

Budget & Performance Panel

Annual Report (Best Value Performance Plan)

31st July 2007

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 2006/07 on 30th June 2007. 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 2006/07 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.
- 2.3 The Annual Report has in previous years been known as the Corporate Performance Plan. Although publicly available, the previous document was not widely read and its limited audience consisted of internal council users and external auditors. The new format aims to reach a wider audience and present performance information in a more publicly accessible manner. This report is therefore an important step forward in helping residents to get involved in the life of their local council and demonstrates a clear commitment to open governance.

- 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 06/07 were not met. In the Annual Report these indicators are identified by two sad faces (or 'Double Glums'). The full document will be presented on screen at the meeting and printed copies of the performance tables will be circulated. To view the Annual Report on your computer, click the link below:

http://www.lancaster.gov.uk/Download.asp?path=/Documents/Corporate%20Strategy/LCC_Annual_Report_06_07.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.

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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