

Committee: PERFORMANCE SELECT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item

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Title: Best Value Performance Plan Statutory Report 2005/06

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Item for decision

Summary

1. This report presents the Audit Commission's audit of the Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) 2005/06.

Recommendations

2. Members note the audit report and request that Internal Audit conduct a compliance assessment of future BVPPs, and in particular the performance indicator data prior to submission to external audit.

Background Papers

3. The following papers were referred to by the author in the preparation of this report and are available for inspection from the author.

ODPM Best Value Performance Indicator guidance 2004/05

ODPM Best Value Performance Indicator guidance 2005/06

Uttlesford District Council BVPP 2005/06

Performance Management internal files 2005

Impact

- 4.

Communication/Consultation	Communication on performance is carried out via the Uttlesford District Council website, Utterings, Uttlesford Life, Members' Bulletin and specific service briefings.
Community Safety	None beyond service improvement on the Community Safety performance indicators.
Equalities	None beyond service delivery associated with performance indicators.
Finance	Performance Improvement Plans cover any additional funding associated with recovery of performance.
Human Rights	None.
Legal implications	Compliance with statutory requirements set out in section 6 of the Local Government Act 1999 is reviewed.
Ward-specific impacts	All.
Workforce/Workplace	None. Page 1

Situation

- 5. This report presents to Members the Audit Commission’s “Auditors Report of the Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) 2005/06” attached as Appendix A.

Future BVPPs would benefit from quality control in the form of a compliance assessment by Internal Audit before submission to external audit. This action would identify possible errors, particularly in performance indicator data and allow correction prior to external audit.

Risk Analysis

- 6. The following has been assessed as the potential risks associated with this issue.

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
The BVPP fails to comply with statutory requirements.	Low	High	Internal Audit assesses the BVPP for compliance and any corrective actions implemented in advance of formal audit by the Audit Commission.