



Report to: Cabinet

Subject: Resource Development Bid Scoring Methodology 2008/09

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1. Purpose of the Report

To seek approval for a revised scoring matrix for Resource Development Bids based on new priorities agreed at Cabinet October 4th 2007.

2. Background

The new priorities agreed by Cabinet are as follows:

- A high quality local environment
- A safer community
- Good health for everyone
- A good start in life for Children and Young People

The current scoring methodology originated in the 2005/06 budget setting process and has been used in successive years with minor amendments. The scheme uses a simple scoring methodology to rank budget bids based on the contribution made to achieving Council priorities.

3. Proposal

In principle, the basic method will continue to be used. However, weightings will be developed to ensure funding is diverted from areas where targets have been secured and redirected to areas at risk of failing. In addition, the scoring basis used to calculate the level of contribution each scheme will make towards each outcome, will also be enhanced. Individual indicators are being identified to

enable the scoring to become more transparent and less subjective. An example proforma of the new matrix is attached as Appendix A.

3. Resource Implications

There are no specific or immediate resource implications arising from the development and adoption of the revised scoring methodology. However, the purpose of the proposal is to focus the available resources towards Council priorities in the following financial year.

4. Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to adopt the scoring methodology principles as set out above and demonstrated in Appendix A.