

BRECKLAND COUNCIL

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REPORT OF THE OPERATIONS MANAGER FOR THE CABINET OFFICE

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LOCAL PERFORMANCE PLAN 2007/2008

Summary: The purpose of this report is to seek approval by Full Council of Breckland Council's Local Performance Plan 2007/2008.

1. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

1.1 The Council has a statutory duty to produce an annual Local Performance Plan by 30th June each year, stating the information required by the Local Government Act 1999: Part 1 Best Value and any other issues of Statutory Instruments (e.g. 1999 No. 3251).

2. KEY DECISION?

2.1 This is a key decision

3. MAIN BODY OF THE REPORT

3.1 Section 6 of the Local Government Act 1999 laid down the requirements for the content of the Local Performance Plan.

3.2 ODPM Circular 03/2003 13th March 2003 reduced the requirements, removing the need to include information that could be obtained from other sources such as an efficiency summary or consultation statement. The deadline for publication was also amended from 31st March to 30th June each year.

3.3 ODPM issued an addendum to Circular 03/2003 in February 2004. This addendum reduces the Local Performance Plan requirements even further for authorities categorised as good or excellent in CPA.

3.4 Breckland has been categorised as a "good" authority

3.5 The minimum requirements for inclusion are:

- Outturn data for best Value Performance Indicators
- Targets for BVPI's in the current and subsequent 2 years ; and
- Confirmation they are adopting the Code of Practice in their approach to workforce matters and contracting

3.6 Authorities may however, choose to include any information that they consider could help the understanding of improvement proposals, or their context.

3.7 The Plan will be published in hard format, A5, on disc and on the Breckland Council web site by the statutory deadline 30th June.

3.8 Within the White Paper "Strong and prosperous communities" there are plans to remove the requirement to produce the Local Performance Plan with effect from April 2008, in effect making this the last LPP for the council.

4. OPTIONS AVAILABLE

- Adopt the Local Performance Plan recommended in this report;
- Make changes to the plan
- Not adopt the plan

5. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 5.1 To meet the council's statutory duty to produce a Local Performance Plan by 30th June. Failure to publish the plan by 30th June will result in the auditors qualifying the Local Performance Plan, which in turn will have implications for the council in the Annual Audit and Inspection letter.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 Adoption by Full Council of the Local Value Performance Plan 2007/8