

Information/Discussion Paper

Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny

Committee

Developing the council's 2008/09 annual update for the business plan 2007-2010

This note contains the information to keep Members informed of matters relating to the work of the Committee, but where no decisions from Members are needed.

1. Why has this come to scrutiny?

1.1 On 26th March 2007, Council approved "Our Business Plan 2007 – 2010" and agreed that it will be used for the longer term development of the Council. When approving Our Business Plan 2007 – 2010, the Council consequently approved the seven priority areas along with their supporting three year ambitions. Focussing effort and resource on these priorities and ambitions will ensure the delivery of our vision. The priorities and their supporting ambitions remain for the three year lifespan of the Business Plan, only the actions to achieve those ambitions change year-on-year.

1.2 Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny are responsible in full for the following corporate priorities:

Promoting housing choice

Partnership working to promote community safety; and

Partnership working to promote healthy communities.

Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee are responsible in-part for the following corporate priorities:

Economic development and regeneration (with E&BI O&S); and

Excellent, efficient and sustainable council (with E&BI O&S).

In total, Social and Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee are responsible for 18 ambitions (see attachment A), all of which contribute to the delivery of one of the above corporate priorities.

- 1.3** I hope that the members of the committee will take the opportunity to reflect on the above priority areas and their supporting ambitions relevant to this committee. These thoughts can then be incorporated in the 2008/09 annual update of the council's business plan which will go to council for approval in March 2008.
- 1.4** In terms of the 2007/10 ambitions I would like to ask the committee the following questions:
- Do you feel that these ambitions are still relevant to the council?
 - Are there any other new / emerging community concerns about this ambition that were not there last year, which are relevant to 2008/09?
 - What issues do you think are important for the council to concentrate on to deliver the ambition in 2008/09?
 - Should the half year performance information that you have received today reflect activity against ambitions for 2008/09?
- 1.5** It might be useful to remind committee members that the business plan is the key published document for the performance management of the council and we will be measured by how well we meet the targets and ambitions set out in the plan. As such it is a high-level document that focuses attention on those actions that are of corporate significance and where we have the staffing and budgetary in place to ensure effective delivery.
- 1.6** The day job of service delivery will continue and reference to this will be made against the relevant ambitions. E.g. those services that contribute to the delivery of priorities/ambitions that they are not primarily responsible for.
- 1.7** Agreed actions will be entered into divisional TEN models and will be monitored collectively through the corporate TEN model. Ongoing day-to-day projects that do not feature in the Business Plan will be entered in to, and monitored only, through the TEN divisional models.

Background Papers

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