

SCRUTINY – 12 JUNE 2008**PERFORMANCE INDICATORS - PROGRESS REPORT****Report of the Head of Improvement Unit****Statutory Powers: Local Government Act 1999**

Financial Implications: None at the present time. But to consider value for money when analysing performance levels.

Purpose: To keep Councillors informed of achievement against selected Performance Indicators for year end 2007/08. The report and appendix links to all 6 priorities.

Recommendations**That Scrutiny:**

- (i) **Note and comment on all sections Part A- D on the performance against the Statutory Best Value Performance Indicators and local indicators which currently form the Council's Balanced Scorecard, set out in Appendix A, for the 2007/08 performance indicator year (1 April 2007- 31 March 2008).**


Background / The Issues

1. Corporately we are committed to performance management and quality of data, which includes the regular monitoring of performance and financial indicators. This makes sure that performance in all areas is on track and improving. This report is one of a series that will show you how we are performing against the chosen indicators on a monthly/quarterly/half yearly/annual basis. The list of performance indicators within the scorecard were reviewed for 2007/08 by Executive members. Corporate Management Team, together with service managers, are monitoring all Statutory Best Value Performance Indicators and local indicators within their group. The current set will need to be reviewed for 2008/09 due to the introduction of New National Indicators which will eventually replace a majority of the Statutory Performance Indicators. A full list of national and selection of local PIs will be published annually on the Council's website and information provided in the South Hams Magazine.
2. **Appendix A** gives you a breakdown of current performance levels for 2007/08, of all those performance indicators, Statutory and local, that are contained in the Balanced Scorecard. Notes are provided where targets have not been met. Of necessity the balanced scorecard will always contain a higher proportion of PIs where performance is lower than we would wish and will not reflect overall performance. The Balanced Scorecard focuses on the following areas: (i) performance is considered to be critical to our success; (ii) our performance is poor and needs improvement; or (iii) our reputation may be at risk.


3. **Appendix A** is broken down into 4 parts to show which performance indicators are collected; (Part A) monthly, (Part B) quarterly only, (Part C) half yearly only and (Part D) annually only.


4. As with previous reports of this nature you are invited to suggest improvements to the way that the information is presented, as the aim is to make the report as useful to you as possible.

Key to symbols in appendix A:

 Indicator is below target by more than 10% variance

 Indicator is slightly below target by 0-10% variance

 Indicator is on target

 Indicator is data only (no targets used)

Risk Assessment

Opportunity	Issues/obstacles	Benefits
As an Excellent authority we should continue to look at ways of improving service provision by regularly monitoring performance.	<p>Failure to report on the Performance Indicators which are considered to be critical to our success that might affect our reputation as an authority or where performance is poor.</p> <p>Inadequate notes provided on performance of performance indicator</p>	<p>Quarterly report to Scrutiny</p> <p>Councillors select the Performance Indicators which are to appear on the Corporate Balanced Scorecard to make sure appropriate Performance Indicators are selected. This selection is refreshed on an annual basis looking at: areas critical to our success, reputation and also where performance is poor.</p> <p>Officers are to include notes on performance but in addition Portfolio Owners are to speak with officers to obtain further clarification over performance to feedback to Scrutiny.</p>

Conclusion

5. Regular monitoring of indicators is an essential part of securing value for money for service users and the taxpayer as any dip in performance can be identified quickly and action taken to investigate the likely cause and put things back on track.

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