

**QUARTERLY  
BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS  
2005/06  
MONITORING REPORT TO OVERVIEW AND  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
As at End June 2005**



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## INTRODUCTION

This monitoring report sets out performance against the ODPM Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPI's) for the year ending 31 March 06. This report shows performance for the first quarter, 1 April to 30 June 05.




This is one of two quarterly monitoring reports to be received by Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This report monitors BVPI's, the other monitors Corporate KPI's.

Bi-monthly Business Plan monitoring statements will also be produced by Units separately. The first will be available shortly.



## INTERPRETATION

### Performance Symbols

Symbols are used in the monitoring tables to provide a quick guide to how the Council is performing against a particular indicator:

	=	Performance is hitting or better than the target set for 2005/06.
	=	Performance is within tolerance. It is better than last year but below target.
	=	Performance is significantly worse than planned; it is worse than last year.

The performance symbols denote year to date performance against the target. The targets have been profiled across the year to give a reasonable comparison to use in assessing performance.

Some indicators are new so have no targets. To avoid the  the target has been estimated from the actual performance. They will always display the  symbol. This position will regularly be reviewed to establish better targets as soon as is practical.

### Notes of Clarification

Section	Indicator	Comments
Corporate Health	BV009 Council Tax Collected	The figure reported is the % of the total debit that has been collected at the end of each month. The targets will change monthly.
	BV010 NNDR Collected	The figure reported is the % of the total debit that has been collected at the end of each month. The targets will change monthly.
	BV011 – BV017 HR Indicators	These figures are a year to date figure.

## PERFORMANCE DATA TABLES

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



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Corporate Health			
	Perf to Date	Perf vs Target	Year End Target
BV008 % Invoices paid within 30 days	81.35		96.00
BV009 % Council Tax collected	30.15		98.60
BV010 % NNDR collected	30.78		98.60
BV011a.02 Women in top 5% earners	20.83		23.00
BV011b.02 Black/ethnic in top 5%	0.00		0.50
BV011c.05 Top 5%: with a disability	8.33		8.71
BV012 Days / shifts lost to sickness	2.40		8.90
BV014 % Early retirements	0.21		0.17
BV015 % Ill health retirements	0.00		0.17
BV016a % Disabled employees	3.44		3.55
BV017a % Ethnic minorities employees	1.53		1.45
BV156 % LA public buildings - disabled	78.00		88.00
BV157 % e-government	92.40		100.00

Housing & Council Tax Benefits			
	Perf to Date	Perf vs Target	Year End Target
BV078a Ave time new claims (Cal days)	28.90		28.50
BV078b Ave time for changes (Cal days)	9.90		8.50
BV079a % Benefit calculations correct	99.20		98.00
BV076a Number of claimants visited	205.00		200.00
BV076c Number of fraud investigations	56.00		40.00
BV076d Number prosecutions & sanctions	14.24		9.00





Housing			
	Perf to Date	Perf vs Target	Year End Target
BV066a.05 % Rent Collected / Rent Owed	96.96		98.90
BV212.05 Average Time to Re-let	58.96		30.00
Homelessness			
	Perf to Date	Perf vs Target	Year End Target
BV183a Length of stay in B&B accom'n	0.00		0.00
BV183b Length of stay in hostel accom'n	3.82		12.00



Planning			
	Perf to Date	Perf vs Target	Year End Target
PL BV106 % New homes on brownfield sites	39.60		50.00
BV109a.02 % Planning apps - major	80.00		60.00
BV109b.02 % Planning apps - minor	78.00		65.00
BV109c.02 % Planning apps - other	90.00		80.00
Land Charges			
	Perf to Date	Perf vs Target	Year End Target
BV179 % standard searches in 10 days	93.09		100.00



Waste & Cleanliness			
	Perf to Date	Perf vs Target	Year End Target
BV082ai.05 % H'hold Waste Recycled	13.53		15.00
BV082bi.05 % H'hold Waste Compost	26.61		20.00

Culture - Visits to Astley Hall			
	Perf to Date	Perf vs Target	Year End Target
BV170a Visits to / usage of museums	77.50	★	169.10
BV170b Visits to museums in person	53.43	★	149.00
BV170c Pupils visiting museums and galleries	435.00	●	2100.00

Community Safety			
	Perf to Date	Perf vs Target	End of Year Target
BV126a Domestic Burglaries/1000 h'holds	1.75		8.45
BV128a Vehicle Crimes per 1000 pop	1.99		9.45
BV174 Racial incidents per 1000 pop	3.00		18.00
BV175 Racial incidents - further action	100.00		100.00

New Community Safety Indicators		
	Perf to Date	Perf vs Target
BV127a.05 Violent Crime / 1,000 pop.	4.29	
BV127b.05 Robberies / 1,000 pop.	0.05	

## **COMMENTS ON POOR PERFORMANCE**

### **Corporate Health**

#### **BV008 % invoices processed within 30 days**

The introduction of the new finance system had resulted in a temporary downturn in performance, particularly in April 05, as individuals become used to the new working arrangements. Performance is improving month on month with July's figures showing a further improvement. The Director of Finance expects this trend to continue over the coming months.

#### **BV11a Women in top 5%**

There will be turnover in Senior Management Group, and it is anticipated that there is the potential to achieve the target by year end.

#### **BV16a % Disabled employees**

There will be turnover of staff, and it is anticipated that there is the potential to achieve the target by year end.

### **Housing**

#### **BV066a % rent collected/rent owed**

The year to date figure is 1.94% below target. This is due to people paying at outlying sites e.g. the post office. Payments are only credited to their rent accounts 3 or 4 days later, which shows as a temporary arrears at month end. Also, May was a five week month, which affects the monthly figures adversely.

#### **BV212 Average time to relet homes**

The time taken to bring homes up to the Lettable Standard is greater due to more stringent standards of presentation than has been the case in the past. Initiatives are being introduced to improve the position and in-month figures show that the average time is reducing.

### **Planning and Land Charges**

#### **BV179 % standard searches in 10 days**

Delays in Planning in completing their part of the searches have contributed to this figure. This is currently being rectified.

## **COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC INDICATORS**

### **New Indicators**

It is very difficult to set a target for an indicator which has never been monitored before. As a temporary arrangement, the actual performance is also entered as the target, to show performance as on track. As a result, there is no year end target.

#### **BV127a Violent Crime per 1,000 population and 127b Robberies per 1,000 population**

This indicator is new for 2005/06. The first year will be used to establish a baseline figure against which future performance will be measured. The target is to reduce the 2005/06 level of violent crime by 10% over the following three years.

#### **BV211a,b Repairs and maintenance expenditure.**

This indicator is new for 2005. Systems will be in place to collect the information for the next and remaining quarters of the year.

#### **BV218a,b Abandoned vehicles**

This is a new indicator for 2005/6, and ODPM has only recently decided that Districts should collect this indicator. At present, current systems make this indicator time consuming to collect. Systems are being investigated to try to find a less time consuming collation method. Due to the work pressures of introducing the alternate weekly collections, calculation of this indicator has been deferred. A figure will be produced next quarter.

### **Further Information**

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