



Walsall Council

BRIEFING NOTE

TO: Resources and Performance Scrutiny and Performance Panel

DATE: 29 March 2006

RE: Draft Annual Report to Council 2005/06

Purpose

To recap on the work of the panel over the year to further inform discussion, and consideration of draft annual report to Council previously circulated.

The panel has looked at the following –

- Performance Management
- Finance Information
- CPA Use of Resources (Value for Money) Working Group
- Local Area Agreement Working Group

Performance Management

- Considered reports in terms of monitoring to consider format, particularly the Beacon Index
- Concluded that the Beacon Index was fit for purpose

Finance Information

- The panel were involved in budget consultation at budget conferencing events
- Made recommendations to and supported decisions of Cabinet

CPA Use of Resources (Value for Money) Work Group

- Discussed CPA and the new CPA methodology
- Focused on Value for Money (vfm)
- Examined efficiency savings and benchmarking
- Considered corporate benchmarking strategy 2006 and service plan template
- Considered Value for Money key lines of enquiry (kloe), audit commission profiling information
- Developed a vfm assessment framework

LAA Work Group

- Considered the process used for developing the agreement and performance management arrangements
- Attended regional and national seminars about LAA
- Concluded that process used in drafting LAA is inclusive and fit for purpose
- The group took part in consultation on LSPs and the role of scrutiny

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	2005								2006			
	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April
Full Panel		22/06/2005			01/09/2005	13/10/2005	Budget	20/12/2005		09/02/2006		13/04/2006
Scoping the work programme												
Budget Consultation							30/11/2005	15/12/2005	27/01/2006			
Portfolio Holder					see notes ¹							
Quarterly Reports:												
Beacon Index						Qtr 1		Qtr 2		Report format		Qtr 3
CPA improvement Plan						Cabinet (19/10/05)		Cabinet (21/12/05)				Cabinet (12.04.06)
Working Group feedback												
PIMS												
Scrutiny Performance Review												
Guest presentations & discussions					LAAs			LAAs		LAA & LSP consultation		
Member folder pilot												
End of Year Report												
Working Groups												
Value for Money (CPA UoR)			12th	17th		3rd			23rd		01.03.06	05.04.06
ESTABLISH WORK GROUP Receive background information, set remit, forward plan of meetings			12th	17th		3rd			23rd			
Benchmarking						3rd					1st	
Service Plan Template							2nd					5th
vfm strategy									23rd			
LAA / LPSA			20th ²			5th						
ESTABLISH WORK GROUP Receive background information, set remit, forward plan of meetings			20th ²			5th						
Draft submission						5th						
Progress / feed into Cabinet								8th				11th

NOTES

¹Portfolio holder for performance management was invited but is on holiday therefore invitation will be for October meeting.

²Cancelled due to changes in structure regarding the management of the LAA and LPSA.

KEY

CPA working group meetings & activities
LAA working group meetings & activities

June panel meeting & activities
September panel meeting & activities

December panel meeting & activities
January panel meeting & activities
13/04/2006

October panel meeting & activities
November panel meeting & activities

February panel meeting & activities
April panel meeting & activities