

# Budget & Performance Panel

## BVPI Comparison Exeter Benchmarking Group

29<sup>th</sup> April 2008

### Report of Corporate Performance Manager

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Members with a comparison of the Council's performance against statutory Performance Indicators in relation to a number of similar local authorities.

This report is public

#### 1. RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members should note this report and may also wish to keep this information to hand for future reference when considering council's performance.

#### 2. Background

Within the terms of the Local Government Act 1999 the Council has a duty to seek to continuously improve its services to the local community and to manage its performance to support that improvement.

Informed comparison is the basis of performance management. Authorities are required to set targets against all national and local indicators that allow for comparison nationally, performance indicators are a good starting point for comparison work.

Lancaster City Council is a member of the Exeter Benchmarking Group, (sometimes called the Historic Towns Group). This is an established network of District authorities who have a similar profile based on, size, demographic and budget. Each year a detailed comparison report of authority performance based on statutory BVPI's is produced. This report is used to help other authorities seek out best practice in similar organisations.

Members may find this comparison interesting, however as it is based on the most recently available **audited** performance information for the financial year 2006/07 it is now a year out of date.

Additional information which will enable Members to place this information into context will be provided via the Escendency system at the meeting.

The comparison document is attached at **Appendix A**.

<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
None	
<b>SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS</b>	
The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.	
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
The Council has a duty to continuously improve within the terms of the Local Government Act 1999 (the duty of Best Value). Legal Services have been consulted and have no further comments.	
<b>MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS</b>	
The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.	
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