
SERVICE PLANNING 2007/08

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to introduce the service plans for which the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is responsible for providing challenge.

Information and Analysis

2. For 2007/08 there are 22 service plans covering all services provided by the Council each summarised using a poster that Members may be familiar with. The service plans that this committee have responsibilities for monitoring are:
 - a) Youth Services;
 - b) Children and Families;
 - c) Libraries and Community Learning;
 - d) Partnerships and Integrated Services;
 - e) Planning and Resources;
 - f) School Improvement and Development.
3. The posters provide a useful summary of what the service is aiming to achieve and how it links into the Community Strategy and Corporate Plan.
4. Reports on performance against the targets in the service plans will be submitted on a quarterly basis to scrutiny committees starting with the half-year 2007/08 assessments. These reports will give a high level indication of performance against target and identify any areas, including individual indicators, where targets are not being achieved together with contextual information. They will therefore provide a sound basis for committee to scrutinise performance as they wish.

Legal Implications

5. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

6. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

Recommendations

7. Members are asked to:

- (a) note the service plans for which they have scrutiny responsibility;
- (b) be aware of the reporting arrangements that will facilitate scrutiny.

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Background Papers

Service Plan Posters

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