

## Best Value Performance Plan 2006-07

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Item for decision

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### Summary

Uttlesford District Council must publish a Best Value Performance Plan by 30 June 2007, a draft copy of which is attached. In order to take account of remaining outstanding performance data, and any late changes, Members are asked to adopt the Plan, subject to the final approval of any changes by the Chairman of the Performance Select Committee.

### Recommendations

Members adopt the Best Value Performance Plan subject to the addition of final outturn data to be agreed with the Chairman of the Performance Select Committee.

### Background Papers

- ODPM Local Government Act 1999: Part 1 Best Value and Performance Improvement
- ODPM Circular 03/2003: Guidance on Best Value Performance Plans, March 2003
- ODPM Circular 02/2004: Guidance on Best Value Performance Plans, Addendum to ODPM Circular 03/2003, March 2004
- ODPM Circular 05/2006: Guidance on Best Value Performance Plans, Addendum to ODPM Circular 02/2004, April 2006
- Delivering Efficiency in Local Services – Further Guidance for Local Authorities

### Impact

Communication/Consultation	Copies of the BVPP will be produced in printed and electronic versions. Copies will be available in a range of locations around the district including reception points, libraries and on the Council website
Community Safety	There are no explicit community safety implications

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Equalities	The BVPP can be made available in Braille, larger print or translated on request
Finance	The BVPP is made available at low cost
Human Rights	There are no explicit human rights implications
Legal implications	The BVPP is produced according to statutory guidance
Sustainability	Distribution of printed versions of the BVPP will be kept to a minimum

### Situation

- 1 Uttlesford District Council must publish a Best Value Performance Plan by 30 June 2007, a draft copy of which is attached.

### Legislative Background

- 2 The Local Government Act 1999 sets out a requirement for best value authorities to produce a Best Value Performance Plan each year. Further guidance in the form of Circular 03/2003 set down detailed requirements relating to the information to be included in each plan, as well as the timing of publication. In March 2004 the ODPM published an addendum (02/2004) to Circular 03/2003 that set out the future focus of Best Value Performance Plans in the light of the development of the improvement agenda. A further addendum to 02/2004 was published in April 2006 re-confirming the required content of performance plans according to CPA categorisation.

### Production and Circulation

- 3 The Best Value Performance Plan must be published by 30 June each year. In order to meet that deadline, it will be necessary for the Council to authorise adoption of the attached text, subject to minor amendment and inclusion of any remaining outturn data and targets.
- 4 It is proposed to produce a minimum number of printed copies of the BVPP. As is usual practice, printed copies will be made available in Council receptions and libraries. The Plan will also be available to download from the Council's website.

### Performance Data

- 5 The remaining gaps in performance data contained within the BVPP will be updated nearer publication date as the data becomes available.

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6 The BVPP contains details on:

109 statutory Best Value performance indicators, of which at present:

- 53% are on or above target
- 9% are up to 5% off target
- 30% are 5% or more off target
- 8% are awaiting confirmed outturn data

37 local performance indicators, of which at present:

- 43% are on or above target
- 14% are up to 5% off target
- 35% are 5% or more off target
- 8% are awaiting outturn data

7 Challenging targets for the next three years have been set reflecting the need to move performance towards the top quartile for district councils, balanced against local circumstances where necessary.

**Risk Analysis**

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
<b>Best Value Performance Plan is non-compliant</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Legislative guidance is followed closely to ensure audit compliance. All performance indicators and systems are being pre-audited by internal audit before final Audit Commission examination.</b>