturn performance in 2002/03 where this information is not already contained in the body on the plan – to follow after the audit of the PIs).

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Best Value Performance Plan	Corporate Strategy, Town Hall	Rob Bollen 7525 7379

APPENDIX A Audit Trail

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CONSULTATION WITH OFFICERS/DIRECTORATES/EXECUTIVE MEMBER		
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Borough Solicitor & Secretary	No	No
Chief Finance Officer	Yes	Yes
All Chief Officers	Yes	Yes
Executive Members	Yes	Yes
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