

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD

TUESDAY, 22ND JANUARY, 2008 AT 6.00 PM

COMMITTEE ROOM, THE COUNCIL HOUSE, BURCOT LANE, BROMSGROVE

MEMBERS: Councillors J. T. Duddy (Chairman), C. B. Taylor (Vice-Chairman),

A. N. Blagg, Mrs. M. Bunker, S. R. Colella, Mrs. A. E. Doyle and

Mrs. C. M. McDonald

AGENDA

- 1. To receive apologies for absence
- 2. Declarations of Interest
- To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of the Performance Management Board held on 18th December 2007 (Pages 1 4)
- 4. Monthly Performance Report Period 8 (November 2007) (Pages 5 28)
- 5. Value for Money Report Action Plan (Pages 29 38)
- 6. Improvement Plan Exception Report (November 2007) (Pages 39 56)
- 7. Work Programme (Pages 57 64)
- 8. To consider any other business, details of which have been notified to the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services prior to the commencement of the meeting and which the Chairman, by reason of special circumstances, considers to be of so urgent a nature that it cannot wait until the next meeting

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Chief Executive

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11th January 2008

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD TUESDAY, 18TH DECEMBER 2007 AT 6.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillors J. T. Duddy (Chairman), C. B. Taylor (Vice-Chairman),

A. N. Blagg, Mrs. M. Bunker, S. R. Colella, Mrs. A. E. Doyle and

Mrs. C. M. McDonald

Observers: Councillor P. J. Whittaker

Officers: Mr. H. Bennett, Mr. A. Coel and Ms. R. Cole.

58/07 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor R. Smith (Portfolio Holder – observer).

59/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs. M. Bunker declared a personal interest in Agenda items 4 and 5 – BDHT Performance Report and BDC Housing Strategy Action Plan as a representative of the Council on the BDHT Board. Councillor S. R. Colella declared a personal interest in the same items as his wife was employed by a company which had undertaken work for BDHT.

60/07 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Performance Management Board held on 20th November 2007 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

61/07 BDHT PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Mr. M. Brown and Ms. C. Garner from Bromsgrove District Housing Trust to the meeting. As part of the Trust's Annual Monitoring Report a brief presentation took place which set out some of the achievements and future priorities for the Trust. It was felt by both the Trust and the Council that the working relationship had improved significantly and that partnership working was the way forward to maximise the benefit to customers of each organisation. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

62/07 BDC HOUSING STRATEGY ACTION PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT

Consideration was given to a report setting out progress achieved against targets contained in the action plan which accompanies the Housing Strategy 2006-2011. Members were reminded that there was also a separate action plan which monitored progress made against the weaknesses identified by the Audit Commission in their last inspection. A re-inspection of Strategic Housing was due to take place in February 2008. It was noted that a half term review of the Housing Strategy would be undertaken during 2008 to include consultation with stakeholders on progress, outcomes and new actions which had been developed with a view to these being formally incorporated into the existing action plan.

Members raised issues on the four key priorities within the Strategy and in particular focussed on the area of affordable housing provision and the challenge of meeting targets in view of current planning policies and the prevailing market forces. Further member training was to take place to assist with the understanding of affordable housing issues and the role of Strategic Housing.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

RECOMMENDED

- (a) that the Cabinet be requested to instruct the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Housing to work with the Strategic Housing Manager to develop and bring forward to Cabinet a report on the introduction of an Enforcement Policy and fee structure in relation to Houses in Multiple Occupation and other regulatory issues;
- (b) that with regard to the action involving research into the health needs of homeless people and their ability to access health services, a further request be made to the Primary Care Trust for a representative of the Trust to become a member of the Homelessness Strategy Steering Group and the issue also be referred to the Health and Wellbeing Group of the Local Strategic Partnership with a request that they work in conjunction with the Steering Group on this matter.

63/07 MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT - PERIOD 7 (OCTOBER 2007)

The Board gave consideration to a report on the Council's performance as at 31st October 2007 (period 7).

RESOLVED

- (a) that it be noted that 56% of indicators were improving or stable compared to 59% in period 5;
- (b) that it be noted that 71% of indicators were achieving their targets compared to 76% in period 5;
- (c) that the successes outlined in section 4.4 of the report be noted and celebrated :
- (d) that that the potential areas of concern set out in section 4.5 of the report, together with the corrective action being taken be noted;

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- (e) that the reasons as set out in the report for comparison with period 5 rather than period 6 be noted;
- (f) that with regard to the indicator BV12 relating to the level of sickness absence, the outcome of the proposed the Performance Clinic and discussions at Corporate Management Team be incorporated into this report for discussion at the next meeting;
- (g) that with regard to indicators BV127a and BV127b relating to violent crimes and robberies, Chief Inspector Tony Love be invited to attend the next meeting together with the Community Services Manager.

64/07 NEW IMPROVEMENT PLAN EXCEPTION REPORT - PERIOD 7 (OCTOBER 2007)

Consideration was given to the Improvement Plan Exception report for October 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;
- (b) that it be noted that for the 167 actions highlighted for October within the plan, 85% of the Improvement Plan was on target (green), 9.6% was one month behind (amber) and 2.4% was over one month behind (red). 3.6% of actions had been rescheduled or suspended with approval;
- (c) that in relation to the Customer Service Centre, additional information be sought regarding the operation and duration of the recorded message facility;
- (d) that the action plan drawn up to address issues raised through the Employee Survey be considered by the Board in February.

65/07 **2007-08 PREDICTED OUTTURN FOR BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

Consideration was given to a report on the projected outturn position on all Best Value Performance Indicators. The report also illustrated how that projected position would translate into a spread across quartiles, which was a key indicator of overall improvement as assessed by the Audit Commission.

RESOLVED that the likely improvement in quartile position as set out in section 4.7 of the report be noted, subject to the qualifications contained in section 4.8 of the report.

66/07 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to a report setting out the Board's work programme for 2007-2008.

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RESOLVED that subject to (i) the inclusion of consideration of the Value for Money Strategy in January 2008, (ii) consideration of the Spatial Strategy and the Data Quality Strategy in February 2008; and (iii) consideration of the Customer First Strategy Review in March 2008, the report be approved.

67/07 **LICENSING REVIEW**

(The Chairman agreed to the consideration of this item as a matter of urgency as a decision was required thereon before the next meeting of the Board)

It was requested that the issue of Value for Money in relation to staffing resources within the Licensing section be considered at a future meeting of the Board.

RESOLVED that the Assistant Chief Executive be requested to report on this issue to a future meeting of the Board.

The meeting closed at 8.28 pm

Chairman

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD

22 JANUARY 2008

NOVEMBER (PERIOD 8) PERFORMANCE REPORTING

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Cllr Roger Hollingworth		
Responsible Head of Service	Hugh Bennett, Assistant Chief Executive		

1. **SUMMARY**

1.1 To report to The Board on the Council's performance at 30 November 2007 (period 8).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That The Board notes that 78% of indicators are improving or stable at the period end, compared to 56% in period 7.
- That The Board notes that 81% of indicators are achieving their targets at the period end, compared to 71% in period 7.
- That The Board notes and celebrates the successes as outlined in section 3.5.
- 2.4 That The Board notes the potential areas for concern set out in section 3.6, considers the corrective action being taken and makes recommendations to Cabinet as is deemed appropriate.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The summary of performance is shown at **Appendix 1**. The full list of performance indicators due to be reported monthly is set out in **Appendix 2** where:-

On Target
Less than 10% from target
More than 10% from target
No target set

I	Performance is Improving
S	Performance is Stable
W	Performance is Worsening
N/a	No target set

3.3 From the summary of performance it can be seen that 78% of Pl's have improving or stable performance in November, back up to a similar level as September, following a dip in October. Five Pl's (all in Streetscene & Waste Management) have Improved estimated outturn projections, but two Pl's have a worsening estimated outturn (% of press articles which enhance our reputation and sickness absence). Seven Pl's are projected to miss target, the same as in October.

- 3.4 Seven of the PI's have continued to improve in November having already improved in October. In addition eight PI's have moved from a worsening position to an improving position.
- 3.5 Examples of considerable or continued improvement over the period include:-
 - BV109 a, b and c very high levels of performance continue to be achieved for the seventh month in succession.
 - BV8 Invoices paid on time 99.87% of invoices paid on time in November.
 - BV78a Average days to process new Housing Benefit claims performance improved slightly in November, performance in the month was considerably better than target for the 5th month running.
 - Call centre performance has seen significant improvement in the resolution at first point of contact, up from 86.4% to 95% in November (target is 85%).
 - Continued 100% performance levels for removal of abandoned vehicles, animal debris and fly tips.
 - Reduced number of missed waste collections
- 3.6 There are two indicators which are of potential concern as follows:-
 - ➤ BV12 Sickness absence There was a slight increase in sickness in November, following the significant increase in October. It is now highly unlikely that the target will be met, the projected outturn based on average performance to date is projected at 9.27 days per employee (target is 9 days), however if sickness absence remains at the high levels experienced in October and November then the outturn is likely to be nearer to 10 days. Implementation of Job Evaluation the measures to balance the budget are likely to put pressure on sickness absence figures. Nonetheless it is anticipated that performance will be better than last year. The detail breakdown of sickness figures is shown at Appendix 4 of this report. A performance clinic was held on the sickness figures and looked at SSWM, Finance and overall sickness policy. Short term absence in SSWM remains a problem and the view of both the Head of Service and unions is that some staff are abusing the system. The Head of Service would like to introduce spot checks on staff suspected of abusing the system - those present at the clinic supported this approach. The Finance Department's sickness issues were looked at on a case by case basis. The nature of the cases were serious and genuine and no further action was considered appropriate beyond supporting those staff concerned. In terms of the overall sickness policy, the current policy is relatively new and is having an impact. Sickness levels are expected to miss the corporate target of 9 days; however, the predicted outturn is 9.27 days per FTE, which is much better than the 10.66 days per FTE for 2006/07. The local government average is 8.5 days and the private sector 7.2 days. The officer group at the clinic felt the best course of action was to maintain the pressure for improvement through the current application of the policy along with the proposed spot checks and the requirement of doctor's sick notes for all persistent offenders.

- Sickness absence was also discussed at the Performance Management Board. The Board requested that CMT consider some form of incentive system for reducing sickness absence. The main one proposed was a scheme that would make a payment to staff for zero sickness up to 5 days. This would probably have a positive impact. There are two issues to consider. Morally, should we pay people more to simply come to work? We are talking about taxpayer's money and this is likely to be a media sensitive issue. The Council could consider more negative incentives e.g. not paying people for short term sickness (some councils have done this and some private sector firms also operate this approach) or we could reduce the length of long term sickness paid until the average level of sickness reduces to a particular target level (this is not recommended, but has been used in an authority in the West Midlands). Another approach would be to introduce a stronger set of support mechanisms for staff e.g. recommended health insurance, better information on counselling e.g. debt counselling, diet etc. CMT considered this at their meeting of 8 January 2008 and determined that they do not support incentivisation schemes for this purpose.
- ➤ The percentage of press articles which enhance our reputation fell again for the 3rd month in succession. This is partly due to unavoidable negative stories from the council e.g. job losses and cessation of green waste collection and subsequent letters to the media.
- 3.7 October's report identified the indicators in 3.6 as an issue for referral to the performance clinics along with violent crime/robberies and usage of the Dolphin Centre. Both were referred to performance clinics. In the latter case, the closure of part of the Dolphin Centre for refurbishment is bound to impact further on the usage figures and no clinic was held on this basis. For violent crimes and robberies, the Assistant Chief Executive and the Acting Head of Culture and Communities met with Chief Inspector Tony Love. The following points were identified:-
 - The number of violent crimes in the District is comparatively low and there were only 3 recorded violent crimes in the town centre over the Christmas period with the changes to the provision of taxis after closing time proving very successful.
 - The definition of what is a violent crime is very wide and includes verbal abuse (for example an abusive phone call), a dog bite, children fighting, through to serious assault and domestic violence. The Police estimate that for every 100 "violent" crimes (what we are averaging every month) approximately 15 are of a more serious nature (including all domestic violence).
 - Improvements to domestic violence reporting mean that the number of such incidents are increasing. The Police treat every instance of domestic violence very seriously, on the basis that a phone call is probably the first call after 15 previous incidents. Currently the Police make an arrest in 89% of cases.
 - The detection rates for violent crimes is high (55%) compared to the

target of 32%. 85% of racial hate crimes are detected i.e. someone is charged.

On the basis of this information, no further action is recommended.

The performance clinic also looked at robberies. The actual numbers are very low (between 5 and 8 a month against a target of 3). The target is based on last year's very good outturn and is thought to be too low by both the Police and Culture and Communities staff. Again, the definition is very wide and only a small proportion of the small number of robberies are serious in nature. No further action is recommended.

The clinic also took the opportunity to look at anti-social behaviour and criminal damage. These are the main issues that come up at PACT meetings and help drive a perception of high crime when the District is generally a very safe place to live and work. That said, the issues are real and frustrating to individuals in our community e.g. loud music, boy racing, car scratching, breaking of wing mirrors etc:-

- The clinic identified that the media helps drive a fear of crime and the CDRP are running a communications campaign to provide people with the facts. A suggestion from the clinic is to invite members of the media to the CDRP tasking meetings. This was supported by all present.
- Another suggestion is to investigate the ability for our Neighbourhood Wardens and other Council staff to issue fixed penalty notices or other forms of sanction. In the example given, if someone playing loud and anti-social music is given a warning in the first instance, on the second occasion their car can be impounded. Giving our staff the power to take such action would also enable the Police's Community Support Officers to use the same process. The approach would appear to have the ability to dramatically increase our ability to clamp down on anti-social behaviour. The clinic identified that legal and administrative capacity to support this work would be a problem. This may have to come forward as a budget bid for 2009/2010, but it was agreed that this approach be explored further to determine the costs and benefits of the approach. The Community Safety manager will produce a report on this.
- Visible presence was also identified as a key factor in reducing crime.
 The Chief Inspector asked whether the Council could look at this
 under any future proposals for decriminalised parking enforcement,
 but also existing inspection/enforcement activity. This will be
 considered once the report referred to in the previous paragraph is
 completed.

Finally, the CDRP should be commended for the reduction in BCS Comparator crime, with crime levels predicted to be down in the District by 32% over the last 3 years (period ending 31 March 2008), compared to the target of 17.5%.

- 3.8 Following a recommendation from a recent review of the Data Quality Strategy by Internal Audit this report will now include a regular section to report on data quality issues.
 - Six Data Quality Awareness courses were run in November; all those involved in the gathering of data and/or calculation of performance figures were due to attend. A small number of those people did not attend, for a variety of reasons, these will be booked onto a future occurrence of the course.
 - ➤ Data quality checks were applied to the source data calculations for BV109 a, b and c (Planning applications), all of which were found to be satisfactory.
 - There continues to be some errors in reporting of performance in Departmental submissions as follows:-
 - ➤ Planning & Environment 4 errors in reporting
 - ➤ E-Government & Customer Services 4 errors in reporting.
 - > Finance 1 error in reporting.

These errors were in the coding of the target/trend information – i.e. incorrect traffic lighting and/or incorrect reporting as to whether performance is improving, stable or declining or simply transposition of numbers. There were no indications that the underlying performance figures were incorrect. The relevant Departmental Performance Champions have been notified and advised.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no legal implications.

6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

6.1 Performance reporting & management links to the Improvement objective

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 The main risks associated with the details included in this report are:
 - Data quality problems
 - Poor performance
- 7.2 These risks are being managed as follows:
 - Implementation of the Data Quality Strategy
 - Robust follow up on performance issues, including performance clinics

8 **CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 Performance Improvement is a Council Objective

9. **EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no implications for the Council's Equalities and Diversity Policies.

10. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 ■ There are no VFM implications

11. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues None
Personnel Issues None
Governance/Performance Management – Production of the performance report supports the aim of improving performance & performance management
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act 1988 None
Policy None
Environmental None

12. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Please include the following table and indicate 'Yes' or 'No' as appropriate. Delete the words in italics.

Portfolio Holder	Yes(At
	Leader's
	Group)
Chief Executive	Yes (at CMT)
Executive Director (Partnerships & Projects)	Yes (at CMT)
Executive Director (Services)	Yes (at CMT)
Assistant Chief Executive	Yes
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Financial Services	Yes (at CMT)
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	Yes (at CMT)
Head of Organisational Development & HR	Yes (at CMT)
Corporate Procurement Team	Yes (at CMT)

13. WARDS AFFECTED

All Wards'.

14. APPENDICES

Appendix 1	Performance Summary for November 2007
Appendix 2	Detail Performance report for November 2007
Appendix 3	Detailed figures to support the performance report
Appendix 4	Detail breakdown of sickness figures

15. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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APPENDIX 1

SUMMARY - Period 6 (September) 2007/08 Monthly (September) performance							
Improving or stable. Declining No data	No. 39 8 0	% 83% 17%	On target Missing target by less than 10% Missing target by more than 10% No data	No. 34 9 4 0	% 72% 19% 9% 0%		
Total Number of Indicators	47	100%	Total Number of Indicators	47	100%		

SUMMARY - Period 6(September) 2007/08								
Estimated Outturn								
	No.	%		No.	%			
On target	37	79%	1st quartile	6	25%			
Missing target by less than 10%	5	11%	2nd quartile	12	50%			
Missing target by more than 10%	5	11%	3rd quartile	5	21%			
No data	0	0%	4th quartile	1	4%			
			(2006/07quartiles					
			used)					
total	47	100%	total*	24	100%			

^{*} only BVPI's with quartile data are counted

SUMMARY - Period 7 (October) 2007/08									
	Monthly (October) performance								
Improving or stable. Declining No data	No. 19 15 0	44%	On target Missing target by less than 10% Missing target by more than 10% No data	No. 24 9 1	% 71% 26% 3% 0%				
Total Number of Indicators	34	100%	Total Number of Indicators	34	100%				

SUMMARY - Period 7 (October 2007/08)								
Estimated Outturn								
No.	%		No.	%				
26	76%	1st quartile	4	29%				
6	18%	2nd quartile	7	50%				
2	6%	3rd quartile	2	14%				
	0%	4th quartile	1	7%				
		(2006/07quartiles						
		used)						
34	100%	total*	14	100%				
	No. 26 6 2	timated Outtu No.	No.	timated Outturn No.				

^{*} only BVPI's with quartile data are counted

	SUMMARY - Period 8 (November) 2007/08							
	Monthly (November) performance							
Improving or stable. Declining No data	No. 29 8	22%	On target Missing target by less than 10% Missing target by more than 10% No data	No. 30 4 3	% 81% 11% 8% 0%			
Total Number of Indicators	37	100%	Total Number of Indicators	37	100%			

SUMMARY - Period 8 (November 2007/08)									
Estimated Outturn									
On target Missing target by less than 10% Missing target by more than 10% No data	No. 30 4 3	11% 8%	1st quartile 2nd quartile 3rd quartile 4th quartile (2006/07quartiles used)	No. 4 9 4 2	% 21% 47% 21% 11%				
total	37	100%	total*	19	100%				

^{*} only BVPI's with quartile data are counted

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Ref	Description	Freq	C or S		Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
	Chief Executive's Department															
	% of press articles which enhance	М	С	Target	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
LPI CEOACE	our reputation		1	Actual	73.84	64.78	79.37	84.00	76.07	74.03	63.10	60.58				
	Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services															
BV174	The number of racial incidents reported to the Council per	М	С	Target	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
DV 174	100,000 population	IVI		Actual	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
BV175	The percentage of those racial incidents that have resulted in	М	С	Target	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00				
0110	further action	I		Actual	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00				

Human Resources & Organisational Development

BV12	The average number of working	M	_	Target	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.81	0.81	0.81
DV12	days lost due to sickness.	IVI	Č	Actual	0.65	0.84	0.72	0.87	0.77	0.48	0.91	0.93				

								2	007/08 M	onthly Pe	erforman	ce figure	s			-
Ref	Description	Freq	C or		Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
	Financial Services															
BV78a	The average number of days	М	С	Target	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00				
21100	taken for processing new claims.	"		Actual	34.10	36.44	33.57	22.06	25.21	20.89	23.97	22.93				1
BV78b	The average number of days taken for processing changes in	М	С	Target	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00				
BVIOD	circumstances			Actual	14.31	6.14	7.86	5.68	6.09	4.80	6.42	6.87				
BV79bii	The percentage of recoverable HB (all-years outstanding)	М	С	Target	25.00	25.00	25.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00				
D V / 3DII	overpayments recovered.	IVI		Actual	2.85	7.27	9.80	12.41	15.14	17.20	19.28	21.36				
BV8	Percentage of invoices paid on	М	С	Target	97.00	97.00	97.00	97.00	97.00	97.00	97.00	97.00				
500	time		Ŭ	Actual	94.74	96.89	97.07	97.53	96.23	97.40	99.34	99.87				
BV9	Percentage of Council Tax	l _м	С	Target	11.07	20.51	30.36	30.36	49.45	59.40	69.13	78.60				
D V 3	collected			Actual	12.00	20.83	30.16	39.70	49.55	59.15	68.73	78.20				
BV10	Percentage of Non-Domestic	М	С	Target	9.70	18.64	27.98	37.48	50.10	59.78	71.43	78.43				
DV 10	Rates collected.	'''	Ŭ	Actual	9.50	20.46	31.19	40.65	51.93	60.70	70.14	78.80				

E-Government & Customer Services

CSC	Monthly Call Volumes Customer	М	S	Target										
CSC	Contact Centre	IVI	0	Actual	8,410	6,399	7,628	7,819	8,855	7,483	7,676	7,089		
	Monthly Call Volume Council			Target										
CSC	Switchboard	М	S	Actual	7,718	7,310	7,060	7,270	6,995	5,888	5,946	5,573		
CSC	Resolution at First Point of Contact	М	S	Target	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00		
	all services (percentage)	101	0	Actual	90.77	90.00	92.00	95.00	90.20	95.00	86.40	95.00		
csc	Average Speed of Answer	М	S	Target	20.00	20.00	20.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00		
000	(seconds)	IVI)	Actual	67.00	47.00	53.00	48.00	55.00	53.00	31.00	31.00		
CSC	% of Calls Answered	М	S	Target	85.00	85.00	85.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	80.00	80.00		
	70 of Galls 7 thswered	101	0	Actual	60.00	81.00	79.00	80.00	77.00	79.00	86.00	86.00		
LPI IT	% of helpdesk call closed within	М	С	Target	86.00	86.00	86.00	86.00	85.00	85.00	86.00	86.00		
Services	timescales	IVI		Actual	92.88	95.45	89.85	95.23	88.17	93.50	87.62	78.65		

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Ref	Description	Freq	C or		Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
	Street Scene & Waste Manageme	ent														
BV82ai	The percentage of household	М	С	Target	17.00	17.00	17.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.77	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00
BVOZUI	waste that has been recycled	IV.	Ŭ	Actual	17.44	18.81	18.75	18.62	19.67	20.47	20.62	23.81				
BV82bi	The percentage of household	l _M	С	Target	30.00	30.00	30.00	24.00	23.00	24.00	22.00	26.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DV02DI	waste that has been composted	IVI		Actual	33.78	30.29	31.73	31.35	29.59	26.15	24.12	19.24				
	The proportion of land & highways			Target	NA	NA	NA		NA	37.54		17.00				
BV199a	assessed as having unacceptable levels of litter and detritus	M*	С	Actual	NA	NA	NA	16.83	NA	36.79		16.00				
	The proportion of land & highways			Target	NA NA	NA.	NA.	10.00	NA NA	-0.08		4.00				
BV199b	assessed as having unacceptable levels of graffiti visible	M*	С	Actual	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	5.56	NA NA	-5.45						
	The proportion of land & highways			Target				5.56		-5.45		5.00				
BV199c	assessed as having unacceptable levels of fly-posting visible	M*	С	Actual	NA	NA	NA		NA			1.00				
	The percentage of new reports of				NA	NA	NA	0.98	NA			1.00				
BV218a	abandoned vehicles investigated	М	С	Target	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00				
	within 24 hours of notification			Actual	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00				
BV218b	The percentage of abandoned vehicles removed within 24 hours	l _M	С	Target	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00				
312.00	of legal entitlement			Actual	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00				
LPI Depot	% animal/debris cleared within	М	С	Target	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00				
LFT Depot	timescales	IVI		Actual	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00				
I DI Danat	% of flytips dealt with in response		С	Target	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00				
LPI Depot	time	M		Actual	97.50	100.00	98.47	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00				
I DI Dan d	Number of missed household	.	С	Target	133	133	133	133	133	133	133	133				
LPI Depot	waste collections	M		Actual	99	73	139	74	135	73	124	96				
LPI Depot	Number of missed recycle waste	М	С	Target	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66				
LET Depot	collections	l IVI		Actual	31	30	48	24	29	14	24	20				

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Ref	Description	Freq	C or S		Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
LPI Depot	Number of written complaints	М	С	Target Actual	22	22	22	22	22	22	22	22				
				Actual	27	11	6	14	10	7	14	11				oxdot
LPI Transport	% responses to Excess Charge	М	_	Target	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00				
Services	anneals in 10 days	IVI)	Actual	96.00	96.12	92.42	96.04	87.64	97.62	99.08	100.00				

M* = in the months when available (3 times per year)

Planning & Environment Services

BV109a	The percentage of major planning applications determined within 13	М	С	Target	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00		
Бу 109а	weeks	IVI	C	Actual	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00		
BV109b	The percentage of minor planning applications determined within 8	М	C	Target	77.00	77.00	77.00	77.00	77.00	77.00	77.00	77.00		
	weeks			Actual	91.00	76.47	100.00	100.00	100.00	73.00	82.00	95.00		
BV109c	The percentage of other planning applications determined within 8	М	C	Target	89.00	89.00	89.00	89.00	89.00	89.00	89.00	89.00		
	weeks		,	Actual	100.00	90.90	96.30	90.00	96.00	88.00	93.00	91.00		
BV204	The percentage of planning appeal	М	С	Target	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00		
D V 2 04	decisions allowed	141)	Actual	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00		

				I				2	007/08 M	onthly Po	erforman	ce figure	s			
Ref	Description	Freq	C or		Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
	Culture & Community Services															
BV126	The number of domestic burglaries	М	С	Target	33	34	33	33	33	33	33	33				
(proxy)	The number of domestic burgianes	IVI	C	Actual	32	34	34	40	26	21	23	48				
BV127a	The number of violent crimes	М	C	Target	92	93	93	92	92	92	92	92				
(proxy)				Actual	102	84	101	91	104	100	111	87				
BV127b	The number of robberies	М	С	Target	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3				
(proxy)	The figures of responde		Ů	Actual	5	8	8	3	5	5	8	7				
BV128	The number of vehicle crimes	М	С	Target	76	77	76	76	76	76	76	76				
(proxy)				Actual	72	58	56	62	69	55	54	53				
I(:ommilinit	Number of attendances at arts	М	С	Target	250	525	500	800	12,000	600	600	7,000				
y Services	events		Ŭ	Actual	265	275	510	665	12,905	650	600	8,750				
LPI Sports	Sports Centres Usage	М	С	Target	64,171	61,786	47,953	61,936	57,340	58,498	59,920	57,114				
Services	oporto ocinico osage	171	J	Actual	65,143	63,932	52,186	60,220	51,026	56,051	53,404	56,588				

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Ref	Description	Freq	C or S		Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
	Chief Executive's Department															
	% of press articles which enhance	М	С	Target	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00
LPI CEOACE	our reputation			Actual	73.84	64.78	79.37	84.00	76.07	74.03	63.10	60.58				
	Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services															
BV174	The number of racial incidents reported to the Council per	М	С	Target	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
BV 174	100,000 population	IVI		Actual	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00				
BV175	The percentage of those racial incidents that have resulted in	м	С	Target	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00				
BV 1/5	further action	IVI		Actual	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00				

Human Resources & Organisational Development

B	V12	The average number of working	M	 Target	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.73	0.81	0.81	0.81
ľ	VIZ	days lost due to sickness.	IVI	Actual	0.65	0.84	0.72	0.87	0.77	0.48	0.91	0.93				

								2	007/08 M	onthly Pe	erforman	ce figure	s			
Ref	Description	Freq	C or		Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
	Financial Services															
BV78a	The average number of days	М	С	Target	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00				
BVYGG	taken for processing new claims.			Actual	34.10	36.44	33.57	22.06	25.21	20.89	23.97	22.93				
BV78b	The average number of days taken for processing changes in	М	С	Target	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00				
151705	circumstances	'''		Actual	14.31	6.14	7.86	5.68	6.09	4.80	6.42	6.87				
BV79bii	The percentage of recoverable HB (all-years outstanding)	М	С	Target	25.00	25.00	25.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00				
D V 7 3DII	overpayments recovered.	IVI	Ŭ	Actual	2.85	7.27	9.80	12.41	15.14	17.20	19.28	21.36				
BV8	Percentage of invoices paid on	М	С	Target	97.00	97.00	97.00	97.00	97.00	97.00	97.00	97.00				
BVO	time	141		Actual	94.74	96.89	97.07	97.53	96.23	97.40	99.34	99.87				
BV9	Percentage of Council Tax	М	С	Target	11.07	20.51	30.36	30.36	49.45	59.40	69.13	78.60				
DVS	collected	IVI		Actual	12.00	20.83	30.16	39.70	49.55	59.15	68.73	78.20				
BV10	Percentage of Non-Domestic	М	С	Target	9.70	18.64	27.98	37.48	50.10	59.78	71.43	78.43				
DV 10	Rates collected.		Ŭ	Actual	9.50	20.46	31.19	40.65	51.93	60.70	70.14	78.80				

E-Government & Customer Services

csc	Monthly Call Volumes Customer	М	s	Target										
CSC	Contact Centre	IVI	0	Actual	8,410	6,399	7,628	7,819	8,855	7,483	7,676	7,089		
000	Monthly Call Volume Council			Target										
CSC	Switchboard	М	Ø	Actual	7,718	7,310	7,060	7,270	6,995	5,888	5,946	5,573		
CSC	Resolution at First Point of Contact	М	s	Target	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00		
	all services (percentage))	Actual	90.77	90.00	92.00	95.00	90.20	95.00	86.40	95.00		
csc	Average Speed of Answer	М	S	Target	20.00	20.00	20.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00		
000	(seconds)	IVI)	Actual	67.00	47.00	53.00	48.00	55.00	53.00	31.00	31.00		
csc	% of Calls Answered	М	S	Target	85.00	85.00	85.00	75.00	75.00	75.00	80.00	80.00		
	70 of Galls 7 thswered	101)	Actual	60.00	81.00	79.00	80.00	77.00	79.00	86.00	86.00		
LPI IT	% of helpdesk call closed within	М	С	Target	86.00	86.00	86.00	86.00	85.00	85.00	86.00	86.00		
Services	timescales	141		Actual	92.88	95.45	89.85	95.23	88.17	93.50	87.62	78.65		

					2007/08 Monthly Performance figures											
Ref	Description	Freq	C or		Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
	Street Scene & Waste Management															
BV82ai	The percentage of household	М	С	Target	17.00	17.00	17.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.77	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00
DVOZAI	waste that has been recycled	IVI		Actual	17.44	18.81	18.75	18.62	19.67	20.47	20.62	23.81				
BV82bi	The percentage of household	l _M	С	Target	30.00	30.00	30.00	24.00	23.00	24.00	22.00	26.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DV02DI	waste that has been composted	IVI		Actual	33.78	30.29	31.73	31.35	29.59	26.15	24.12	19.24				
	The proportion of land & highways			Target	NA	NA	NA		NA	37.54		17.00				
BV199a	assessed as having unacceptable levels of litter and detritus	M*	С	Actual	NA	NA	NA	16.83	NA	36.79		16.00				
	The proportion of land & highways			Target	NA	NA.	NA	10.00	NA	-0.08		4.00				
BV199b	assessed as having unacceptable levels of graffiti visible	M*	С	Actual				5.50								
	The proportion of land & highways assessed as having unacceptable			Target	NA	NA	NA	5.56	NA	-5.45		5.00				
BV199c		M*	С	Actual	NA	NA	NA		NA			1.00				
	levels of fly-posting visible				NA	NA	NA	0.98	NA			1.00				
BV218a	The percentage of new reports of abandoned vehicles investigated within 24 hours of notification	М	С	Target	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00				
				Actual	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00				
BV218b	The percentage of abandoned vehicles removed within 24 hours	١,,	С	Target	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00				
DV210D	of legal entitlement	M		Actual	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00				
	% animal/debris cleared within			Target	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00				
LPI Depot	timescales	М	С	Actual	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00				
	% of flytips dealt with in response			Target	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00	95.00						
LPI Depot	time	М	С	Actual							95.00	95.00				
				Target	97.50	100.00	98.47	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00				
LPI Depot	Number of missed household waste collections	М	С	Actual	133	133	133	133	133	133	133	133				
				Target	99	73	139	74	135	73	124	96				
LPI Depot	Number of missed recycle waste collections	М	С	Actual	66	66	66	66	66	66	66	66				
				, totual	31	30	48	24	29	14	24	20				

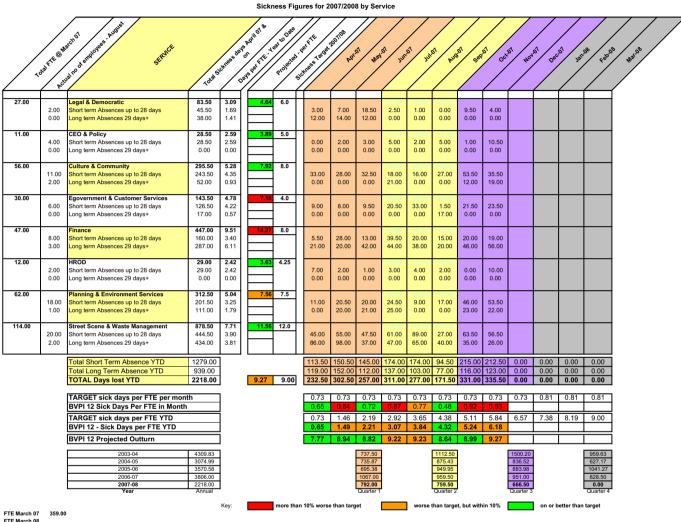
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Ref	Description	Freq	C or S		Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
LPI Depot	Number of written complaints	М	С	Target Actual	22 27	22 11	22 6	22 14	22 10	22 7	22 14	22 11				
	% responses to Excess Charge appeals in 10 days	М	С	Target Actual	95.00 96.00	95.00 96.12	95.00 92.42	95.00 96.04	95.00 87.64	95.00 97.62	95.00 99.08	95.00 100.00				

M* = in the months when available (3 times per year)

Planning & Environment Services

BV109a	The percentage of major planning applications determined within 13	М	С	Target	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00	55.00		
	weeks			Actual	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00		
BV109b	The percentage of minor planning applications determined within 8	М	С	Target	77.00	77.00	77.00	77.00	77.00	77.00	77.00	77.00		
	weeks	1		Actual	91.00	76.47	100.00	100.00	100.00	73.00	82.00	95.00		
BV109c	The percentage of other planning applications determined within 8 weeks	М	С	Target	89.00	89.00	89.00	89.00	89.00	89.00	89.00	89.00		
B 1 1000				Actual	100.00	90.90	96.30	90.00	96.00	88.00	93.00	91.00		
BV204	The percentage of planning appeal decisions allowed	М	C	Target	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00		
		IVI		Actual	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00		

					2007/08 Monthly Performance figures											
Ref	Description	Freq	C or S		Apr.	May.	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
	Culture & Community Services															
BV126	The number of domestic burglaries	М	С	Target	33	34	33	33	33	33	33	33				
(proxy)	The number of domestic burgianes	IVI		Actual	32	34	34	40	26	21	23	48				
BV127a	I he number of violent crimes I	М	С	Target	92	93	93	92	92	92	92	92				
(proxy)				Actual	102	84	101	91	104	100	111	87				
BV127b	The number of robberies	М	С	Target	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3				
(proxy)				Actual	5	8	8	3	5	5	8	7				
BV128	The number of vehicle crimes	М	С	Target	76	77	76	76	76	76	76	76				
(proxy)				Actual	72	58	56	62	69	55	54	53				
IC:ommilinit	Number of attendances at arts	М	С	Target	250	525	500	800	12,000	600	600	7,000				
y Services	events		്	Actual	265	275	510	665	12,905	650	600	8,750				
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BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD

22 JANUARY 2008

VALUE FOR MONEY ACTION PLAN

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Geoff Denaro - Portfolio Holder for
	Finance
Responsible Head of Service	Jayne Pickering – Head of Financial
	Services

1. SUMMARY

1.1 The Board have requested that the action plan in respect of improving Value for Money within the Council, which was approved at November 2007 Cabinet be considered at its January meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Board to consider the action plan and make recommendations to Cabinet if appropriate.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Value for Money Strategy was approved by Cabinet in January 2007. This included the principles and mechanisms for the Council to deliver Value for Money and to demonstrate to the customers that we are making best use of our resources. It is recognised that the best way for the Council to release funds to allocate to priorities is by realising cash efficiencies by providing better value for money in the deliver of our services.
- 3.2 The Use of Resources scoring from the Audit Commission received for 2006 included a judgement for the achievement of Value for Money. The Council scored 1 out of 4 which reflects below minimum requirements and inadequate performance.
- 3.3 The key principles that underpin the Commission's approach to VFM are, where possible, to:
 - take a community-wide perspective rather than that of individual service users;
 - look at gross costs as net costs can mask high spending if income is high;
 - take account of local context and quality of service;

- take account of long-term costs and benefits and the wider social and environmental impact;
- consider arrangements to ensure equity of access to services;
- use data on costs and performance to provide a starting point for questions;
- allow for local policy choices (alongside a national policy context) about priorities and standards of service;
- review current performance in achieving VFM and how VFM has improved over time, for example, using trend analysis; and
- rely on evidence of outcomes achieved and the effectiveness of activity to improve VFM.
- 3.4 Since March officers of the Council have been reviewing ways of improving Value for Money at Bromsgrove and a self assessment was submitted to KPMG in September 2007 to demonstrate the achievements made since the review.
- 3.5 The key recommendations from KPMG to improve Value for Money included:
 - Developing a mechanism for presenting cost information and to review the Audit Commission profiles to address areas of high cost and low quality / performance
 - To review the needs of service users and to build these assessments into decision making within the Council.
- 3.6 As part of the review a Value for Money team was set up to include; the Improvement Director, Head of Financial Services and Portfolio Holder for Finance. Following sessions to discuss the arrangements for delivering Value for Money with the Heads of Service an action plan has been developed to actively address the changes that are required in the Council to drive Value for Money and release efficiencies to fund priority areas of spend across the District.
- 3.7 The plan focuses on 4 key stages in the development of a Value for Money culture within the Council. The completion of these stages will take between 2-5 years to undertake across the Council. These are:
 - Identifying customer needs
 - Undertaking cost & performance comparison
 - Understanding how we will deliver our services
 - Market Testing
- 3.7 The plan is attached at Appendix 1.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The actions contained within the plan will be undertaken by existing resources

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no legal implications.

6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

6.1 The achievement of Value for Money will facilitate the Council to release resources for key priority areas

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 The main risks associated with the details included in this report are:
 - Poor Use of Resources scoring.
 - Inability to reallocate funding to priorities.
 - Lack of an effective value for money culture.
- 7.2 These risks are being managed as follows:
 - Poor Use of Resources scoring:

Risk Register: Financial Services

Key Objective Ref No: 9

Key Objective: Effective VFM culture and compliant procurement best

practices

• Inability to reallocate funding to priorities:

Risk Register: Financial Services

Key Objective Ref No: 6

Key Objective: Efficient and effective Accountancy Service

Lack of an effective value for money culture:

Risk Register: Financial Services

Key Objective Ref No: 9

Key Objective: Effective VFM culture and compliant procurement best

practices

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 By implementing the action plan the customer will receive better Value for Money from the delivery of our services.

9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The procurement actions to include the review of suppliers who trade with the Council will enable all businesses to have the opportunity to understand how to trade and develop a professional relationship with the Council.

10. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None

Procurement Issues
Effective procurement is key to the achievement of Value for Money
- the procurement manager will be involved in all actions in respect
of the plan.
Personnel Implications
None
Governance/Performance Management
The achievement of VFM will improve the scoring within the Use of
Resources framework and realise efficiencies as required within the
new target as part of the Comprehensive Spending review.
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder
Act 1998
None
Policy
None
Environmental

11. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	Yes
Corporate Director (Services)	Yes
Assistant Chief Executive	Yes
Head of Financial Services	Yes
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	Yes
Head of Organisational Development & HR	Yes
Corporate Procurement Team	Yes

12. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 VFM action Plan

13. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Notes from Heads of Service meetings

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Appendix 1

VALUE FOR MONEY STRATEGY – ACTION PLAN 2007/08-2008/09

	Objective	Action	Owner	Timescale	Completed
	To identify customer needs	Undertake a customer survey to include services across the Council to determine needs of service users and requirements for future service provision	ACE	Nov – March 2008	
age	To make the best use of resources to deliver quality service to the customer	Undertake a high level analysis of comparative costs and performance using Audit Commission profiles to identify high cost v low performance /quality service for focus of further analysis for improvement	HOFS & ACE	Oct – Nov 2007	
	To ensure new projects proposed have considered the Value for Money in delivery and outcome	To include a specific section within the current funding request forms in relation to the demonstration of VFM in the project implementation and outcome To include a section within committee reports to identify the Value for Money implications of the proposed project/scheme.	HOFS	Nov 2007	

Pa	To undertake reviews of projects completed to identify savings and evidence of VFM outcomes	Undertake appraisals of projects completed to identify savings realised and to evidence VFM achievement to include:	Procurement Manager + Respective Head of Service / Manager	Feb – June 2008	
ge 36		Identify and undertake specific appraisals of projects to release efficiencies and to demonstrate VFM . To include: • Document management System • Spatial integration of systems • Data cleansing (Spatial) • SLA with BDHT	Head of ICT & EGOV + Respective Head of Service / Manager	During 2008/09	

	Programme of process re-engineering projects identified. To include:	Head of ICT & EGOV + HOP&E		
Page 37	Specific Service delivery reviews to be undertaken to ensure services deliver value for money. Services to include: • Facilities Management – to ensure there is a corporate approach to managing the Councils asset base • Customer Service Centre – to review the link between front and back office to identify options for further release of efficiencies • Street Scene & Waste Management (identify specific area)	manager + HOLEDS HOFS & HOEG&ICT	Jan- March 2008	
	Undertake a review of the Leisure trust transfer to identify outcomes that can be measured to evidence VFM	HOC&C	Jan – March 08	

Page	 "yellow pages" and by developing framework agreements where appropriate. Consolidate facilities management spend across the council for all departments Further introduce use of GPC cards to reduce number of invoices paid Develop training plan for middle managers for procurement 		
Embed the Value for Money ethos within the Council	Provide awareness training to all staff via the training programme • CMT and Members • Heads of Service & Middle managers Communicate the importance, benefits and outcomes of value for money to staff through intranet & connect	ACE	During 2008/09 During 2008/09

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD

IMPROVEMENT PLAN EXCEPTION REPORT [NOVEMBER 2007]

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor Roger Hollingworth Leader of the Council
Responsible Officer	Hugh Bennett Assistant Chief Executive

1. **SUMMARY**

1.1 To ask the Performance Management Board to consider the attached updated Improvement Plan Exception Report for November 2007.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Performance Management Board considers and approves the revisions to the Improvement Plan Exception Report, and the corrective action being taken.
- 2.2 That Performance Management Board notes that for the 159 actions highlighted for November within the plan 86.9 percent of the Improvement Plan is on target [green], 7.0 percent is one month behind [amber] and 3.1 percent is over one month behind [red]. 3.1 percent of actions have been rescheduled [or suspended] with approval.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 July 2007 Cabinet approved the Improvement Plan 2007/08. The Improvement Plan is directly linked to the 10 corporate priorities and 12 enablers identified in the Council Plan 2007/2010.
- 3.2 At July 2007 Cabinet Members approved the inclusion of an additional number of actions from the Improvement Director. The Improvement Plan is designed to push the Council through to a rating of Fair during 2008.

4. PROGRESS IN NOVEMBER 2007

4.1 Overall performance as at the end of November 2007 is as follows: -

RED	3	1.8%	RED	5	3.1%
AMBER	16	9.6%	AMBER	11	7.0%
GREEN	142	85.0%	GREEN	138	86.9%
REPROGRAMMED	6	3.6%	REPROGRAMMED	5	3.1%

Where: -

On Target or completed
Less than one month behind target
Over one month behind target
Original date of planned action
Re-programmed date.

- 4.2 Out of the total of 159 actions for the month, 13 actions have been deleted, suspended or the timescales have been extended. This amounts to 8.2 percent of the plan. These actions are: Overall Customer Satisfaction x2 ((4.1); Review of Annual Business Cycle (6.4); Satisfaction with Artrix (8.2); Historical Offer (establishment of museum trust) (8.4); Improvements in Use of Resources scoring in relation to VFM (11.3) Ombudsman Complaints (Customer Feedback System) (15.1); Reduced Demand (15.2); Better understanding of the spatial project (17.1); Satisfaction with leisure centre offer (18.3); Management Development Strategy (20.4); PDR Process (22.1); Develop Project Management Arrangements (22.6).
- 4. 3 An Exception Report detailing corrective actions being undertaken for red and amber tasks is attached at **Appendix 1**

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 No financial implications.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 No Legal Implications.

7. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

7.1 The Improvement Plan relates to all of the Council's four objectives and five priorities.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

8.1 The risks associated with the Improvement Plan are covered in the corporate and departmental risk registers.

9. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The Improvement Plan is concerned with strategic and operational issues that will affect the customer.

10. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Please see section 3 of the Improvement Plan

11. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 See section 11 of the Improvement Plan

12. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues: Delivery of the Improvement Plan involves various procurement exercises.

Personnel Implications: See Section 18 of the Improvement Plan.

Governance/Performance Management: See Section 4 of the Improvement Plan.

Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998: See sections 12.2 and 12.3

Policy: See Section 4 of the Improvement Plan.

Environmental: See Section 8 of the Improvement Plan.

13. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	No
Chief Executive	At CMT
Executive Director (Partnerships and Projects)	At CMT
Executive Director (Services)	At CMT
Assistant Chief Executive	Yes
Head of Service (i.e. your own HoS)	At CMT
Head of Financial Services (must approve Financial Implications before report submitted to Leader's Group)	At CMT
Head of Legal & Democratic Services (for approval of any significant Legal Implications)	At CMT
Head of Organisational Development & HR (for approval of any significant HR Implications)	At CMT
Corporate Procurement Team (for approval of any procurement implications)	No

14. WARDS AFFECTED

14.1 All wards

15. APPENDICES

15.1 Appendix 1 Improvement Plan Exception Report November 2007

16. **BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

16.1 Full Improvement Plan for November can be found at www.bromsgrove.gov.uk under meetings Minutes and Agendas where there is a direct link to the Improvement Plan.

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CP1:	Town Centre																
Ref	November 2007 Act	ion	Col	our	Со	Corrective Action							Who	Original Date	Revised Date		
1.2.2	Consultation with comn	nunity.				Start date has been further delayed until January 2008 due to reconsidered approach.								PS	Sept-07	Jan-08	
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep. Oct. Nov. Jan. Feb. Mar. May								Corrective Action				
1.2	Work Commenced		1														
1.2.2	Consultation with community.	PS													reconsiderecomm January redevelor identification work. The	endation is goin proposing a mo ping the marke ation of a develous replaces the	in 1.1.2. (where a light of Cabinet in odel for thall site and the oper to do this earlier idea of nt partner to do

	: Customer Servi														T	T T			
Ref	November 2007 Action	on	Col	our	Со	Corrective Action						Who	Original Date	Revised Date					
4.1.1	Agree customer survey				Will	be co	mplet	ted in	Janua	ary 20	800				НВ	Oct-07	Jan-08		
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Sep. Oct. Jan. Mar. May							June		Corrective Action				
4.1.	Overall Customer sat	tisfaction																	
4.1.1	Agree customer survey	НВ													negotiati form but	due to protracted ons. Questions are now in draft are likely to be completed in due to other competing			

Ref	November 2007 Ac	tion	Col	Colour Corrective Action									Who	Original Date	Revised Date				
4.1.2	2 Undertake survey				Surv	ey wi	ll go d	out at	the er		НВ	Oct-07	Jan-08						
Ref. Action Lead				Ref.	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective Action	
4.1.	Overall Customer																		
4.1.2	Undertake survey	НВ													4.1.1, the	e delay in the n survey will take inally planned.			

Ref	November 2007 Action	on	Col	our	Со	Corrective Action						Who	Original Date	Revised Date			
4.1.11	Customer Service Peer Review and Update of Customer First Strategy.		Will be reported to February 08 Cabinet											KD	Oct-07	Jan-08	
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4.1.	Overall Customer sat	tisfaction															
4.1.11	Customer Service Peer Review and Update of Customer First Strategy.	KD														due to capacity n. Will be report et	

CP5	: Reputation																
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5.4.1	Framework contract esta with single supplier for g				who initia	are v	vorkin Antic	g with	Red	ditch	e Proc DC or s will (this j	oint		НВ	Sept-07	Jan-08
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.		Oct.		Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective	Action
5.4	Brand Recognition		1		I	1	1	1	I	ı	-1			I			
5.4.1	Framework contract established with single supplier for graphics.	НВ													Bromsgr been agr	or funding all of rove through ad reed. Given the s, it was conside	lvertising has e financial saving

CP6	: Performance																			
Ref	November 2007 Action	1	Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date			
6.4.1	Undertake review of annua business cycle and reports particular focus on CMT, F and Cabinet.	s, with			com		d in D				t year s will b			to	НВ	Nov-07 Dec-07 Corrective Action				
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective Action				
6.4	Review Annual Busine	ss Cycl	e (and	d reii	nforc	e bu	sines	s pla	nnin	g cy	cle)									
6.4.1	Undertake review of annual business cycle and reports, with particular focus on CMT, PMB and Cabinet.	BR/HB													initial fee Commiss manager Although	capacity to undertake review plus the cial feedback from the Audit emmission is that our performance anagement processes are robust. Hough a key issue is greater middle anager involvement.				

Ref	November 2007 Action		Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ctior	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date		
7.5.2	Guidance for "adoption" of Plans developed and application.				Proj	ect de	elayed	by o	ne mo	onth.					НВ	Nov-07	Dec-07		
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June	Corrective Action				
7.5	Parish Council Influen	ce (and	Paris	h Co	uncil	Cha	rter)												
7.5.2	Guidance for "adoption" of Parish Plans developed and approach to Charter.	НВ													this has	ead member of staff have been ill and nis has caused 6 days to be lost in lovember which has put the project ack.			

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10.4. 3	Further action depending results of clinic.	on				her m embe		g to ta	ıke pla	ace wi	ith G0	MWC	in		DH	Nov-07	Dec-07			
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective Action				
10.4	Revisit Planning Mora	atorium																		
10.4.3	Further action depending on results of clinic.	DH													Bromsgr units alre result in	small allocation available to msgrove, some 2100,(of which 680 s already accounted for) will not all in removal of Moritorium. Meeting Redditch and Stratford re RSS cation took place in November.				

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11.3. 5	Identify services for deta benchmarking & cost an to be undertaken				acco	ountar		anage	er will		veml work i		lew 08 to	0	JP	Aug-07	Feb-08			
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11.3	Improvements in Use of	of Resou	ırces	SCOI	ring i	n rela	ation	to V	FM											
11.3.5	Identify services for detailed benchmarking & cost analysis to be undertaken	JP													Cabinet in being un CMT to it analysis.	in November. In dertaken – repo dentify the area	ncy manager wil			

FP2:	Financial Manage	ment																	
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12.1. 1	Implementation of the POF to account for commitment accruals on the Agresso sy	ts &			_						entre a ace in			ies	JP	July-07	Mar-08		
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12.1	Improved Financial Ma	nageme	nt by	bud/	lget h	olde	rs		1	1	1				I				
12.1.1	Implementation of the POP project to account for commitments & accruals on the Agresso system	JP													Upgrade impleme	s have been te nted.	sted and		

FP2:	Financial Manage	ement															
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12.1. 3	Train all managers to use access for Agresso report				impl	emen	itation	will b	e dela	ayed v	with a	iger po new p uncil f	propo	sed	JP	Sept-07	Mar-08
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective	Action
12.1	Improved Financial Ma	anageme	nt by	bud	lget h	olde	ers							l			
12.1.3	Train all managers to use web access for Agresso reporting	JP													of POP a		n implementation veb access. New nplemented

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13.1.4	Report to Members on level debt and the recovery effectiveness of material is						dress n a mo		-		3, alth	ough	repor	ted	JP	Oct-07	Feb-08		
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective Action			
13.1	ROI																		
13.1.4	Report to Members on levels of debt and the recovery effectiveness of	JP													addresse		rom qtr 2 – to be tr 3 – reported to		

Ref	Financial Strate November 2007 Act		Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	l						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
14.2. 4	"Town Hall" meeting.						r mee						een in Jul	y.	HB	Nov-07	July-08
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective	Action
14.2	Integrated Annual R	Reports	<u> </u>										<u> </u>				
14.2.4	"Town Hall" meeting.	НВ													back from that we con firm prop January month to meeting to cance	m November to could update pe losals on the towas then consider the condition of the meeting the meeti	dered a bad ng. With the nex y, it was agreed /January one

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16.4.2	Identify peer mentors for the (and Cabinet Members) and Leader of the Opposition.						g to co			Janu	ary. ٦	The Le	eader	is	CF	Oct-07	Jan-07		
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective Action			
16.4	Improve Member Capa	acity																	
16.4.2	Identify peer mentors for the Leader (and Cabinet Members) and the Leader	CF					—								now bac		s programme is e with timescales		

Ref	November 2007 Action		Col			rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date	
18.3.	Review the customer cons systems and implement a annual satisfaction survey. Include reprofiled budgets issues identified following t survey/ongoing feedback.	revised To to meet			Will	be co	omple	eted i	n Jan	uary	2008	3.			JG	Oct-07	Jan-08	
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective Action		
18.3	Satisfaction with leisur	re centr	e offe	r														
18.3.3	Review the customer consultation systems and implement a revised annual satisfaction survey. To include reprofiled budgets to meet issues identified following the survey/ ongoing feedback.	JG													satisfacti more tim completi in Jan 08	ion survey have te has been alloon. This will no due to the low	ow be completed	

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21.1. 6	Implement Action Plan	l				licatio					lelaye t will g				JP	August- 07	Jan-08
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21.1.6	Implement Action Plan	JP													Novembe	e Focus Groups er to look at hov ised and deterr	v to address the

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BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD

22 JANUARY 2008

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD AGREED PROGRAMME 2007/08

Responsible Member	Councillor James Duddy, Performance
	Management Board Chairman
Responsible Head of Service	Hugh Bennett -Assistant Chief Executive

1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report sets out the updated work programme for 2007/08 agreed at the March 2007 Performance Management Board meeting and amended at the Board's December meeting.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that:
 - The Board considers the work programme and makes any amendments it sees fit in consultation with Portfolio Holders and the Assistant Chief Executive.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 The proposed work programme builds on the experience of the Board programme for 2006/07. The Board met for the first time in November 2005. The Board has had four chairmen during this period. The Council now have a comprehensive performance management framework and programme of work for the Board.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 No legal implications to the report.

6. CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

6.1 The Board's programme applies to all the Council's objectives.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 The Board has previously expressed an interest in risk management. This falls under the remit of the Audit Board; however, PMB can make

recommendations to this Board or Cabinet on issues around risk management identified through its work.

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The Board will receive customer data during 2007/08 (including complaints data when the new system is installed in January 2008). The Board will also receive the updated Customer First Strategy.

9. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues N/A
Personnel Implications N/A
Governance/Performance Management N/A
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act
1998 N/A
Policy N/A
Environmental N/A
Equalities and Diversity N/A

10. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holders	Via E-Mail and at PMB.
Chief Executive	Via e-mail.
Corporate Director (Services)	Via e-mail.
Assistant Chief Executive	Yes
Head of Service	Via e-mail.
Head of Financial Services	Via e-mail.
Head of Legal & Democratic Services	Via e-mail.
Head of Organisational Development & HR	Via e-mail.
Corporate Procurement Team	No

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – PMB Work Programme 2007/08 (January Update)

12. BACKGROUND PAPERS

2006/07 PMB Work Programme, PMB, January 2006.

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Proposed Performance Management Board Work Programme 2007/08

Date	Agenda Item
23 Mar 07	Period 10 06/07 Performance report
	Council Plan 2007/2010 and analysis of forward targets report.
	Period 10 06/07 Improvement plan progress/exception report
13 April 07	Period 11 06/07 Performance report
	Period 11 06/07 Improvement Plan progress/exception report
18 May 07	Period 12 06/07 (year end) integrated finance & performance report
	Data Quality Strategy
	Period 12 06/07 (year end) Improvement Plan progress/exception report
19 Jun 07	Period 1 07/08 performance report
	Improvement Plan (inc. CA findings) Mark 2
	Community Plan 2007/2010.
	Use of resources SA submission? timing?
	Review of Performance Plus report
17 Jul 07	Period 2 07/08 performance report
	Period 2 07/08 Improvement Plan mk 2 progress report
	Corporate Assessment report and Council's draft response – impact on PMB programme (timing?)
	Direction of travel Statement
	Council results 2006/07 report - timing?
21 Aug 07	Quarter 1 07/08 integrated finance & performance report
	Period 3 07/08 Improvement Plan Mark 2 progress report
	Staff Survey 2007 Results (re-programmed).
	Performance Management Strategy (re-programmed).

	Community Plan Annual Report 2006/07
18 Sep 07	Period 4 07/08 performance report
	Period 4 07/08 Improvement Plan Mark 2 progress report
	Performance measures for partners in service provision, e.g. Artrix, BDHT – timing?
	Customer satisfaction data (September 2007).
	Customer Panel survey results (September 2007).
23 Oct 07	Period 5 07/08 performance report
	Period 5 07/08 Improvement Plan Mark 2 progress report
	Further analysis of satisfaction data for the Streetscene and Waste Management Department
	Staff Survey Results.
	Quarterly Recommendation Tracker.
	PMB Work Programme.
20 Nov 07	Quarter 2 07/08 (year end) integrated finance & performance report.
	Period 6 07/08 Improvement Plan Mark 2 progress report.
	Spatial Project Report.
	Data Quality Strategy – Half Year Review.
	Streetscene and Waste Management Department's service business plan (November 2007).
	Artrix Performance
	PMB Work Programme.
18 Dec 07	Period 7 07/08 performance report.
	Period 7 07/08 Improvement Plan Mark 2 progress report.
	2007/2008 Predicted Outturn for Best Value Performance Indicators.
	Housing Strategy Update
	BDHT Performance

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	PMB Work Programme.
22 Jan 08	Period 8 07/08 performance report (including violent crime and sickness absence performance clinics)
	Period 8 07/08 Improvement Plan progress report.
	Value for Money Action Plan
	Quarterly Recommendation Tracker (deferred to February meeting).
	PMB Work Programme.
19 Feb 08	Quarter 3 07/08 (integrated finance & performance report).
	Council Plan 2008-2011 and Medium Term Financial Plan (deferred to March).
	Stress Survey Results.
	Customer First Strategy Review
	Data Quality Strategy Review
	Spatial Strategy Review
	Period 9 07/08 Improvement Plan Mark 2 progress report.
	PMB Work Programme.
	Evaluation of Area Committee Pilots
18 Mar 08	Period 10 07/08 performance report.
	External Audit Report/Direction of Travel.
	Period 10 07/08 Improvement Plan Mark 2 progress report.
	Performance Management Strategy.
	PMB Work Programme.
22 Apr 08	Period 11 07/08 performance report.
	Period 11 07/08 Improvement Plan Mark 2 progress report.
	Housing Strategy Action Plan Update.
	Quarterly Recommendation Tracker.
	PMB Work Programme.

Other topics/themes not yet timelined are set out below:

• VFM Licensing Review

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