

EXECUTIVE

An extract of the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4 June 2008 at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor Michael Doody(Chairman); Councillors Mrs Bunker, Caborn , Hammon, Kinson, Kirton, Shilton and White.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Britland; Councillor Crowther (Labour Group Observer); Councillor Ms De-Lara-Bond (Liberal Democrat Group Observer); Councillor Gifford (Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee); and Councillor Mrs Knight (Chair of Audit and Resources Scrutiny Committee).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Grainger.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest in item 16.

16. **BEST VAULE PERFROMANCE PLAN 2008/09**

The Executive considered a report from Organisational Development and Performance Improvement regarding the Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) 2008.

The statutory requirement to prepare and publish an annual Best Value Performance Plan was removed via a variety of changes introduced in the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The removal of this requirement was originally intended to commence from 1 April 2008, however recent guidance from Department for Communities and Local Government has outlined transitional arrangements requiring basic information be reported via a cut down version of a BVPP.

The Council's Constitution required approval to be sought from Council for the publication of the BVPP. It was proposed that only minimal resource was invested in this interim reporting requirement to meet the guidance. It was not proposed that hard copies be produced and circulated as had been the case in previous years.

Proposals to replace the BVPP with an improved annual report published after the close of accounts each year were being developed. It was anticipated this would be a more customer friendly publication of more interest and value to the residents of the district.

Failure to comply with the DCLG reporting requirements could result in reservations and qualifications being noted against the Council in subsequent audits and inspections. Non compliance had not been considered as a viable option for an Excellent authority.

RECOMMENDED that the publication of a basic Best Value Performance Plan as set out in the report, via the Warwick District Council website, be approved.

(The Chair of the Executive had agreed to take this as an urgent matter because it needed to be considered and approved by the Council before 30 June 2008)