IMPROVEMENT THEME 1 : CAPACITY BUILDING & WORKING WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR LEAD : STEVE BUTLER

| WORKSTREAMS | MI | <u>LESTONES</u> | PROP'D BY | NEW TARGET | <u> </u> | illing to meet target Amber-on target Green-above target |
|---|----|---|---------------|---------------|--|--|
| 1.1 Enable planning support and enquiry centre staff to deal with a | | Proposals for changes to refocus support roles and structures | July 06 | | 10/07/06 See outline proposals for costing / SW comments discussed | |
| greater proportion of enquiries and customer relationships by developing their roles and skills. | | Generic competence requirements defined across all roles / grades (S Kelso / AH / MH) | Aug 06 | | 050706 Briefed Sandra Kelso to do | |
| | | Gaps between current position and future needs identified | Sep 06 | | Draft initial proposals (210906 – financial aspects of plan discussed | with |
| | | Strategy, structures and training plans in place (see below) | Q2\3 06\07 | | Graham Fisher) £80,000 | |
| 1.2 Achieve a structured and pooled approach to skills development of support and customer service staff | | Crossover (eg Planning Services / DEC) career development opportunities and business benefits identified (SK/AH/MH) | Sep 06 | | See also 1.1 above | AMBER |
| to deliver operational flexibility and | | identified | | | 050706 Briefed Sandra Kelso to do |) |
| enhanced career paths. | | Training Plans (see 1.1 above) schedule planned secondment rotation for 2007 | Q2\3 06\07 | | Existing resources | |
| 1.3 Increase the number of staff at Principal Planner level. | | Review success of current recruitment round – any action required? | June 06 | | August - 2 ppos and 2 SPOs appoi | inted AMBER |
| | | Adjust as necessary, add 4 PPOs to establishment and recruit | Q3 06\07 | | NEXT ROUND SEPTEMBER £175,000 Still vacancies on structure | |
| 1.4 Increase the number of senior staff in Compliance Serv. & integrate | | Review success of current recruitment round | Jun 06 | | Subject to budgetary provision - 07/08 budget round | RED |
| operations with Planning Services more closely. | | Adjust as necessary, add 1 PCOs to establishment and recruit | Q3 06\07 | | £40,000 | |
| 1.5 Leadership cultural change at senior and middle management levels is fundamental to the review. Adjustment to management roles/responsibilities will help achieve that. | | Move programme funded project work / staff to Projects Team | Sep 06 | | 10/07/06 See outline proposals for costing / comment (SMT 11/6) | AMBER |

| 1.6 Improve longer term workforce planning and development to secure the future availability of required skills and to realise the full potential of our people. | Practical proposals to take LGEA approach forward (S Kelso) | Aug 06 From 06\07 | | Support staff (See 1.1 & 1.2) as an example / pilot?) 050706 Briefed Sandra Kelso (see above) | AMBER |
|--|---|---------------------------------|--------|--|-------|
| Determine the scope and costs of a strategic alliance with a private sector partner to provide flexible access to skills and resources. | Inform potential partners of position Heads of services (include. S&P) identified potential elements of package Procurement strategy | Jun 06 Jul 06 Q2 06\07 | Jan 07 | Met m farrington / k ladley/ wayne baxter / s butler Nb – dmt discussion on 16 aug- combining alliances No financial provision as yet SBU spoken to S Speak re scoping – yet to be carried out. Mtng PPPU Jan 07 to begin this (trial with Jacobs re public enquiries carried out but concerns raised re:escalating costs) | AMBER |
| 1.8 Maintain clarity about priorities in terms of objectives and services, and monitor the extent to which resource inputs deliver desired outcomes. | Update P&DS portfolio Update Annual Action / Improvement Plans to reflect portfolio / Review Delivery Plan Monitor and Review | Sep 06 Oct 06 >>>> | | Completed current draft Existing resources | AMBER |

IMPROVEMENT THEME 2 : REALISING A DEFINITIVE OFFICER VIEW

LEAD: STEVE BUTLER

| WORKSTREAMS | MILESTONES | PROP'D | <u>NEW</u> | STATUS/ISSUES Red-failing to | |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|---------------|--|-----------------------------|
| | | <u>BY</u> | TARGET | | er-on target bove target |
| 2.1 Improved internal mechanisms are being established to resolve different views and produce clear and timely decisions, providing a clear and effective framework for | □ Complete consultation / adjust Planning Technical Board (IDA Brief all P&DS / S&P Team Le (IDA/SPS) | A) Jun 06 | | Protocol revised following discussion – first meeting in September – SW to chair and carry this forward – review effectiveness March 07 | GREEN |
| identified decision makers. | □ Review Effectiveness | | Jan 07 | Design workshops to be extended to include other disciplines | |
| 2.2 Agree a structured Urban Design approach to assessing quality, for the guidance of designers and to provide a consistent assessment | Agree project brief to take forward Assess Design Services / Partand capacity to produce the frame | nership ability Aug 06 amework | | 170806 MB well on with draft SM to meet MB Further meet with SBU/MB/JT (£25,000) | AMBER |
| framework for officers and Plans Panels. | □ Implementation | Q2\3 06\07 | Jan 07 | Resources subject to need&budget Project brief to be agreed | |
| 2.3 Improve the ways in which Design, Landscape and Conservation inputs are integrated into negotiations to achieve greater efficiency and ensure that the focus on producing high quality | Issues definedAction Plan AgreedImplement | Aug 06 Sep 06 Q2 06\07 | | Mtng with TKE & SBU taken place issue paper being drafted Existing resources | AMBER |
| development is effectively targeted. | | | Jan 07 | Action plan to be agreed Jan 07 | |
| 2.4 Improve procedures for pre-app enquiries, setting clear standards for the services we can offer, including greater clarity as to the issues considered and consultations undertaken, and a clear record of pre-app outcomes. | ☐ Issues defined☐ Action Plan Agreed☐ Implement | Jul 06 Aug 06 Q2 06\07 | | Existing resources Major pre-apps will be going on CAPS system – implemented?? System for recording/retrieving other pre-apps? Mtng to be held with PC/SWR | AMBER |

| 2.5 Produce a high quality | | Conclude draft | Aug 06 | | 170806 SB reported DD on target | AMBER |
|------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--------|---------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Householder Design Guide to | _ | Consult | Sep 06 | Nov 06 | DD reported to Planning Board& Joint | |
| drive up the quality of | | Refine and publish | Oct 06 | Jan 07 | Panel mtng took place 16/11/06.No | |
| development, provide clarity and | _ | Tremie and pasien | 00:00 | our or | major concerns raised some minor | |
| minimise the need for pre- | | | | | amendments. | |
| application enquiries on | | | | | amenaments. | |
| householder planning applications. | | | | | Eviating recourses | |
| nousenoider planning applications. | | | | | Existing resources | |
| 0.0 Dead as a library all and | | O and de deeft | 0 | | Publication maybe delayed | DED |
| 2.6 Produce a high quality and | | Conclude draft | ? | | Existing resources | RED |
| comprehensive Highways Design | | Consult | ? | | New Govt draft has delayed progress | |
| Guide to help drive up the | | Refine and publish | ? | | draft amended taken into a/c Gov | |
| standards of development and | | | | | changes | |
| provide greater clarity for | | | | | | |
| architects, designers and | | | | Sept 07 | Publication delayed possibly to | |
| engineers. | | | | | Autumn 07 | |
| - | | | | | | |
| 2.7 Improve working arrangements | | Issues defined | Q2 | | SBU monitoring action plan | AMBER |
| with Legal Services to ensure | | Action Plan Agreed | 06\07 | | | |
| timely, effective and economic | | Eg streamlining processes with CAPS | | Jan 07 | SBU mtng Caroline Allen, Legal | |
| inputs to planning and | | Implement | | | Services, Jan 07 | |
| enforcement services. | | <u> </u> | | | , | |
| | | | | | Existing resources | |

IMPROVEMENT THEME 3: DEVELOPMENT OF AND SUPPORT FOR PLANS PANELS

LEAD: SUE WRAITH

| WORKSTREAMS | MI | <u>LESTONES</u> | PROP'D | NEW | STATUS/ISSUES Red-failing to | |
|--|----|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---|------------------------------|
| | | | <u>BY</u> | TARGET | | er-on target above target |
| 3.1 Develop protocols for early | | Conclude draft protocols | Aug 06 | | 290606 SW reported draft prepared | AMBER |
| presentation of schemes to Plans | | Consult | Sep 06 | | 050706 see memo to all staff and letter | |
| Panels including the recording, | | Refine and implement | Oct 06 | | to chairs on targets etc. | |
| communication of and reference | | | | May 07 | Protocols developed in constitution | |
| to the Panel's initial views on the | | | | | May 07 | |
| issues raised by development | | | | | | |
| proposals at later decision making | | | | | | |
| stages. | | | | | | |
| 3.2 Increase the capacity of Plans | | Agree balance calculation / pool | July 06 | | SW has set up meeting with Andy | AMBER |
| Panels to receive early | | mechanisms with P Marrington / DMT | | | Hodson to forward. Currently held | |
| presentations, introducing | | Agree reduced panel sizes and pool | Aug 06 | | pending discussion with Members | |
| additional meetings, reducing the | | arrangements with Exec / Lead Members | A 0C | | 200906 Discussion on timing | |
| number of members of East and West Plans Panels but | | Ditto whips | Aug 06 ?? | | underway | |
| | | Implement | ff | | £20,000 | |
| maintaining a pool of trained members to achieve realistic | | | | Jan 07 | | |
| workloads. | | | | Jan 07 | (issues around efficiency of panels) | |
| 3.3 Introduce a compulsory minimum | | Agree standards and timescales | July 06 | | Completed | GREEN |
| standard of training and briefing | | Agree programme for 06/07 | Aug 06 | | Completed | U |
| for all councillors who serve on | | Deliver Programme | Dec 06 | | Being Developed | |
| Plans Panels and deliver the | | | | | 170806 proposals to go to Governance | |
| required programme of training | | | | | ctte in October | |
| and briefing to secure and | | Expand & Agree Programme for 07/08 | Mar 07 | | | |
| maintain the agreed standards. | | | | | £10,000 | |
| 3.4 Update protocols for Site Visits | | Conclude draft protocols | Aug 06 | | Draft protocols completed | GREEN |
| and for Public Speaking at Plans | | Consult | Sep 06 | | Approved. Up & running | |
| Panels to improve efficiency and | | Refine and implement | Oct 06 | | Implementation taken place | |
| equity. | | | | | | |

| 3.5 Introduce section on the history of negotiations to Plans Panel | Consult on / issue guidance and instructions Implement | Aug 06 Sep 06 | | Existing resources | AMBER |
|---|--|------------------|--------|------------------------------------|-------|
| Reports to ensure that Members | Review effectiveness | Dec 06 | Jan 07 | AHO to formalise | |
| are aware of the ways in which | | | | | |
| policy, design and community | | | | | |
| issues have been addressed. | | | | | |
| 3.6 Improve training for officers | Define training needs (consult chairs) | Q3 | | Existing resources | AMBER |
| presenting cases to panels to | Design Training | 06\07 | Mar 07 | Training plan being put together | |
| achieve consistently high | Deliver Training | | | | |
| standards of preparation and | | | | | |
| presentation skills. | | | | | |
| 3.7 Review venue, presentation | Venue options reviewed | Q2\3 | | Existing resources | AMBER |
| methods and public information for | Scheduling / information / refreshments | 06\07 | | Trialed Sullivan Room & banqueting | |
| Plans Panels, including ways to | improved | | | suite neither acceptable | |
| avoid excessive waiting times for | Changes agreed | | Feb 07 | MHO to produce gap analysis | |
| members of the public etc. | Changes delivered | | | | |

IMPROVEMENT THEME 4: INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY LEAD: ALISON HOWARTH

| WORKSTREAMS | MILESTONES | PROP'D NEW TARGET | | meet target er-on target above target |
|--|--|---|---|---|
| 4.1 Continue current work to realise the planned benefits of the new spatial and data computer system, | Assess L Barker recommendations with SMT Update benefits realisation matrix | July 06 Sep 06 | Existing resources | AMBER |
| which provides the essential platform for the further developments referred to below. | Agree priorities and development programme Formal benefits realisation review with ITS | Sep 06 Jan 07 Q1 07 | Plng portal should be linked by end Jan 07 for development plan | |
| developments referred to below. | 1 Offiai beliefits realisation review with 113 | Q107 | or for development plan | |
| 4.2 Implement new Public Access channels facilitated by the new computer system to enable applicants to track progress on their application and provide improved information for all interested parties. | Review success of planning module Implement additional modules (eg. Compliance, having regard to confidentiality issues) | Q2 06\07 | Existing resources Public access delivered in July 06 but having difficulties with operation caps system. Currently not live. | AMBER |
| 4.3 Implement new modules linked to the new computer system, including Tree Preservation Orders and development monitoring for enforcement purposes etc. | □ Update priorities and timetable | Aug 06 Q3\4 06\07 Feb 07 | Existing resources 170806 – agreed to move forward with LDF module (NB – LDF funding to resource?) Discussions to be held with Hds of Service re: implementation of further modules | AMBER |
| 4.4 Implement End to End web based services, new self-service channels and links to information and services available through the national Planning Portal, including interactive access to Development Plans etc. | Pick up L Barker Issues Pick up S Butler Issues Detailed project plan agreed Key Decisions Complete implementation | Jun 06 Jun 06 Aug 06 Sep 06 Q3\4 06\07 | Completed Completed Completed Completed Ongoing but contractual difficulties £40,000 | AMBER |

| 4.5 Implement Electronic Document Management systems to transform information storage, access and | Identify Business Case / ITS / Review Resource provision – check against future revenue needs | Jun 06 | Completed (contractual difficulties as 4.4) | GREEN |
|--|---|---------------------|--|-------|
| communication, and to facilitate | Pick up L Barker Issues | Jun 06 | Completed | |
| on-line public access to planning | Pick up S Butler Issues | Jun 06 | Completed | |
| applications. | Pick up Sheffield experiences / problems | July 06 | Completed | |
| | Clarify contractual position | July 06 | Completed | |
| | Detailed project plan agreed | Aug 06 | Completed | |
| | Key Decisions | Sep 06 | | |
| | Complete Implementation | Q3\4 | Planned resources plus £50,000 | |
| 4.6 Apply Business Process Reengineering principles to all services to ensure that they are focused on their customers and are efficiently delivered. | See 4.5 and 4.6 above – include in Project Plan | From Q2 06\07 | Ongoing | AMBER |
| 4.7 Improve the range, quality and accessibility of Self Service channels including internet, intranet and intelligent enquiry systems, in order to release staff time to deliver other priority services. | Update information on existing provision and review options / strategies Agree priorities and detailed implementation | From Q2 06\07 | 09/07/06 Paul Maney happy for Dean Heathcoat (Perf Mngt) to work with us on this – AHO to lead All templates now in uniform directing people to public access Stakeholder presentations underway (£50,000) | GREEN |

IMPROVEMENT THEME 5: IMPROVED CUSTOMER SERVICES

LEAD: MARGARET HORTON

| <u>WORKSTREAMS</u> | MI | <u>LESTONES</u> | PROP'D BY | <u>NEW</u> TARGET | <u> </u> | ng to meet target Amber-on target een-above target |
|--|----|---|--------------|----------------------|--|--|
| 5.1 Use Charter Mark standards to | | Gap Analysis prepared | Jul 06 | | Completed | GREEN |
| measure customer service and to | | Gap Analysis agreed | Aug 06 | Jan 07 | To be agreed by PC | |
| drive continuous improvement. | | Project Plan agreed | Q206\07 | Jan 07 | To be agreed by PC | |
| 5.2 Implement new approaches for | | Implement interim arrangements | | | Completed | GREEN |
| dealing with complaints, | | Meet Ombudsman | | | Completed | |
| compliments and ombudsman | | Make provision in Support Reorganisation | | | Completed | |
| enquiries to harness learning and | | Introduce monthly feedback reports to SMT | | | Completed | |
| implement service improvements more effectively. | | | | | _ | |
| 5.3 Prepare for implementation of the | | Update estimated implications | Sep 06 | | Completed | AMBER |
| Statement of Community | | Define any actions required | Oct 06 | | | |
| Involvement, which has been | | Agree Implementation | Nov 06 | | | |
| subject to extensive consultation. | | | | | (MH is Planning Aid Champion) | |
| 5.4 Extend neighbour notification for | | Implement Changes | Q2 | | SWR TO IMPLEMENT IN Q3 | AMBER |
| planning applications to include all applications and | | | 06\07 | | £15,000 | |
| telecommunication notifications where the site is in a residential | | | | | PC/SWR mtng to review | |
| area. | | | | | | |
| 5.5 Update all information sources | | Record / analyse baseline position | July 06 | | 1st batch leaflets circ for comments 8 | AMBER |
| and channels to provide extensive | | Identify any current initiatives | July 06 | | amended | |
| & clear "up front" guidance for | | Identify resources and corporate group | July 06 | | | |
| customers on the services we | | inputs | | | Stakeholder mtng to be arranged | |
| offer. | | Detailed project plan agreed | Aug 06 | | | |
| | | | Q2\Q4 | | | |
| | | | 06\07 | | | |
| | | | | | £20,000 | |

| 5.6 Publish a new "Guide to Planning Services" including Service Standards to make clear the level of services that we offer, and help avoid common misconceptions | _ | Agree draft Consult Refine Publish | Jul 06 Sep06 Oct 06 Dec 06 | Drafted & circulated for comment & amended Further discussions to take place with SBU & SWR | AMBER |
|--|-------|---|-------------------------------------|---|-------|
| about the purposes and nature of those services. | | | | £5000 | |

| PICK UP SERVICE PLAN ISSUES (see previous drafts) and check for drop outs from 0604doc | ; |
|--|---|
| LEAD: VARIOUS | |

| WORKSTREAMS | MILESTONES | PROP'D BY | <u>NEW</u> TARGET | | meet target er-on target bove target |
|--|--|--------------|----------------------|---|--|
| 1. BV 109 | Access database set up for majors (caution code changes first 2 weeks) | | | Database not required info recoverable from CAPs system | GREEN |
| 2. Figures on Panel Performance (Alison updated?) | Discuss with AC then Chairs (190906 Discussion on East Panel issues with Cllr Fox (JMD/ SPS/ IDA/ JMR). Follow up – raise issues with Panel Members – joint meeting at same time as considering protocols? | | Jan 07 | Figures collated | AMBER |
| 3. PDG dates end June then phase 2 to end march | | | | March and June 07 both key dates | AMBER |
| 4. CPA key dates (end June 07) | | | | March and June 07 both key dates | AMBER |
| 5. Budget action plan (see note DMT 16 Aug)6. Business Plan / DC figures and Review Action Plan update to DMT | Refine figures charges to LDF (AHO) Refine costs on EDRM and budget provision | | | | RED |
| 7. EDRM Pilot / Implementation | | _ | | 210906 Discussed key issues/ approach with AH/ SW/ ADB/ GF SWR attending mtng 5/1/07 | RED |
| Real time performance management system | | | | Collation of performance info & draft report complete PG to meet AHO to discuss further | AMBER |
| 9. Charging Post decision | Non material amendments | | | SWR to carry forward by piloting householders | AMBER |