

Report title: **The Draft Council Plan 2007 - 2010**

Report of: **Tim Dauncey – Interim Director of Corporate Resources**

Ward(s) affected: All

Report for: For information

1. Purpose

1.1 To present the draft Council Plan for 2007 - 2010

2. Introduction by Councillor George Meehan Leader of the Council

- 2.1 The Council Plan sets out what actions the council will take to achieve its priorities and sets out the authority's goal to achieve excellent services for our residents.
- 2.2 The Council has worked hard over the past years to gain and retain three star status. The enclosed Plan represents this Administration's political priorities and establishes the agenda for the Council which will guide us towards achieving excellent services.
- 2.3 This plan sets out how we will further improve our services to meet the needs of Haringey's residents. It also outlines how the council will contribute to Haringey's Sustainable Community Strategy.
- 2.4 This Council plan highlights what needs to be achieved in the next three years. The plan has been developed within the framework of the Community Strategy and all the priorities address what residents have told us is important to them

3. Recommendations

3.1 That Cabinet Members consider the draft Council Plan.

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Head of Legal Services Comments

The legal implications are stated in the main report.

4. Executive Summary

4.1 The draft Council Plan sets out the priorities for the Council and how these will be achieved. The content has been cross-referenced with the Manifesto, Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement.

4.2 It is a statutory requirement for Local Authorities to publish performance and 3 year targets against the Government's Best Value indicators, these form the Appendix to the Council Plan. The targets were considered by the Executive on 24 April.

4.3 The Council Plan is to be published by the end of April 2007.

5. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (if applicable)

5.1 None

6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

ODPM Circular 05/2006- Guidance on Best Value Performance Plans

Service Business Plans including provisional outturn information for Best Value Performance Indicators and 3 year targets.

Strategic Implications

The Council Plan sets out the Council's priorities and what action will be taken to achieve them. The Council Plan will be instrumental in focusing on the necessary actions to drive improvement in line with the council's vision and priority of providing excellent services.

Financial Implications

The 3 year targets have been considered as deliverable within the Council's Financial Strategy.

Legal Implications

None

Equalities Implications

Equalities is a central thread throughout the business of the Council and is reflected in the achievements and future actions for all the Council's priorities. The performance indicators which accompany the plan include equalities indicators and targets for these measures ensure that there are no adverse implications for service users or our staff.

Consultation

The measures included in the Council Plan are linked to the delivery of the five council priorities. A number of the measures also relate to aspirations as set out in our Sustainable Community Strategy which was widely consulted on across a range of stakeholders. The Council Plan includes a number of resident and staff satisfaction measures to take account of how these stakeholders feel about the services the council delivers and how staff contribute to their delivery.

7 Background

- 7.1 Each year the Council publishes a corporate plan that explains what has been achieved in the previous year and what is planned for the coming three years. The plan is based on the council's priorities and explains how these will be achieved.
- 7.2 Councils that have been rated as 'good' or 'excellent' by the Audit Commission in the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) are not required to produce a Best Value Performance Plan, but they are still required to publish the results of the best value performance indicators (BVPI) and to set targets for the coming three years.
- 7.3 Last year the Council published a Corporate Plan which included the three year BVPIs and targets. This year a Council Plan has been developed for 2007 – 2010. It is based on the Council priorities and sets out the key actions and how these will be achieved.
- 7.4 The key actions in the Council Plan will be part of the mid year pre- business plan review. In previous years we have also reviewed targets at the end of the financial year in light of performance outturns and latest comparative data.

8. The Council Plan

- 8.1 The draft Council Plan sets out the Council's priorities and how these will be achieved. The key actions are in line with Manifesto commitments, the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement.
- 8.2 The Council business plans and performance targets have been aligned with the council priorities. The business plans provide further detail on how these actions will be achieved thus completing a 'Golden Thread' linking the Community Strategy, Council Plan, Business Plans and individual performance appraisals.