

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**24 April 2007**

**Report of the Chairman of Policy and Best Value Committee**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters For Information**

**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 Since I last reported to Council, a further 3 meetings of the Committee have been held. Over that period, the Committee has continued to deal with a wide range of policy issues and has assisted the Cabinet with the development of new and revised strategies and plans. The Committee has considered 7 new and updated strategies, a number of other matters including revised council priorities, revenue estimates and the capital plan review, and the results of one 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 the Customer Services Strategy, Equality Schemes for Disability and Gender, the Kent Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy, a revised Homeworking Policy, the Asset Management Plan, and updated anti-fraud policies.
- 1.4 With regard to Best Value, a final report on the review of Crime and Disorder was considered in August 2006 and made recommendations on how the work of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership could be better 'mainstreamed' within the wider work of the Borough Council.

Background papers:

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Nil

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