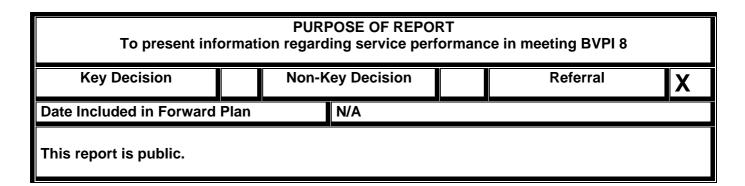
BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE

Invoices paid Within 30 Days – BVPI8

4TH April 2006

Report of the Head of Financial Services



RECOMMENDATIONS

1) That the Panel note the information in the report and consider if any further action is required.

1. Introduction

At the Panel's meeting in January, concern was expressed at the percentage of invoices paid within 30 days up to 31st December 2005. It was reported to that meeting that the corporate BVPI 8 was only 81% against a target of 95%. The Panel heard that the level of performance was being significantly skewed by a small number of services, in particular City Contract Services, and concluded that they should receive a further report that set out the latest position service by service [minute 33(2) refers].

This additional work has now been completed and the analysis is included as an Appendix. This latest information shows that overall the position has not changed since last reported with the BVPI 8 now being calculated at 80.63%. It is also important to note that this year's performance is down on last year's actual of 84.33%.

As reported to the last meeting, the performance of CCS against this indicator has contributed greatly to the low corporate position and the Head of CCS has prepared a short note for the Panel (attached) but will also attend the meeting to answer any questions the Panel may have. However, CCS are not alone in under-performing against this indicator as the attached table shows and only Revenue Services has consistently met the corporate target.

Members are asked to consider the latest position and make any recommendations as appropriate.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

None directly from this report

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability etc)

The payment of invoices within 30 days contributes to the sustainability of local businesses

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None arising directly from this report.

DEPUTY SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Deputy Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no comments to add.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Legal Services have been consulted and have no comments to add.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no comments to add.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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