

60/05 - CAP TOP PRIORITY ACTIONS 2005/06 – HALF YEAR REPORT: In the absence of the Performance Officer, the Scrutiny Officer and Executive Director Corporate Policy and Improvement submitted a written report to update the Commission on the progress made in Quarter 2 (July to September) of 2005/06 on the top priority CAP actions. Councillor Broadbank referred to Appendix 1 to the written report, and initiative to encourage more action and less strategy work. It was noted that the cost of inspection nationwide had now reached £1billion and the move to encourage more action from Officers and reduce the amount of strategic work required of local authorities was welcomed. In addition to the cost of such work, there was also an opportunity cost for progressing in this way. Members referred to paragraph 6.6.4 of Appendix 1 in relation to Member Ward profiles, and the collation of various information bases regarding ethnicity, average earnings, employment, house ownership and other social and economic information into one single database that could be accessed by elected Members and Officers. It was noted that the Bilton Ward had been used as a pilot and in due course, this initiative would be rolled out to cover the district's other Wards. Members discussed the benefits in this regard. Once again, Members appreciated the layout and presentation of the report and thanked the Performance Officer for the work undertaken in relation thereto.

(7.13 pm – 7.30 pm)