BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

5TH MARCH 2008

CABINET

IMPROVEMENT PLAN EXCEPTION REPORT [DECEMBER 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 Cabinet to consider the attached updated Improvement Plan Exception Report for December 2007.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Cabinet considers and approves the revisions to the Improvement Plan Exception Report, and the corrective action being taken.
- 2.2 That the Cabinet notes that for the 147 actions highlighted for December within the plan 82.3% percent of the Improvement Plan is on target [green], 11.6% percent is one month behind [amber] and 2.0% percent is over one month behind [red]. 4.1% 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 DECEMBER 2007

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

RED	5	3.1%	RED	3	2.0%
AMBER	11	7.0%	AMBER	17	11.6%
GREEN	138	86.9%	GREEN	121	82.3%
REPROGRAMMED	5	3.1%	REPROGRAMMED	6	4.1%

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 147 actions for the month, 14 actions have been deleted, suspended or the timescales have been extended. This amounts to 9.5 percent of the plan. These actions are: Work Commenced (1.2); Longbridge (2.4); Overall Customer Satisfaction x2 (4.1); Three Charter Marks (5.2); Review Annual Business Cycle (6.4); Parish Council Influence (7.5); Satisfaction with Artrix (8.2) Maintain Greenbelt (10.1); Revisit Planning Moratorium (10.4); Improvements in Use of Resources score in relation to VFM (11.3); Improve Member Capacity (16.4); Better understanding of Spatial Project (17.1); Performance Management Arrangements for CMT (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. <u>EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS</u>

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	No
Head of Service	No
Head of Financial Services	At CMT
Head of Legal & Democratic Services	At CMT
Head of Organisational Development & HR	At CMT
Corporate Procurement Team	No

14. WARDS AFFECTED

14.1 All wards

15. APPENDICES

15.1 Appendix 1 Improvement Plan Exception Report December 2007

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

16.1 Full Improvement Plan for December will be e- mailed to all Members of the Corporate Management Team and 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	December 2007 Ac	ction	Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
1.2.2	Consultation with con	nmunity.						ains fu consid				til Jar	nuary		PS	Sept-07	Jan-08
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug. Sep. Oct. Jan. Heb. Mar. May									June		Corrective	Action	
1.2	Work Commenced	<u> </u>													1		
1.2.2	Consultation with community.	PS													December undertake Plan in Judgmer seeking will then options of		will be the Area Action will include the community. This of an issues and

CP4	Customer Servi	се																				
Ref	December 2007 Action	on	Col	Colour Corrective Action									Who	Original Date	Revised Date							
4.1.1	Agree customer survey				Will	be ag	greed	in Jar	nuary	2008					НВ	Oct-07	Jan-08					
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective Action						
4.1.	Overall Customer sat	tisfaction	1		1																	
4.1.1	Agree customer survey												The ques	due protracted stions are now esign will be co due to other co	in draft, and mpleted in							

CP4	: Customer Ser	vice																			
Ref	December 2007 Ad	ction	Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date				
4.1.2	Undertake survey				Sur	vey wi	ill go d	out in	Febru	ary 2	800				НВ	Nov-07	Feb-08				
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective Action					
4.1.	Overall Customer s	satisfaction		1	1		1		1												
4.1.2	Undertake survey	НВ													4.1.1, the						

Ref	December 2007 Action	1	Col	our	Со	rrecti	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original	Revised		
																Date	Date		
4.1.6	Develop posters for international display.	al			Pos	ters w	rill be	produ	ced ir	n Febi	uary.				НВ	Dec-07	Feb-08		
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June	Corrective Action				
4.1.	Overall Customer satis	faction																	
4.1.6	Develop posters for internal display.	НВ													software	ork within the cu project has been will be produced	en given priority		

CP4	: Customer Servi	се															
Ref	December 2007 Acti	on	Col	our	Co	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
4.1.7	Launch with press and I	nternet.			Lau	nch a	rrange	ed for	31 Ja	inuary	/.				НВ	Dec-07	Jan-08
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective	Action
4.1.	Overall Customer sa	tisfaction					1										
4.1.7	Launch with press and Internet.	НВ													Slightly of January.	•	n arranged for 31

CP4	Customer Servi	ce															
Ref	December 2007 Action	on	Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
4.1.11	Customer Service Peer Re Update of Customer First S				Will	be re	ported	d to Fe	ebrua	ry 08	Cabir	net			KD	Oct-07	Feb-08
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Action	
4.1.	Overall Customer sat	isfaction															
4.1.11	Customer Service Peer Review and Update of Customer First Strategy.	KD														issues. Now in ted to February	

	: Performance		_												1					
Ref	December 2007 Action		Col	olour Corrective Action										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			leav com	e. A	y is du reviev d in D CMT	v of a	ll the d	dates	for ne	ext yea	ar was	3	НВ	Nov-07	Feb-08			
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 (an	d reir	nforc	e bus	sines	s pla	nnin	g cyc	cle)		1							
6.4.1	Undertake review of annual business cycle and reports, with particular focus on CMT, PMB and Cabinet.												initial fee Commiss manager review o complete reported	ment processes f all the dates fo ed in December	Audit ur performance are robust. A or next year was and this will be IT. A key issue					

CP7	: Community Inf	luence															
Ref	December 2007 Act	ion	Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
7.1.1	Capacity Building evalu	uation.			Wor crea	k beir	ng und	dertak n illne:	en by	cons eport	ultant recei	, but o	delays an 08	3	НВ	Dec-07	Jan-08
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective	Action
7.1	Area Committee pil	ots (proba	ble ex	pans	sion	of tw	o)					1	ı	1			
7.1.1	Capacity Building evaluation.	НВ														vas not received is delayed proje	d until January 08 ect.

CP7	: Community Influ	ence																			
Ref	December 2007 Action	1	Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ctior	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date				
7.5.2	Guidance for "adoption" of Plans developed and application.				Draf	ft to b	e com	plete	d in Ja	anuar	y.				НВ	Nov-07	Jan-08				
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	unci	l Cha	rter)														
7.5.2	Guidance for "adoption" of Parish Plans developed and approach to Charter.	НВ													this has	mber of staff have been ill and aused 6 days to be lost in or which has put the project					

Ref	Clean District December 2007 Action	on	Col	our	Co	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
9.2.2	Development of Policy D	Document				cy doc		nt ma	y miss	targe	et sligl	htly bu	ut is cl	ose	MB	Dec-07	Jan-08
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective A	Action
9.2	Improve Customer P	erception	of C	leanli	iness	<u> </u>											
9.2.2	Development of Policy Document	MB											Council's customer Policy ma	cy document will approach to improve to improve to improve to improve the completion of completion or improve the completion of completion or improve the completion of completion or improve the completion of the completion of the completion of the completion of the completion or improve the completion of the comp	nproving cleanliness.		

FP1:	Value for Money																
Ref	December 2007 Action		Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
11.1.	Quarterly report to PMB to the effectiveness of the alto methods of service delivery transfer to leisure trust, pay service provision	ernative y eg-			Sen	vices	will no	ot be t	ransf	erred	until A	April 08	3.		JP	Dec-07	April-08
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective	Action
11.1	Realisation of cashable	e saving	js by	alter	nativ	e me	thoc	ls of	servi	ce de	eliver	y					
11.1.3	Quarterly report to PMB to assess the effectiveness of the alternative methods of service delivery eg- transfer to leisure trust, payroll service provision	JP													Services 08.	will not be tran	sferred until April

FP1:	Value for Money																				
Ref	December 2007 Action		Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ctior	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date				
11.3. 5	Identify services for detaile benchmarking & cost analy be undertaken						ountar nis wo			r will	start v	work ii	n Feb	80	JP	Aug-07	Feb-08				
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective Action					
11.3	Improvements in Use of	of Resou	urces	SCOI	ring i	n rel	ation	to V	FM						l						
11.3.5	Identify services for detailed benchmarking & cost analysis to be undertaken	JP													Cabinet being un	action plan and report presented to et in November. Initial cost analysis undertaken – report to be taken to to identify the areas for further sis.					

FP2:	Financial Manage	ment																	
Ref	December 2007 Action		Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date		
12.1. 1	Implementation of the POF to account for commitment accruals on the Agresso sy	s&			1		_			_	entre a ace in				JP	July-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	nageme	nt by	bud	lget h	nolde	ers												
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		

Ref	Pinancial Manage December 2007 Action		Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
12.1. 3	Train all managers to use access for Agresso report					an a _l					tart in				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	ent by	bud	lget h	olde	rs	<u> </u>									
12.1.3	Train all managers to use web access for Agresso reporting														of POP a upgrades Accounta March 08		oost to start in proposed start

FP2:	Financial Manage	ement																			
Ref	December 2007 Action	n	Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date				
12.4. 3	Undertake programme.					shops						or year			JP	Sept-07	Mar-08				
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective Action					
12.4	Increase Benefit from	External	Aud	it					•		•	'	•								
12.4.3	Undertake programme.	JP													for year accounts Other su	Audit Commission focus on preparation for year end – workshops on final accounts arranged by AC for BDC staff. Other support to be reviewed once final accounts completed (August 08)					

PR2	: Improved Goveri	nance															
Ref	December 2007 Action	1	Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
16.4. 1	Develop and run a training development programme Cabinet Members.	•						_			in Jaı ace in	•		ne	CF	Dec-07	Jan-08
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective	Action
16.4	Improve Member Capa	acity															
16.4.1	Develop & run a training & development programme for Cabinet Members.	CF														Leader and ide	entified training der.

PR2:	Improved Govern	nance																		
Ref	December 2007 Action	1	Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date			
16.4. 2	Identify peer mentors for t Leader (and Cabinet Mem and the Leader of the Opp	nbers)					to co ilitate						st ses	sion	CF	Oct-07	Jan-08			
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 of the Opposition.	CF													was due now com	have been identified. Mentoring to start in September, but will mence in January. The first vill be facilitated with the n March				

PR2:	Improved Govern	nance															
Ref	December 2007 Action	1	Col	our	Co	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
16.4. 5	Top Team development d strengthen the relationshi between new Cabinet and	p					olannir ilitated					d for d larch.	Janua	ry	CF	Dec-07	Jan-08
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16.4	Improve Member Capa	acity															
16.4.5	Top Team development day to strengthen the relationship between new Cabinet and CMT.	CF													the first p		letermined and on is scheduled for d Cabinet

HR8	OD2: Modernisation	on															
Ref	December 2007 Action		Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ctior)						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
20.3.	Review, develop, consult, and Implement on all HR pand procedures as detailed People Strategy	olicies			resu impl This	ilt of c	other one of the office of the	organi the bu	satior idget)	al prid	orities case r	໌ (e.g nanaເ	own a . HR gemer siness	nt.	JP	Dec-07	April-08
Ref.	Action	Lead Ying				Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective	Action
20.3	Policy Development																
20.3.1	Review, develop, consult, train and Implement on all HR policies and procedures as detailed in the People Strategy	JP													subject to updated programs of other of implication manager	accordingly. He me has slowed organisational pons of the budgment. This will	this period and R policy review down as a result priorities (e.g. HR et) and case

Ref	December 2007 Action	on	Col	our	Со	rrecti	ive A	ction]						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
21.1. 6	Implement Action Plar	1				licatio						ed by go to			JP	Aug-07	Jan-08
Ref.	Action	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective	Action	
21.1	Employee satisfaction	on															
21.1.6	Implement Action Plan	JP													Novemb	e Focus Group er to look at hovaised and deter	w to address the