



Coventry City Council

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Briefing note

To: **Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee**

Date: 5th October 2011

Subject: **Reporting progress towards the Council's vision and objectives**

1 Purpose of the Note

- 1.1 To seek advice from the Committee on the future presentation of performance information, relating to the vision and objectives of the new Council Plan, to Scrutiny and the public.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Outline proposals for future performance reports will be presented at the meeting and comments are requested from the Committee to help to shape proposals.

3 Background/Information

- 3.1 The new Council Plan 2011-2014 was approved by Council in June 2011. The plan included the new vision and objectives for the Council which had previously been approved in March 2011. The Council Plan is a three year plan and is presented in two parts, part 1 provides an overview of the Council's priorities over this period and part 2 contains more detail on the ways in which progress will be measured.
- 3.2 Revised performance management arrangements were introduced in 2011 and they provide the framework through which the Council's priorities are implemented and managed throughout the organisation. Detailed arrangements are now being developed to support the monitoring and reporting of the Council vision and objectives.
- 3.3 Over the last three years the priorities of the previous Corporate Plan have largely been reported as part of the Local Area Agreement. In October 2010 the Government announced changes to the national performance framework for local government, removing the requirement to monitor and produce Local Area Agreements and replacing the National Indicator Set with a single comprehensive list of all the data that it expects local government to provide to central government. This has meant that there is now more flexibility to select performance measures and to determine arrangements that meet the Council's priorities at a local level. On the other hand the principles outlined in the Open Public Services White Paper, require local authorities to be accountable and to make sure that information is made available and widely accessible to the public.
- 3.4 The first half year progress report will be reported to Cabinet and SCRUCO at the end of November 2011. This will set the baseline for future performance reports. It is therefore timely to bring the draft proposals for reporting and presenting performance information so that members of the Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee have an opportunity to shape the arrangements and to identify how the Scrutiny Boards would like to receive performance information in the future. The new framework will also include the way in which the Council reports performance information to the city.

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