### **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

#### **20 JANUARY 2009**

#### **PMB**

### **IMPROVEMENT PLAN EXCEPTION REPORT [NOVEMBER 2008]**

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor Mike Webb Portfolio Holder for Customer Care and Service
Responsible Officer	Hugh Bennett Assistant Chief Executive

#### 1. SUMMARY

1.1 To ask PMB to consider the Improvement Plan Exception Report for November 2008 (Appendix 1).

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That PMB considers and approves the revisions to the Improvement Plan Exception Report attached as Appendix 1, and the corrective action being taken.
- 2.2 That PMB notes that for the 138 actions highlighted for November within the plan 78.3 percent of the Improvement Plan is on target [green], 3.6 percent is one month behind [amber] and 9.4 percent is over one month behind [red]. 8.7 percent of actions have been reprogrammed with approval. [NB reprogrammed actions are those that have been suspended completely and those that have been moved to a later point in the year. Extended actions are listed separately are actions that are anticipated to take longer than had originally been programmed].
- 2.3 This month's performance is shown on the first page of Appendix 1.

### 3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 July 2008 Cabinet approved the Improvement Plan 2008/09. The Improvement Plan is directly linked to the five corporate priorities and thirteen enablers identified in the Council Plan 2008/2011.
- 3.2 The Improvement Plan is designed to push the Council through to a rating of Fair during 2008.

### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 No financial implications.

### 5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 No legal implications.

### 6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

6.1 The Improvement Plan relates to all of the Council's four objectives and five priorities as per the 2008/2011 Council Plan.

## 7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1.1 The risks associated with the Improvement Plan are covered in the CCPP departmental risk register. Specific corporate risks are related to the Improvement Plan in the following ways:

Corporate Risk Title	Improvement Plan Reference
KO1: Effective Financial Management	FP2 – Financial Management
and Internal Control	FP3 – Financial Strategy
KO2: Effective corporate leadership	FP1 – Value for Money
	FP2 – Financial Management
	FP3 – Financial Strategy
	FP4 – Financial and Performance
	Reporting
1600 Egg 1: 14 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	PR2 –Improved Governance
KO3: Effective Member / Officer	PR2 –Improved Governance
relations	HROD1 – Learning and
	Development
KO4: Effective Member / Member	PR2 –Improved Governance
relations	HROD1 – Learning and
	Development
KO5*: Full compliance with the Civil	PR1 – Customer Process
Contingencies Act and effective	
Business Continuity	
KO6: Maximising the benefits of	PR3 – Spatial Business Project
investment in ICT equipment and	
training	DD4 Improved Dartnership
KO7: Effective partnership working	PR4 – Improved Partnership Working
KO8: Effective communications	PR1 – Customer Process
(internal and external)	FP4 – Financial and Performance
(internal and external)	Reporting
	HROD 4– Performance Culture
KO9: Equalities and diversity agenda	CP3 – Customer Service
embedded across the Authority	CP4 – Sense of Community
KO10: Appropriate investment in	HROD1 – Learning and
employee development and training	Development
	HROD2 – Modernisation
	HROD4 – Performance Culture
KO11: Effective employee recruitment	HROD2 – Modernisation
and retention	
KO12: Full compliance with all Health	FP3 – Financial Strategy
and Safety legislation	PR1 – Customer Process

	HROD2 – Modernisation
KO13: Effective two tier working and	CP4 – Sense of Community
Community Engagement	PR4 – Improved Partnership
	Working
KO14: Successful implementation of	HROD2 - Modernisation
Job Evaluation	
KO15: All Council data is accurate and	FP2 – Financial Management
of high quality	FP4 – Financial and Performance
	Reporting
	PR3 – Spatial Business Project
	HROD4 – Performance culture
KO16: The Council no longer in	FP1 – Value for Money
recovery	FP4 – Financial and Performance
	Reporting
KO17: Effective Projects Management	FP1 – Value for Money
	PR3 – Spatial Business Project
KO19: Effective Business and	FP4 – Financial and Performance
Performance Management	Reporting
KO20: Effective Customer Focused	CP3 – Customer Service
Authority	CP4 – Sense of Community
	PR1 – Customer Process

<sup>\*</sup> KO5 and KO18 have been merged

### 8. **CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS**

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

## 9. **EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Please see sections CP3 and CP4 of the Improvement Plan

### 10. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 See section FP1 of the Improvement Plan

## 11. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues: See Section FP1 of the Improvement Plan.
Personnel Implications: See Sections HROD1-HROD4 of the
Improvement Plan.
Governance/Performance Management: See Sections FP4 and PR2
of the Improvement Plan.
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act
1998: See section CP4 of the Improvement Plan
Policy: All sections of the Improvement Plan relate to this.
Environmental: See sections CP1 and PR5 of the Improvement Plan.

### 12. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	Yes
Executive Director (Partnerships and Projects)	Yes
Executive Director (Services)	Yes
Assistant Chief Executive	Yes
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Financial Services	Yes
Head of Legal & Democratic Services	Yes
Head of Organisational Development & HR	Yes
Corporate Procurement Team	No

### 13. WARDS AFFECTED

13.1 All wards

### 14. APPENDICES

14.1 Appendix 1 Improvement Plan Exception Report November 2008

### 15. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

15.1 The full Improvement Plan for November can be found at <a href="https://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk">www.bromsgrove.gov.uk</a> under meetings Minutes and Agendas. A hard copy is also left in the Members' Room each month.

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## PROGRESS IN 2008

Overall performance as at the end of November 2008, in comparison with the previous year, is as follows: -

J	luly 200	07	Au	gust 20	007	Sept	ember	2007	Oct	tober 2	007	Nove	ember i	2007	Dece	ember .	2007
RED	1	0.6%	RED	1	0.7%	RED	4	2.4%	RED	3	1.8%	RED	5	3.1%	RED	3	2.0%
AMBER	5	3.2%	AMBER	13	9.2%	AMBER	11	6.6%	AMBER	16	9.6%	AMBER	11	7.0%	AMBER	17	11.6%
GREEN	152	95.6%	GREEN	126	88.7%	GREEN	149	89.2%	GREEN	142	85.0%	GREEN	138	86.9%	GREEN	121	82.3%
REPRO	1	0.6%	REPRO	2	1.4%	REPRO	3	1.8%	REPRO	6	3.6%	REPRO	5	3.1%	REPRO	6	4.1%

Ja	nuary 2	800	Feb	ruary 2	2008	Ma	arch 20	80	Α	pril 200	08	M	ay 200	08	Jι	ıne 200	28
RED	2	1.4%	RED	2	1.4%	RED	2	1.5%	RED	3	2.7%	RED	8	7.55%	RED	6	6.3%
AMBER	16	11.4%	AMBER	10	7.3%	AMBER	10	7.4%	AMBER	11	9.9%	AMBER	4	3.8%	AMBER	4	4.2%
GREEN	118	84.3%	GREEN	122	88.4%	GREEN	117	86.7%	GREEN	92	82.9%	GREEN	86	81.1%	GREEN	74	77.0%
REPRO	4	2.9%	REPRO	4	2.9%	REPRO	6	4.4%	REPRO	5	4.5%	REPRO	8	7.55%	REPRO	12	12.5%

J	uly 200	08	Aug	gust 2	800	Septe	ember	2008	Oct	ober 2	800	Nove	ember	2008	Dece	ember 2	2008
RED	11	8.6%	RED	17	14.4%	RED	16	11.9%	RED	15	10.6%	RED	13	9.4%	RED		
AMBER	3	2.3%	AMBER	4	3.4%	AMBER	8	6.0%	AMBER	7	5.0%	AMBER	5	3.6%	AMBER		
GREEN	114	89.1%	GREEN	96	81.4%	GREEN	99	73.9%	GREEN	104	73.8%	GREEN	108	78.3%	GREEN		
REPRO	0	0%	REPRO	1	0.8%	REPRO*	11	8.2%	REPRO	15	10.6%	REPRO	12	8.7%	REPRO		

Janua	ary 2009	Februai	ry 2009	Marc	h 2009	Ap	ril 2009	IV	lay 2009	Jı	une 200	09
RED		RED		RED		RED		RED		RED		
AMBER		AMBER		AMBER		AMBER		AMBER		AMBER		
GREEN		GREEN		GREEN		GREEN		GREEN		GREEN		
REPRO		REPRO		REPRO		REPRO		REPRO		REPRO		

**Appendix 1** 

Where: -

On Target or	One month	Over one	Original date	Re-
completed	behind target	month	of planned	programmed
	or less	behind target	action	date.*

<sup>\*</sup> NB. Reprogrammed actions are both those that have been suspended completely and those that have been moved to a later point in the year. They are not actions that have been extended and they do not appear on the exception report.

Out of the total of 138 actions for November 2008, 5 actions have been extended with approval. This amounts to 3.6 percent of the original actions scheduled for this month. Extended actions are shown with hatched marking and extend the timescale of a current or ongoing action on the Improvement Plan. The actions that have been extended this month are: High Street enhancement and improved High Street events (1.6); Popularity of events programme x 2 (4.3); and Speed of processing customer enquiries x 2 (12.2).

An Exception Report detailing corrective actions follows:

CP1	: Town Centre																
Ref	November 2008 Action	on	Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
1.2.2	Identify commercial supp	oort			Issues and options consultation ended in September. Advice sought on OJEU process from commercial advisors regarding market hall site. There are no plans now to appoint a preferred developer for wider developments. Report went to Cabinet in November.							al ider	PS	Jul-08	Nov-08		
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective	Action
1.2.	Work Commenced (s	see 1.4)											1				
1.2.2	Identify commercial support	rt PS													pursued, procuren circumst	ite to retailer no the site will no nent in early 20 ances have alto e is likely to be	ow go out to OJE 109. As ered a new

Ref	November 2008 Actio	n	Colour Corrective Action												Who	Original Date	Revised Date		
1.3.1	Consultation on Parkside				Heri grar	tage t	o list t hich r	de by the bu now pr	ıilding		PS	Aug-08	Dec-08						
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective Action			
1.3	Agree sites for reloca	tion of p	ublic	sect	or pa	rtner	S												
1.3.1	Consultation on Parkside	PS													Heritage consent medical	ussions to take place with English tage regarding listed building sent to allow access to proposed ical centre and to explore potentials for building.			

Ref	November 2008 A	ction	Col	our	Со	rrecti	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date				
1.6.2	Meet with AWM					ting a Janua		ed wit	th AW	M an	d will	take p	olace o	on	PS	Sept-08	Jan-09				
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective Action					
1.6	High street enhan	cement and	impro	oved	high	stree	et ev	ents			1				l						
1.6.2	Meet with AWM	PS	1												Evtende	ed further, to January					

CP1	: Town Centre																
Ref	November 2008 Action	1	Col	our	Co	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
1.7.1	Network Rail to agree bus case and funding for static				mult the I fund	iple fo Distric ling pa	unding ct Cou	g of st incil c e to b	ation an do	projec here,	ct. Th	s case ere is vait for unding	not n r the	nuch	НВ	Jul-08	Nov-08
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective	Action
1.7	Agree funding and pla	nning p	ermis	sion	for t	rain	statio	n re	deve	lopm	ent, v	with t	rans	port	links to	town centre	
1.7.1	Network Rail to agree business case and funding for station.	НВ													funders		

Ref	November 2008 Action	l	Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date	
1.7.2	Agree historic dimension to build.	o new			BRU	re hav JG, bu	ıt until	I the s	station	fund			Rail a	and	НВ	Jul-08	Nov-08	
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.		Jan.		Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective /	Action	
1.7	Agree funding and pla	nning pe	ermis	sion	for t	rain	statio	n re	deve	opm	ent, v	with t	trans	port	links to	town centre		
1.7.2	Agree historic dimension to new build.	НВ													circumsta	pending funding resolution. ances have altered a new e is likely to be introduced		

Ref	November 2008 Action		Col	our	Со	rrecti	ive A	ction	l						Who	Original Date	Revised Date		
1.7.3	Obtain planning permission	n.					ing ap			roces	s can	not co	mme	nce	НВ	Jul-08	Dec-08		
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective Action			
1.7	Agree funding and plan	nning po	ermis	sion	for t	rain s	statio	n red	devel	opm	ent, v	vith t	rans	port	inks to	town centre			
1.7.3	Obtain planning permission.	НВ													circumsta	d pending funding resolution. Stances have altered a new ale is likely to be introduced			

CP4	: Sense of Commu	unity															
Ref	November 2008 Action	1	Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
4.3.1	Establish monitoring & me arrangements set out in the with the Artrix.				by t phra	he Op	eratin in the	ıg Tru	st of t	he Ar	trix o	er so	n raise me of ended	the	JG	Jul-08	Feb-09
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective	Action
4.3	Popularity of events p	rogramn	ne	1									1				
4.3.13	Establish monitoring & meeting arrangements set out in the SLA with the Artrix.	JG													it is envis	saged that the t	the 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec and formal document ement reached b

Ref	November 2008 Action		Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	)						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
4.3.1 4	Agree service improvemer and targets based on SLA previous years performand BDC user feedback out tu	ee and			by tl phra	he Op	eratir in the	ıg Tru	st of t	he Ar	trix ov	oncern ver sor Exte	ne of	the	JG	Jul-08	Feb-09
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective	Action
4.3	Popularity of events pr	rogramr	ne									1					
4.3.14	Agree service improvement plan and targets based on SLA, previous years performance and BDC user feedback out turns.	JG													it is envis	saged that the f	the 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec and formal document ement reached b

CP4	: Sense of Commu	ınity															
Ref	November 2008 Action	1	Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ctior	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
4.3.1 5	Agree service improvemer and targets based on SLA previous years performand BDC user feedback out tui	, ce and			this		has n	ot yet	been	progr		e SLA d. Sigr			JG	Sep-08	Feb-09
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective	Action
4.3	Popularity of events p	rogramr	ne			<u> </u>											
4.3.15	Agree service improvement plan and targets based on SLA, previous years performance and BDC user feedback out turns.	JG													to the Op	perating Trust a	the revised SLA nd are awaiting encing formal

FP1:	Value For Money																
Ref	November 2008 Action	1	Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	)						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
6.2.3	Transfer Dolphin Centre to Trust (This action to becon 'Service Review and Fitnes from Dec 08)	ne				ort we									PS	Jul-08	Mar-08
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective	Action
6.2	Alternative methods of	service	deli	very,	to in	clud	e rev	isitin	g the	sha	red s	servic	es/ j	oint v	working	agenda	
6.2.3	Transfer Dolphin Centre to Leisure Trust (This action to become 'Service Review and Fitness Suite' from Dec 08)	PS													February		ted from 1 <sup>st</sup> ness suite to be rom March 2009

Ref	November 2008 Acti		Col	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	)						Who	Original Date	Revised Date	
6.5.5	Comparable costing info for benchmarking to be using other councils info	analysed			bend		king.	HOF	S to a			cils re reasu			JLP	Oct-08	Dec-08	
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective Action		
6.5	VFM ratings			I						I		1		I	<u> </u>			
6.5.5	Comparable costing information for benchmarking to be analysed using other	JLP													To be ur	ndertaken in Ded	cember	

FP4	: Financial and F	<u>Perform</u>	anc	e Re	poi	rting	]										
Ref	November 2008 Acti	on	Col	our	Со	rrecti	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
9.1.3	Internet consultation ca	mpaign			Sligl	htly de	elayed	d due	to IT	echn	ical is	sues.			НВ	Nov-08	Dec-08
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective A	Action
9.1	Budget consultation							1	1			1					
9.1.3	Internet consultation campaign	НВ													The onling	ne consultation of	went live in

Ref	November 2008 Act	ion	Cole	our	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
9.3.1	Monthly reporting to Port	folio Holders				ning bu				n how	these	are w	orking.		НВ	Oct-08	Dec-08
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective /	Action
9.3	Performance and P	roject Man	agem	ent													
9.3.1	Monthly reporting to Portfolio Holders	НВ														but need to che	eck on how these

Ref	November 2008 Actio	n	Col	our	Co	rrecti	ive A	ction	1						Who	Original Date	Revised Date
10.3.	Ordered functions by tole	rance			How than com	ever, antic	the p ipated befo	repara d and ore mi	ation of the pl	of the an wi embe	continu plan l ll now er. Re	nas ta not b	ike loi e		PS	Aug-08	Jan-09
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective	Action
10.3	Business Continuity		1								1						
10.3.2	Ordered functions by tolerance	PS													Will take	place in Janua	ry.

Ref	November 2008 Action	Со	rrecti	ive A	ction	l	Who	Original Date	Revised Date										
12.2. 3	Review results and revise Focus groups held. Review will not take place until standards first draft of customer access strategy has been prepared.										ntil	НВ	Sept-08	Feb-08					
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective Action			
12.2	Speed of processing of	ustome	r que	ries					I				I						
12.2.3	Review results and revise standards	НВ													Delayed, February	but draft will be	e completed by		

Ref	November 2008 Action	Со	rrect	ive A	ction	1	Who	Original Date	Revised Date								
12.2. 4	Agree with CMT, Leader's and Cabinet Review and agreement will not take place until first draft of customer access strategy has been prepared.										rst	НВ	Nov-08 Feb-08				
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	<u> </u>		Nov. Dec.	Jan. Feb.	Feb.	reb. Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective Action	
12.2	Speed of processing of	custome	r que	ries		1		I	ı						L		
12.2.4	Agree with CMT, Leader's and Cabinet	НВ													Delayed, February	but draft will be	e completed by

HR&	OD2: Modernis	ation																			
Ref	November 2008 Ac	Col	Colour Corrective Action											Who	Original Date	Revised Date					
16.2. 2	Implementation			Dela 09.	ayed p	endir	ng clo	se of	consu	Jan	JP	Aug-08	Nov-08								
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective Action					
16.2	Single Status				1			ı	ı												
16.2.2	Implementation	JP												day period unions a Enterprist (formerly	od of consultatind Department se and Regulate DTI) with a vie						

HR&	OD2: Modern	isation																		
Ref	November 2008	Colour		Со	rrect	ive A	ction	1		Who	Original Date	Revised Date								
16.2. 3	Appeals				yed p	endir	ng clos	se of	consu	JP	Oct-08	Dec-08								
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Мау	June		Corrective Action				
16.2	Single Status		I	1	1	I	1	1			ı		I							
16.2.3	Appeals	JP													day period unions a Enterprist (formerly	Cabinet resolved to begin statutory 90 day period of consultation with the trade unions and Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (formerly DTI) with a view to potentially moving to dismissal and re-engagement				