

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

12 July 2005

Report of the Chairman of Policy and Best Value Committee

Part 1- Public

Matters For Decision

1 POLICY AND BEST VALUE COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT

To report on the activities of the Policy and Best Value Committee over the past year.

- 1.1 The Council's constitution requires an annual report to be submitted on the activities of the Policy and Best Value Committee over the past year.
- 1.2 During the year, 6 meetings of the Committee have been held. Over that period, the Committee has dealt with a wide range of policy issues and has assisted the Cabinet with the development of new and revised strategies and plans. It is of note that some 17 such documents have been considered in detail by the Committee prior to their formal adoption by Cabinet and the final report from 1 Best Value review.
- 1.3 With regard to Council strategies and plans, the Committee has assisted the Cabinet by giving prior consideration to drafts of these documents for housing, capital and revenue expenditure, child protection, homeworking, teleworking and mobile working, asset management, human resources, employment of disabled people, food law enforcement and anti-fraud policies.
- 1.4 In addition, the Committee has assisted with the development of a draft improvement plan following the Council's CPA inspection and has assessed a draft statement of community involvement as a precursor to the development of the Council's first Local Development Framework. A review of the Council's annual statement of key priorities has also been undertaken along with draft planning briefs for West Malling station and the Town Lock area in Tonbridge.
- 1.5 With regard to Best Value, a final report on the review of involving the public was considered at the beginning of 2005 involving recommendations on contacting the Council, complaints and electoral administration.
- 1.6 **RECOMMENDATION**
- 1.7 That the above report **BE NOTED**.

Background papers:

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Nil

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