

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

7 OCTOBER 2009

CABINET

IMPROVEMENT PLAN EXCEPTION REPORT [August 2009]

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Cllr. Roger Hollingworth, Leader of the Council
Responsible Officer	Hugh Bennett Assistant Chief Executive

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To ask Cabinet to consider the Improvement Plan Exception Report for August 2009 (Appendix 1).

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Cabinet considers and approves the revisions to the Improvement Plan Exception Report attached as Appendix 1, and the corrective action being taken.
- 2.2 That Cabinet notes that for the 71 actions highlighted for August within the plan 84.5% of the Improvement Plan is on target [green], 8.5% is one month behind [amber] and 0% is over one month behind [red]. 7% of actions have been reprogrammed or suspended with approval¹; these include the suspension of 'The Bromsgrove Way' (due to shared services).
- 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 four corporate priorities and thirteen enablers identified in the Council Plan 2009/2012.
- 3.2 The Improvement Plan is designed to help monitor the detailed actions flowing from the Council Plan, which will help move the Council forward to excellent in the medium term.
- 3.3 There were 6 amber activities this month for the following areas of the Improvement Plan:-

¹ NB reprogrammed actions are those that have been moved to a later point in the year. Suspended actions are those which have been suspended completely for the period covered by the Plan.

Ref.	Council Plan Balanced Scorecard Reference	Number
CP1	Town Centre	3
FP1	Managing Finances	1
PR5	Planning	2

3.4 The re-programmed and suspended actions Plan are:-

Ref.	Action	Reason
7.3.3	Climate Change Matrix	Suspended due to changed approach
8.3.5	Community engagement	Suspended until completion of strategy
14.1.1	The Bromsgrove Way	Suspended- proposals to be changed
14.2.6	Investors in People Management Induction	Suspended due to revised approach
15.3.1	Workforce Plan gap analysis	Suspended- new project plan under development

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 four priorities as per the 2009/2012 Council Plan.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

Corporate Risk Title	Improvement Plan Reference
KO1: Effective Financial Management and Internal Control	FP1 – Managing Finances
KO2: Effective corporate leadership	FP1 – Managing Finances FP2 – Governing the Business FP3 – Managing Resources FP4 – Managing Performance PR2 –Political Governance
KO3: Effective Member / Officer relations	PR2 –Political Governance HROD1 – Learning & Development
KO4: Effective Member / Member relations	PR2 –Political Governance HROD1 – Learning & Development
KO5*: Full compliance with the Civil Contingencies Act and effective Business Continuity	PR1 – Customer Processes
KO6: Maximising the benefits of	PR1 – Customer Processes

investment in ICT equipment and training	
KO7: Effective partnership working	PR4 – Improved Partnership Working
KO8: Effective communications (internal and external)	PR1 – Customer Processes
KO9: Equalities and diversity agenda embedded across the Authority	CP3 – Sense of Community FP4 – Managing Performance
KO10: Appropriate investment in employee development and training	HROD1 – Learning & Development HROD2 – Modernisation HROD3- Positive Employee Climate
KO11: Effective employee recruitment and retention	HROD1 – Learning & Development HROD2 – Modernisation HROD3- Positive Employee Climate
KO12: Full compliance with all Health and Safety legislation	HROD3- Positive Employee Climate
KO13: Effective two tier working and Community Engagement	CP3 – Sense of Community PR4 – Improved Partnership Working
KO14: Successful implementation of Job Evaluation	HROD2 - Modernisation
KO15: All Council data is accurate and of high quality	FP1 – Managing Finances FP4 – Managing Performance
KO16: The Council no longer in recovery	FP1 – Managing Finances FP2 – Governing the Business FP3 – Managing Resources FP4 – Managing Performance PR2 –Political Governance
KO17: Effective Projects Management	FP1 – Managing Finances
KO19: Effective Business and Performance Management	FP4 – Managing Performance
KO20: Effective Customer Focused Authority	CP3 – Sense of Community PR1 – Customer Processes

* KO5 and KO18 have been merged

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The Improvement Plan includes a range of actions to deliver the Council's Customer First value. Please see section PR1 of the Improvement Plan.

9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Please see sections CP3 and FP4 of the Improvement Plan

10. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 See sections FP1-FP3 of the Improvement Plan

11. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues: See Section FP2 of the Improvement Plan.
Personnel Implications: See Sections HROD1-HROD3 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 CP3 of the Improvement Plan
Policy: All sections of the Improvement Plan relate to this.
Environmental: See sections CP4 and FP3 of the Improvement Plan.

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

13. **WARDS AFFECTED**

13.1 All wards.

14. **APPENDICES**

14.1 Appendix 1 Improvement Plan Exception Report August 2009.

15. **BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

15.1 The full Improvement Plan for August can be found at www.bromsgrove.gov.uk under meetings Minutes and Agendas. A hard copy is also left in the Members' Room each month.

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PROGRESS IN 2009/10

Overall performance as at the end of August 2009, in comparison with the previous year, is as follows: -

July 2008			August 2008			September 2008			October 2008			November 2008			December 2008		
RED	11	8.6%	RED	17	14.4%	RED	16	11.9%	RED	15	10.6%	RED	12	8.7%	RED	13	9.9%
AMBER	3	2.3%	AMBER	4	3.4%	AMBER	8	6.0%	AMBER	7	5.0%	AMBER	8	5.8%	AMBER	5	3.9%
GREEN	114	89.1%	GREEN	96	81.4%	GREEN	99	73.9%	GREEN	104	73.8%	GREEN	106	76.8%	GREEN	100	76.3%
REPRO	0	0%	REPRO	1	0.8%	REPRO*	11	8.2%	REPRO	15	10.6%	REPRO	12	8.7%	REPRO	13	9.9%

January 2009			February 2009			March 2009			April 2009			May 2009			June 2009		
RED	0	0%	RED	2	1.5%	RED	3	2.9%	RED	3	3.2%	RED	3	3.85%	RED	1	1.2%
AMBER	4	3.6%	AMBER	3	2.3%	AMBER	5	4.9%	AMBER	5	5.4%	AMBER	3	3.85%	AMBER	0	0%
GREEN	95	86.4%	GREEN	112	86.2%	GREEN	80	78.5%	GREEN	71	76.3%	GREEN	60	76.9%	GREEN	70	82.3%
REPRO	11	10.0%	REPRO	13	10.0%	REPRO	14	13.7%	REPRO	14	15.1%	REPRO	12	15.4%	REPRO	14	16.5%

July 2009			August 2009			September 2009			October 2009			November 2009			December 2009		
RED	0	0%	RED	0	0%	RED			RED			RED			RED		
AMBER	11	13.3%	AMBER	6	8.5%	AMBER			AMBER			AMBER			AMBER		
GREEN	67	80.7%	GREEN	60	84.5%	GREEN			GREEN			GREEN			GREEN		
REPRO	0	0%	REPRO	0	0%	REPRO			REPRO			REPRO			REPRO		
SUSP	5	6%	SUSP	5	7%	SUSP			SUSP			SUSP			SUSP		

January 2010			February 2010			March 2010			April 2010			May 2010			June 2010		
RED			RED			RED			RED			RED			RED		
AMBER			AMBER			AMBER			AMBER			AMBER			AMBER		
GREEN			GREEN			GREEN			GREEN			GREEN			GREEN		
REPRO			REPRO			REPRO			REPRO			REPRO			REPRO		
SUSP			SUSP			SUSP			SUSP			SUSP			SUSP		

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Where: -

	On Target or completed		One month behind target or less		Over one month behind target		Original date of planned action		Re-programmed date.*		Suspended**
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* NB. Reprogrammed actions are 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 once they have received approval.

**NB. Suspended actions are those that have been suspended completely for the period covered by the Improvement Plan

An Exception Report detailing corrective actions follows:

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Appendix 1

CP1: Town Centre																	
Ref	August 2009 Action	Colour	Corrective Action												Who	Original Date	Revised Date
1.1.1	Engage specialist organisation to complete unified vision		The need to identify an alternative location for the police and fire station has delayed the unified vision.												PS	Aug 09	TBC
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Corrective Action		
1.1	Agreement on preferred option of Area Action Pan																
1.1.1	Engage specialist organisation to complete unified vision	PS														The listing of Parkside resulted in the need to identify an alternative location for the police and fire station. Until this is agreed work on the unified vision has been delayed as the unified vision will identify land use.	

CP1: Town Centre																	
Ref	August 2009 Action	Colour	Corrective Action												Who	Original Date	Revised Date
1.3.3	Undertake actions recommended in report		Report to go to Cabinet in September.												PS	Aug 09	Sept 09
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Corrective Action		
1.3	Redevelopment of the Market Hall site																
1.3.3	Undertake actions recommended in report	PS														Report to go to Cabinet in September.	

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CP1: Town Centre																	
Ref	August 2009 Action		Colour		Corrective Action										Who	Original Date	Revised Date
1.4.5	Establish Leisure Centre Study Group		EXTENDED		Group to be established in August with meetings then scheduled for every 6 weeks										PS	Aug 09	Oct 09
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Corrective Action		
1.4	Community engagement																
1.4.5	Establish Leisure Centre Study Group	PS														Owing to holidays it was not possible to convene leisure centre group. This will now be undertaken in October.	

FP1: Managing Finances (including Value for Money)																	
Ref	August 2009 Action		Colour		Corrective Action										Who	Original Date	Revised Date
5.2.8	Deliver Use of resources action plan in relation to new framework				Awaiting formal score and recommendations from Audit Commission to identify areas of improvement.										JLP	Aug 09	Oct 09
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Corrective Action		
5.2	Deliver Medium Term Financial Plan and Statutory accounts																
5.2.8	Deliver Use of resources action plan in relation to new framework	JLP														Awaiting formal score and recommendations from Audit Commission to identify areas of improvement.	

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PR5: Planning																	
Ref	August 2009 Action		Colour		Corrective Action										Who	Original Date	Revised Date
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Corrective Action		
13.1.3	Regular meeting with developers landowners dependent on progress with the applications				No meeting this month, further work being done on assessing the viability of the scheme before negotiations can commence with St Modwens										MD	Aug 09	Oct 09
13.1	Longbridge																
13.1.3	Regular meeting with developers landowners dependent on progress with the applications	MD														No meeting this month, further working being done on assessing the viability of the scheme before re-negotiations on the community infrastructure levy can commence with St Modwens	

PR5: Planning																	
Ref	August 2009 Action		Colour		Corrective Action										Who	Original Date	Revised Date
Ref.	Action	Lead	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Corrective Action		
13.3.2	Prepare further Draft Core Strategy				Redrafting to commence once RSS Panel report has been received, team still evaluating Draft Core Strategy responses.										MD	Aug 09	Oct 09
13.3	Local Development Framework																
13.3.2	Prepare further Draft Core Strategy	MD														Redrafting to commence once RSS Panel report has been received (expected early October), team still evaluating Draft Core Strategy responses.	