

Title - National Indicators 2008/09 –Second Quarter Progress (CEO)

**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on progress on National Indicators for the period July to September 2008.

**2. Background**

2.1 Members will be aware from previous reports to this Committee that a new single set of 198 National Indicators was introduced on 1 April 2008; these are supposed to be the only indicators on which central government will measure local government performance against national priorities.

2.2 The Local Government White Paper "*Strong and Prosperous Communities*" committed to a smaller more focused set of priorities as well as to radically reduce the number of national indicators. This new performance framework replaces the existing Best Value Performance Indicators and associated regime.

**3. Report**

3.1 Government will annually publish performance data at a District spatial level for 61 of the 198 National Indicators. Of these, 18 are to be collected through the two-yearly Place Survey, replacing the BVPI user satisfaction survey. The first Place Survey is currently being undertaken. Surveys have been sent out and the deadline for their returns is 19 December 2008. For 19 indicators, data is collected by other organisations, such as Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships, the Environment Agency, and the Office for National Statistics. Only 24 indicators are due for collection by Runnymede Borough Council directly, and these form the basis of the attached "excel" workbook.

3.2 Best Value Performance Indicators were reported on a quarterly basis, showing figures from each quarter of the current year, comparisons with the target for the current year, and the performance for the same quarter in the previous year.

3.3 As this is the first year of a new framework, there are no comparable figures from the previous year and no targets have yet been set for the current year.

3.4 The NI figures for the second quarter of 2008/09 are attached at Appendix 1. Data for a large number of these indicators is collected annually, and therefore performance is only reported against those indicators for which data is available. Where no figure is stated, there are relevant comments.

**4. Conclusions**

4.1 This is a new framework and initial teething problems of data collection are expected. There are no targets set against these indicators as yet.

**OFFICERS' RECOMMENDATION that-**

- i) **the Committee indicate whether it is content with the progress on the National Indicators.**
- ii) **the Committee note that targets are to be set once baseline figures are available.**

**(TO RESOLVE)**