

Scrutiny Committee – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008

## 9. Quarterly Performance Monitoring Report – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2007/08

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### Purpose of the Report

A performance monitoring report covering the period to the end of the third quarter (31<sup>st</sup> December 2007) is presented to Members.

### Action Required

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the quarterly monitoring report for the third quarter 2007/08.

### Background

The Council's Corporate Plan detailing the Council's aims and objectives for the period 2005-2012 was adopted in August 2005. Objectives 4 and 5 of the Corporate Plan require South Somerset to 'be a top 25 per cent performer in the National Indicators appropriate to South Somerset by 2010', and 'achieve year on year improvements for local targets'

At the District Executive meeting in December 2005, a basket of local and national performance indicators against which progress of objectives 4 and 5 of the Corporate Plan can be measured was agreed, with reporting against this new set of measures commencing from the 2006-07 financial year. In addition the performance report has been updated to reflect success factors detailed in Portfolio Statements for 2007-08.

The performance report containing the key local and national performance indicators for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2007-08 is attached at Appendix A.

The information contained in Appendix A details the performance of the Council for the financial year to date. This information is broken down to show the performance for each quarter and is colour coded to indicate performance against target. The report also includes a trend arrow showing whether performance is improving or deteriorating from quarter to quarter.

In terms of attaining a top 25 per cent performer, the most recent top quartile threshold results for 2006-07 financial year have been included in the comment box. This allows members to see at a glance whether our 2007-08 performance is nearing the current top quartile results.

Information regarding the full set of national performance indicators (BVPIs), is collated separately. The quarterly results are available on request from the Policy and Performance team.

### **Performance Exceptions**

In cases where performance is below target levels, a comment is requested from the responsible Manager. The Manager's comments on any variances in performance or progress against agreed actions are as follows:

There are no performance exceptions.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications related to this report. However, financial implications may need to be considered for possible actions necessary to address performance in failing areas.

### **Implications for Corporate Priorities**

Contributes toward delivery of Corporate Plan Aim 1 " Deliver well managed, cost effective services valued by our customers" objective 4 "Be a top 25% performer in National Indicators appropriate to South Somerset" and objective 5 " Achieve year on year improvements for local indicators"

### **Other Implications**

None

**Background Papers:** *Developing a better corporate focus with performance indicators – District Executive Dec 2005*

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