

Item No. 8	Classification: Open	Date: 26/5/04	Meeting Name: COUNCIL ASSEMBLY
Report title:		The Council's Corporate Plan 2004/07	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Assistant Chief Executive (Performance & Strategy) and all Chief Officers	

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. Agree Southwark's Corporate Plan (Best Value Performance Plan) (Appendix I).

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

2. Under the Local Government Act 1999 all local authorities are required to publish a Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) by the 30th June. Statutory Instrument No. 2002/305 - *The Local Government (Best Value) Performance Plans and Reviews Amendment and Specified Dates Order* has reduced the previously prescriptive requirements, enabling councils to develop a document with an internal focus which in line with internal planning cycles.
3. The Statutory Instrument also enables councils to publish the plan before the final deadline of 30th June. The Council is taking advantage of this and publishing early so that the plan can provide strategic direction for the council for 2004/05 and beyond. A full annex of audited Performance Indicator data will then be published. The Audit Commission has confirmed that "this meets the necessary audit and statutory requirements".
4. The Plan sets out our vision, aims and priorities for the next 3 years, with the 'making it happen' chapter explaining how we are building capacity to deliver our priorities. The chapters on each of the strategic priorities set out what we will do improve the quality of life in the borough. The chapters are structured around the high level objectives and targets for the Southwark Alliance / Community Strategy Performance Management Framework.
5. The Corporate Plan will be audited by the Audit Commission to ensure compliance with the statutory requirements.
6. All Scrutiny sub-committees considered the Quarter 3 Performance Report (the performance data that forms the basis for the Plan) and fed back recommendations either directly to Executive or to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee then considered the draft Plan.
7. The 'Improving the health of the borough' chapter has been improved following Executive on 18th May 2004, to strengthen the emphasis on the Council's leadership role in ensuring that opportunities are available for people to make healthier choices.
8. 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.

Reason for lateness

9. Need for consideration by Executive before dispatch.

Reason for urgency

10. To ensure the Council meets the statutory deadline of June 30th 2004 for publication.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Statutory guidance/Corporate Plan/Quarterly Performance Reports	Corporate Strategy, Town Hall	Claire Webb 020 7525 7042

APPENDIX A Audit Trail

Lead Officer	Sarah Naylor	
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Borough Solicitor & Secretary	No	No
Chief Finance Officer	No	No
All Chief Officers	Yes	Yes
Executive Members	Yes	Yes
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