

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

2ND APRIL 2008

**COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT RE-CATEGORISATION
REQUEST**

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

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To seek approval for the Council to put itself forward for another Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) with the aim of achieving either a Fair or Good rating.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that Council agrees the attached letter setting out why the Council believes it is suitable for another CPA and requesting one for November 2008.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council underwent its first CPA in February 2007 and received a Poor rating. The Council has significantly improved its governance, management processes and performance since then, as set out in the attached letter, and Cabinet now feel the time is right to request a second CPA. This will be our last opportunity to do so, as CPA will be replaced from 01 April 2009 with Comprehensive Area Assessment.

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 Improvement is a Council Objective. CPA offers an external assessment of our improvement.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 The main risks associated with the details included in this report are:

- Loss of reputation.
- Not taking the last opportunity to remove the tag of Poor before we enter a new inspection regime.

7.2 These risks are being managed as follows:

- Setting up a project group and ensuring sufficient preparation.
- Requesting a CPA for later this year.

8 **CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 Obtaining a better rating, gives the public an assurance that the Council has sound governance and is well managed.

9. **EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 The good work undertaken by the Council in this area should help us achieve the required rating.

10. **VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 The CPA should provide further assessment of our progress in this area.

11. **OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

Procurement Issues - the CPA will assess our arrangements in this respect.
Personnel Issues - the CPA will assess our arrangements in this respect.
Governance/Performance Management – the CPA will assess our arrangements in this respect.
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act 1988 - the CPA will assess our arrangements in this respect.
Policy - the CPA will assess our arrangements in this respect.
Environmental - the CPA will assess our arrangements in this respect.

12. **OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT**

Portfolio Holder	At Leader's.
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 Re-categorisation Request Letter

15. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Bromsgrove District Council, CPA Report (June 2007).

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