

IEG 5 RETURN

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Summary: Presents a draft IEG5 return for approval.

Recommendation:	That the draft IEG5 return be noted and approved for online submission to the ODPM.
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Impact on delivering the Corporate Plan: Fundamental, for both service delivery and efficiency.

Impact on other statutory objectives (e.g. crime & disorder, LA21): Several of the Priority Outcomes specifically address aspects of these objectives.

Financial and human resource implications: None of approving the IEG5 return since it is in accordance with the existing programme and approved capital budgets. However, IEG will make a significant impact on achieving future efficiency savings.

Project & Risk Management: The IEG Programme is managed by Project Boards at both officer and Member levels.

Key Decision Status

- **Financial:** No

- **Ward:** No

Other Ward Implications: None

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Government's IEG process is coming to an end. There is a requirement to submit an IEG5 return by 19th December and the final IEG6 return will be required next March. The ODPM require that these are approved by Council. 2005/06 is the last year of IEG grant.
- 1.2 The IEG5 statement follows the same format as (and up-dates the information in) the mid-year return (IEG4.5) that was approved by Council in June this year. The deadline for submission is 19th December 2005.
- 1.3 A significant number of the Priority Outcomes are primarily the responsibility of Cumbria County Council, but they have to be reported in our own return as well (and vice-versa). A partnership meeting is planned for 7th December when the position on these Outcomes will be agreed. **The IEG5 document will therefore be circulated separately to members when it is completed immediately following this meeting.**

- 1.4 A small number of Required outcomes will not be fully complete by 31st December 2005 but they are all expected to be complete, along with all the Good ones, by 31st March 2006.
- 1.5 BVPI 157 shows 99% of our services e-enabled by 31st December 2005 - based on the statutory definition and supplementary guidance published on the ESD Toolkit. It should be noted that the ESD Toolkit methodology has been used for the first time for this IEG5 return and this effectively means that historical data is not included, with all previous years shown as zeros. This is acceptable to the ODPM.
- 1.6 In summary, it is expected that our IEG5 statement will be satisfactory to the ODPM and it reflects good progress on “e-government” issues. But there remain significant challenges to address, particularly in terms of realising efficiency savings from the ICT investment. The Government’s recent consultation document “Transformational Government - Enabled by Technology” sets out ideas for further change, throughout all levels of government, that look to 2011 and beyond. This emphasises that the IEG process is only the start of a long term, fundamental transformation of government in the UK.

List of Appendices - IEG 4.5 Return - To be circulated separately

List of Background Documents: None

List of Consultees: IEG Project Board