

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL - 27 JUNE 2002**

### **STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2001/02**

#### **Report by Chief Executive**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** To submit the draft Statutory Performance Indicators for 2001/02 and to seek agreement to forward these for audit to the Council's External Auditor in line with established practice.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** The Local Government Act 1992 requires the Accounts Commission to issue an annual Direction to Local Authorities to publish performance information across a broad range of services. The Commission issued the 2000 Direction in October 2000 and this set out the Statutory Performance Indicators for financial year 2001/02 upon which Councils are now required to report.

#### **3. 2001/02 STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INFORMATION**

- 3.1** The performance data included within the appendix to this report has been submitted by the Departments responsible for reporting on each Statutory Performance Indicator. The Head of Corporate Development and Communication has undertaken a co-ordinating role between Departments and the Council's Internal and External Auditors to ensure a consistency of approach and effective communication. Following completion of the audit of selected indicators by the Internal Auditors, the draft performance information will thereafter be forwarded to the Council's External Auditors.
- 3.2** Once the audit of the draft performance information has been completed by the Council's External Auditors and any revisions to the data contained in the appendix have been made, further reports will be submitted to Service Committees in due course. The Statutory Advertisement containing the Statutory Performance Indicators must be published in a newspaper circulating within the Council's area by 30 September 2002.

#### **4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1** The Local Government Act lays a duty upon each Council to ensure that it has in place such arrangements for collecting, recording and publishing performance data as are required to comply with the Direction and to ensure that, so far as practicable, everything published is accurate and complete.
- 4.2** The External Auditor has a statutory duty to ensure that he is satisfied that the Council has made such arrangements as required.

**5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS - Nil.**

**6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**6.1** The Committee is asked to:-

- (i) note the draft performance information submitted by Departments as contained within the appendix to this report;
- (ii) agree to submit the draft performance information to the Council's External Auditor;
- (iii) note that following the audit of the performance information further reports will be submitted by Directors to their respective Service Committees; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of this report.

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12 June 2002

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Accounts Commission Standards of Performance Guide 2001/02

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**AGENDA**