

## Best Value Performance Plan 2006-07

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<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Performance Select Committee</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>
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<b>Title:</b>	<b>Best Value Performance Plan 2006-07</b>	
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#### Summary

The document sets out the background to production of the Best Value Performance Plan 2006-07, and attaches a draft version for approval.

#### Recommendations

The Committee endorse the Best Value Performance Plan subject to the addition of final outturn data.

#### Background Papers

ODPM Local Government Act 1999: Part 1 Best Value and Performance Improvement, ODPM Circular 03/2003, Guidance on Best Value Performance Plans, February 2004, Delivering Efficiency in Local Services – Further Guidance for Local Authorities

#### Impact

Communication/Consultation	Copies of the BVPP will be produced in printed and digital 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
Equalities	The Plan is routinely made available in large print and can also be supplied on tape and translated on request
Finance	The Plan is made available at low cost
Human Rights	There are no explicit human rights implications
Legal implications	The Plan is produced according to statutory guidance
Ward-specific impacts	All
Workforce/Workplace	There are no explicit workforce/workplace implications

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#### **Situation**

- 1 Uttlesford District Council must publish a Best Value Performance Plan by 30 June 2006, 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 February 2004 the ODPM published an addendum 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.

#### **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 BVPP in draft form, subject to minor amendment and inclusion of remaining outturn data and targets.
- 4 It is proposed to produce 100 printed copies of the BVPP with a cover complementary to that adopted for the Corporate Plan. This will be supplemented by copies available on CD. 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 this data becomes available.

- 6 The BVPP contains details on:

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

x are on or exceeding target

x are within 5% of target

x are below target

x are awaiting outturn data

x local performance indicators, of which at present:

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- 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>