

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 8th June 2010
title: Update on Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA)
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform committee of the cessation of all work in the area of Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA), including the Use of Resources, Managing Performance and Organisational Assessments.

2 RELEVANCE TO THE COUNCIL'S AMBITIONS AND PRIORITIES:

- Council Ambitions:
- Community Objectives:
- Corporate Priorities:
- Other Considerations:

3 THE DETAILS

- 3.1 The Director of Resources received an email on the 27th May 2010 from our Auditor (which is to be followed by formal communication from the Audit Commission) updating us on what is happening with regards to the CAA following the new governments announcement that CAA is being abolished. The scored Use of Resources, Managing Performance assessments and Organisational Assessments are included within this.
- 3.2 As of the 27th May, all Audit Commission staff have been told to stop work on all activities relating to these areas. The email suggested that we too should stop work on any CAA, Use of Resources and Managing Performance responses that we were preparing in these areas to avoid any potential abortive work being carried out by our own staff in relation to these assessments. This also includes Data Quality work.
- 3.3 The email went on to say that they know we will appreciate that this is a period of rapid change and that they are working with CLG and other officials to clarify when they wish the Audit Commission to finish work on the CAA and how they wish to take forward assessment and inspection in the future.
- 3.4 The work the Audit Commission has already completed on the Use of Resources will be used to inform their value for money (VFM) conclusion as originally intended. As things become clearer the Audit Commission will discuss and agree with us how they might feedback to us the findings from the work that has already been undertaken.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

- Resources: None
- Technical, Environmental and Legal: None
- Political: None
- Reputation: None.

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