

MEETING: 21st July 2008

SUBJECT: BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2008/2009

JOINT REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY AND FINANCE OFFICER

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This paper informs Members of the publication of the Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) 2008/2009. The BVPP highlights the Authority's previous BVPI performance and sets the targets for the 2008/2009 coming year. The performance against the set targets will be reported throughout the year to the Performance Review Committee.

2. BACKGROUND.

As part of the statutory requirements under Section 6 of the Local Government Act 1999, the Authority is required to prepare and publish an annual Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP).

This year's BVPP has been developed in accordance with the Fire and Rescue Service Circular 9/2008 which provides guidance on specific requirements relating to the content of the Plan for 2008/2009.

The BVPP was submitted to the Performance and Review Committee on the 23rd June 2008 and subsequently published on 30th June 2008 in order to meet the deadline set by the department of Communities and Local Government. A copy of the plan can be accessed at www.twfire.gov.uk

PURPOSE AND OUTLINE OF THE PLAN

- 2.1 The BVPP provides external partners and stakeholders with an overview of how the performance of the Authority relates to Vision and Mission it has set. In addition to this it provides staff with a clear picture of performance and how they contribute to the Authority's success.
- 2.2 Furthermore, in order to highlight the Authority's performance against that of other Fire and Rescue Authorities the BVPP provides a clear comparison of its BVPI performance against that of the other six Metropolitan Fire and Rescue Authorities for 2007/08.
- 2.3 In relation to the plan's layout the BVPP is divided into the following five sections which reflect the delivery, structure and outcome of the Authority's performance:
- Vision and Mission

- Monitoring and Review
- Performance Improvement Framework
- Our Performance
- Equality and Diversity

2.4 The 'Our Performance' section relates specifically to the outcomes of the Best Value performance Indicators (BVPI's) between 2004/05 and 2007/08, highlighting where performance has improved over the period in question.

2.5 This will be the final year the Fire and Rescue Authority will be required to produce a Best Value Performance Plan. However, the Authority will continue to report performance within the Annual Report and the Strategic Community Plan.

3. PLAN DISTRIBUTION

3.1 The Authority was required to publish the BVPP by the 30th June 2008, as stated in the Local Government Act 1999. The BVPP is available via the Authority's website for external stakeholders and via the intranet for employees. Hardcopies of the BVPP will be made available upon request.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that the Plan will be published on the Authority's website and hard copies will only be made available via upon request. It is envisaged that there will be only be minimal costs associated with the publication of the BVPP which can be met from within the existing budget for the Authority.

5. HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

There are no health and safety implications associated with this report.

6. EQUALITY AND FAIRNESS IMPLICATIONS

An Equality Impact Assessment has been undertaken on the BVPP and all equality and fairness implications have been addressed.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

As with all plans there are risk associated with them which could result in slippage. In order to avoid the occurrence of such risks the plan will be reviewed and prioritised accordingly.

10 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are requested to:

- (a) approve the Best Value Performance Plan 2008/09

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The under mentioned Background Papers refer to the subject matter of the above report:

- Local Government Act 1999
- Fire and Rescue Circular 9/2008
- Best Value Performance Plan 2008/2009