Haringey Council

Agenda item:

Overview & Scrutiny Committee **On 31 July 2007**

Report Title: **Haringey's Council Plan 2007 - 2010**	
Forward Plan reference number	
Report of: Eve Pelekanos Head of Policy and Performance	
Wards(s) affected: **All**	Report for:

1. Purpose

1.1 To present Haringey's Council Plan for 2007 – 2010

2. Recommendations

2.1 To note the contents of the Council Plan, the performance against indicators and the three year targets.

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3. Director of Finance Comments

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

4. Head of Legal Services Comments

5.1 The legal implications are stated in the main report.

5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

6. Strategic Implications

6.1 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.

7. Financial Implications

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

8. Legal Implications

8.1 Haringey Council is not required to produce a Best Value Performance Plan because the council is rated as three stars in the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA). There is still a requirement to publish performance against the best value performance indicators and to set three year targets. The Council Plan contains the required information.

9. Equalities Implications

9.1 Equalities is a central thread throughout out 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.

10. Consultation

10.1 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.

11. Background

11.1 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.

11.2 The 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.

11.3 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. The key actions in the Council Plan will be part of the mid year pre- business plan review.

11.4 *Contents of the Council Plan*:

- The plan contains the Council's key achievements for 2006/07
- It sets out what actions will be taken to achieve priorities in the next three years
- It shows performance for 2006/07 against a set of performance indicators, together with three year targets
- the plan sets out the Local Area Agreement targets that have been agreed with partners
- It explains the key principles of the Council's Financial Strategy.

12.7 The vision for Haringey Council is: 'A Council we can all be proud of'.

12.8 The priorities and the key areas for delivery are:

Making Haringey one of London's greenest boroughs

- increase recycling
- introduce initiatives to make Haringey sustainable
- address transport issues in the borough

Creating a Better Haringey: cleaner, greener and safer

- improve the natural environment
- continue to improve the cleanliness of the borough
- improve road condition and road safety
- contribute to the reduction of crime and fear of crime

Encouraging lifetime well-being at home, work, play and learning

- ensure that all children and young people in Haringey have a bright future and enjoy the best chances in life
- improve housing
- increase opportunities for leisure
- maintain and extend our library services

Promoting independent living while supporting adults and children when needed

- support vulnerable people to live independently with a better quality of life
- support all children
- prevent homelessness
- continue to regenerate the borough and provide prosperity for all.

Delivering excellent, customer focused, cost effective services

- consult and engage with our residents
- improve residents' perceptions
- support councilors
- maintain community cohesion and celebrate the diversity of the borough
- embed the improved arrangements for securing value for money
- strengthen our Corporate Programme

12. Conclusion

12.1 The audience for this plan is primarily council staff, managers and members. It may also be of use to our partners and other stakeholders. The plan is for three years and will be updated annually.

12.2 Delivery of the tasks identified to achieve the priorities will be monitored through the pre-business plan and business plan review process.

12.3 The Council Plan is available on the Haringey website at:

Council Plan 2007/08 - 2009/10: Haringey Council

Full address:
http://harinet.haringey.gov.uk/index/council/performance_and_finance/councilplan.htm