

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO

### POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 10 June 2008  
title: Final Comprehensive Performance Assessment Report  
submitted by: Chief Executive  
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#### **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To inform committee of the outcome of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) Report.

#### **2 RELEVANCE TO THE COUNCIL'S AMBITIONS AND PRIORITIES:**

- Council Ambitions:
  - Community Objectives:
  - Corporate Priorities:
  - Other Considerations:
- The Comprehensive Performance Assessment report is the key document produced at the end of the CPA process. It impacts strongly on our Ambitions, Priorities and future plans as an improvement plan is developed out of the findings of the inspection.

#### **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 During the week commencing 28 January 2008 Inspectors from the Audit Commission carried out an onsite visit. This was the culmination of weeks of preparation by the authority, including the writing of our own self-assessment report.
- 3.2 We received our first draft of the Audit Commissions report in March 2008. This draft report scored the authority as 'GOOD' with 39 points, 6 points from being 'excellent'. At this point we were given the opportunity to provide further information and evidence and to amend any statements that were factually incorrect.
- 3.3 The authority felt that whilst we were disappointed not to received 4 out of 4 for 'Achievement and Improvement' we were overall please with the rating of 'GOOD'.

#### **4 WHERE WE ARE NOW**

- 4.1 A final pre-published version of the report was received at the end of April, however this was embargoed until 20 May when the Audit Commission published the final report. The report is attached at Appendix A.

#### **5 NEXT STEPS**

- 5.1 The authority now needs to prepare and implement an Improvement Plan.
- 5.2 A meeting will be arranged to discuss our Improvement Plan with the Lead Inspector and possibly our Relationship Manager from the Audit Commission.
- 5.3 The final Improvement Plan will come to this committee for approval at the next meeting on 29 July 2008.

#### **6 RISK ASSESSMENT**

## 6.1

- Resources: Some resources may be identified at the Improvement planning stage.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal: None
- Political: None
- Reputation: The authority has been assessed as 'good'. There might have been some damage to the Council's reputation had we been assessed as 'weak' or 'poor' or remained 'fair'.

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