

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL IMPROVEMENT PLAN - MONITORING REPORT

Report By: Policy Officer

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

1. To consider a monitoring report relating to the Council's Improvement Plan.

Financial Implications

2. None identified

Considerations

3. During 2002, the Council was subject to a Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA). The Council was required to have an Improvement Plan in place following the outcome of the assessment and to implement appropriate monitoring arrangements.
4. Attached at Annex 1 is the monitoring report, which was considered by Cabinet on 3rd June, 2004.
5. Appendix 1 to the report provides an update on the six specific improvement priorities, identified by the Audit Commission, as part of the CPA process, which the Council was required to deliver by December 2003. The review indicates that the majority of actions have been completed although further work is required to meet the Council's targets in relation to communication.
6. Appendix 2 to the report provides an update in relation to the actions identified in the Council's Improvement Plan. The review indicates that the majority of actions have either been completed or are on track for completion by the target date. Also highlighted within the review are a number of issues that have arisen, but which are not expected to impact on the achievement of the overall Plan.
7. Following the Council's CPA, a Corporate Plan was developed and approved during January 2003. It is now proposed to revise the Corporate Plan and to realign the Improvement Plan accordingly. The revision of the Corporate Plan will begin with a prioritisation exercise to be undertaken with Members during August 2004.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT progress in relation to the Council's Improvement Plan be noted.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None identified