

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD

TUESDAY, 22ND JANUARY 2008, AT 6.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors J. T. Duddy (Chairman), C. B. Taylor (Vice-Chairman),
A. N. Blagg, Mrs. M. Bunker and Mrs. C. M. McDonald

Observers: Councillor G. N. Denaro (Portfolio Holder)
Chief Inspector Tony Love, West Mercia Police

Officers: Mr. K. Dicks, Mr. H. Bennett, Ms. J. Pickering and Mr. A. Jessop

68/07 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs. A. E. Doyle.

69/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

70/07 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Performance Management Board held on 18th December 2007 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

71/07 **MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - PERIOD 8 (NOVEMBER 2007)**

The Board gave consideration to a report on the Council's performance as at 30th November 2007. With regard to Paragraph 3.7 of the report, the Chairman welcomed Chief Inspector Tony Love of West Mercia Police to the meeting and invited him to share with members an overview of current crime statistics for the District, which had been an issue of concern at a recent in-house performance clinic.

RESOLVED

- (a) that it be noted that 78% of indicators were improving or stable at the period end, compared to 56% in Period 7;
- (b) that it be noted that 81% of indicators were achieving their targets at the period end, compared to 71% in Period 7;
- (c) that the successes outlined in Section 3.5 of the report be noted and celebrated;

- (d) that the potential areas of concern set out in Sections 3.6 and 3.7 of the report, together with the corrective action being taken, be noted; and
- (e) that, as the sickness absence issue remains a concern, a copy of the Council's Sickness Absence Management Policy document be considered at the next meeting of the Board.

RECOMMENDED that, in an endeavour to assist partner agencies to work more closely together to help reduce crime and disorder throughout the District, the Cabinet be requested to liaise with the relevant Portfolio holder, Council officers and the Police on improved enforcement issues resulting from the recent introduction of de-criminalisation of parking legislation.

72/07 **VALUE FOR MONEY REPORT ACTION PLAN**

Consideration was given to the Council's Value for Money Action Plan.

RESOLVED that, from time to time, the Board carry out reviews of targeted Value for Money projects.

73/07 **IMPROVEMENT PLAN EXCEPTION REPORT (NOVEMBER 2007)**

Consideration was given to the Improvement Plan Exception report for November 2007, together with the corrective action being taken as set out in the Appendix to the report.

RESOLVED

- (a) that the revisions to the Improvement Plan Exception report, together with the corrective action being taken, be noted; and
- (b) that it be noted that for the 159 actions highlighted within the Plan for November, 86.9% of the Improvement Plan was on target (green), 7% was one month behind (amber), and 3.1% was over one month behind (red). 3.1% of actions had been re-scheduled or suspended with approval.

74/07 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to a report setting out the Board's work programme for 2007-08.

RESOLVED that subject to (i) Evaluation of Area Committee Pilots, and (ii) Council Plan 2008-2011 and Medium Term Financial Plan being deferred until the March meeting of the Board, the report be approved.

The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

Chairman