

Budget & Performance Panel

Annual Report 2007/08

15th July 2008

Report of Corporate Performance Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Members of the publication of the Annual Report (formerly known as the Corporate Performance Plan).

This report is public

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 **That the report be noted.**
- 1.2 That the Annual Report be used as a base line reference document for considering the Council's performance in the coming year and where appropriate to inform the future work programme of the Panel.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 Lancaster City Council published its Annual Report for 2007/08 on 30th June 2008. It provides an overview of the council and the district it serves as well as a snapshot of how the council performed against targets set nationally for its services and the goals it set itself. It looks back at the financial year 2007/08 and forward to the challenges of the year ahead.
- 2.2 The report provides information on key priorities for the coming year (as outlined in the Corporate Plan) and satisfies the council's statutory duty to produce a Best Value Performance Plan.
- 2.2. Attention is drawn to the performance tables held within the document which highlight those indicators, both statutory and local where both performance worsened and targets for 07/08 were not met. In the Annual Report these indicators are identified by two sad faces (or 'Double Glums'). To view the Annual Report on your computer, click the link below:

http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/Documents/Annual_Report_2007_2008.pdf

- 2.3. It has been common practice to provide Members with a further report, known as the 'Double Glum' report, which gives reasons for the variations and identifies how targets for future improvement will be met within services business plans. This report will be available for a future meeting of the Panel should Members wish.
- 2.4. Extracts of the Annual report will also be considered to the relevant Performance Review Teams in line with the Council's Performance Management Framework. The minutes of those meetings will be circulated at a later date and will further assist Members when considering the future work programme of this Panel.

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| FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS | |
| None | |
| SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS | |
| The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments. | |
| LEGAL IMPLICATIONS | |
| 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. | |
| MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS | |
| The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments. | |
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