

Budget & Performance Panel

Annual Report

7th September 2010

Report of Corporate Performance Manager

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Members of the publication of the Annual Report

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 on 31st August 2010. It provides 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 2009/10 and anticipates the challenges of the year ahead.
- 2.2. We aim to provide as much information as possible in a transparent and accessible format and attention is drawn to the performance tables held within the document which highlight the council's performance in detail by way of RAG reporting (red, amber, green).
- 2.3. However we know that it is sometimes difficult to see how these performance measures relate to the impact on the ground. Therefore the first section of the report shows some of the ways we have made a positive difference in the district in 2009/10 and gives a taste of some of the human stories behind the statistics.
- 2.4. Government recently removed the legal duty to produce an Annual Report or Best Value Performance Plan. However, this document is the council's key mechanism for reporting its performance to the public, and so has been retained in the current year.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None directly arising from this

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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