

## **CORPORATE PLANNING PROCESS**

**Report By: Director of Policy and Community**

### **Wards Affected**

County-wide

### **Purpose**

1. To note the single, coherent corporate planning process approved by Cabinet at its meeting on 9th September 2004, including strengthened arrangements for strategic monitoring.

### **Financial Implications**

2. The process will be implemented with existing resources.

### **Considerations**

3. The proposals approved by Cabinet on 9th September, 2004 are appended.
4. The Committee's attention is drawn in particular to the integration of performance management into the new process. It is intended to achieve this by introducing an Annual Operating Plan for the whole Council, setting out for the first year of each three-year Corporate Plan, in measurable terms, what the Council intends to achieve and what actions it will take to do so. Built on a careful selection of the most important performance indicators, this should provide a much simpler and more user-friendly basis for in-year and end-year monitoring of strategic performance.
5. It is intended to bring progress reports to the Committee at key points in the process. The next will be following the Cabinet's consideration in December of the outcomes of public consultation on strategic budget options, and the draft three-year Corporate Plan.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT the single, coherent corporate planning process approved by Cabinet be noted.**

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- None