

**CPA –ANNUAL USE OF RESOURCES ASSESSMENT**

**EXECUTIVE MEMBER:** Cllr Ashbrook

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**Summary:** This report seeks agreement of the Executive to the Value For Money self-assessment required under Comprehensive Performance Assessment.

**Recommendations:** That the Executive approves the Value for Money self-assessment for submission to the Audit Commission, as required by 30 September 2005.

**Impact on delivering corporate objectives** The Council's objectives include the target of improving performance and efficiency across services. This self-assessment is one means to measure progress.

**Impact on other statutory objectives (eg Crime and Disorder and LA21 )** Included in the performance the Council has measured in this self-assessment are a number of statutory requirements and objectives.

**Financial and human resource implications** None as a result of submitting this self-assessment

**Project and Risk Management** Improving the Council's project and risk management will contribute to improved performance and efficiency.

**Key Decision Status** This is not a key decision

**Financial Ward**

**Other ward implications?** No

**BACKGROUND**

The Council in common with every other principal authority in England is now required to submit an annual assessment - Use of Resources including a self-assessment of Value for Money. This is a new aspect of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) and the verdict on these judgements will be included in the External Auditor's annual letter and contribute to the Council's overall judgement in subsequent years.

The work to compile the Value for Money self-assessment has been undertaken by a small group of officers with detailed knowledge of the Council's financial and performance management. The format for the document is tightly specified and the Council's statements have to be backed up with relevant examples and evidence.

The Audit Commission will undertake an inspection based on what we have put forward and will want to inspect our evidence.

The self-assessment document was sent round to Councillors before the Executive meeting, and explained at a meeting at 1pm before the Executive meeting to go through the document in detail.

**List of Appendices: Appendix A – Value for Money Self Assessment – To Follow**

**List of Background Documents:**