

**SUBJECT: BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN (BVPP) 2008/09**

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

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**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present to Members, for their consideration the Authority's draft Best Value Performance Plan for 2008/2009.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 As Members will be aware, one of the Authority's statutory requirements under Section 6 of the Local Government Act 1999, is the need to prepare an annual Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) and attached to this report is the draft BVPP for 2008/2009. It is also worth noting, that as a result of the introduction of Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) framework, this will be the last year the Authority is required to produce a BVPP.
- 2.2 As in past years the BVPP highlights the Authority's previous performance against the targets that were set for 2007/2008 and the document also lays out the new targets for the 2008/2009 year. The performance against these new targets will be reported during the year to the Performance and Review Committee.
- 2.3 In order to highlight the Authorities improvement against that of other Fire and Rescue Authorities the BVPP also provides information in respect of its BVPI performance against that of the six other Metropolitan Fire and Rescue Authorities for 2007/2008. This approach provides Members with further evidence of what progress the Authority has made in respect of the objectives that were set out in the Plan.

**3. DISTRIBUTION**

- 3.1 The Authority is required to publish the BVPP by the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008, as stated in the Local Government Act 1999
- 3.2 Providing public access to the document will provide external partners and stakeholders with an overview of how the performance of the Authority relates to the Vision and Mission that it has adopted. In addition to this, it provides our staff with a clear picture of performance and how they contribute to the Authority's work.
- 3.3 To this end, the BVPP will be made available via the Authority's website for external stakeholders and via the intranet for staff. In addition, hardcopies of the BVPP will also be made available to those who request a copy of the document.

**4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 The Committee is requested to:

- i) Give careful consideration to the contents of the BVPP;
- ii) Provide feedback on the performance data contained within the report;
- iii) Agree to the receipt of regular BVPP progress reports in 2008/2009.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

The following background papers refer to the subject matter of the above:

- Best Value Performance Plan 2008/2009
- Local Government Act 1999