



Minutes of the meeting of the BEST VALUE/CCT SUB-COMMITTEE of the POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 11 OCTOBER 1999 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillors I Henderson, Long, Miles, Swepston, White, I Wilson and K Wilson

Officers: H Miller (Chief Executive), P Coveney (Strategic Director Resources), J Stansfield (Strategic Director Learning and Development), D Jones (Strategic Director Neighbourhood Services), P Timmins (Treasurer), L McGillivray (Head of Policy and Communications), M Hood (Assistant Treasurer (Audit and Corporate Support)), G Snelson (Corporate Policy Manager), J Boothroyde (Human Resources Projects), A Hudson (Head of Infrastructure), C Chapman (Commissioning Unit Co-ordinator), P Scrimshaw (Policy and Interagency Manager), D Nickless (Head of Neighbourhood Services (Housing)), H Smith (Valuer), I Prosser (Principal Planning Officer) and I Reed (Senior Committee Manager)

In Attendance: Councillors Barton and Clarke

BV1/00 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED -

That Councillor Long be appointed Chair of the Best Value/CCT Sub-Committee for the remainder of the Council year 1999/2000.

BV2/00 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 31 March 1999 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

BV3/00 PROGRESS ON IMPLEMENTING PHASE 1 REVIEWS

The Committee received progress reports on the implementation of the Phase 1 Pilot Reviews:

Home Care

Child Protection

Council Tax

Landscape (Report on Progress of Review)

RESOLVED -

1. That the reports be noted.
2. That where appropriate, the potential savings identified from the pilot studies be reported to this Sub-Committee.

BV4/00

IMPLEMENTING PHASE 2 REVIEWS

The Sub-Committee considered a report which set out the Terms of Reference and Project Plans for each of the Phase 2 Pilot Reviews.

The Sub-Committee noted that the 5 Best Value Phase 2 Pilot Reviews were made up of Support Services for Schools, Transport, Property, Out of Hours and Reception facilities. It was also noted that it was considered that the Phase 2 Reviews were more complex than those in Phase 1 because they related to functions that cut across budget areas.

RESOLVED -

That the Terms of Reference and Project Plans for each Review be agreed.

BV5/00

BEST VALUE REVIEW FRAMEWORK

The Sub-Committee considered a report which set out a proposed outline framework for the conduct of Best Value Reviews and Member involvement in them.

RESOLVED -

1. That the review framework incorporating 4 key referral points, as **Annexed** to these Minutes, be adopted.
2. That meetings of the Sub-Committee be arranged on the third Monday in each month.
3. That the principle of a flexible approach to efficiency targets be adopted with a target of up to 5% being set by the Sub-Committee at the outset of each review.

BV6/00

BEST VALUE - GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATION PAPERS

The Committee considered a report which set out the details of two recently published Consultation Papers and proposed arrangements for commenting on each one.

RESOLVED -

1. That the publication of the two Consultation Papers be noted along with the deadline of 4 November 1999 for making responses to the DETR.
2. That the Leader of the Council and the Chair of the Sub-Committee make their responses to the DETR and copies of the responses to be

circulated to Members of the Scrutiny Commission as well as other Members of the Sub-Committee.

BV7/00

BEST VALUE - IMPLEMENTATION

The Sub-Committee considered a report which set out key actions required by the Council over the next 3 months to implement Best Value in accordance with the Local Government (Best Value and Capping) Act 1999 and it also contained proposals on how best a Performance Plan could be developed to meet the requirements.

The Sub-Committee noted that progress was being made in accordance with the timetable in the draft guidance and that a draft Performance Plan had been prepared to act as a basis for discussion and a framework for developing the Plan.

RESOLVED -

1. That progress towards implementing Best Value in relation to the DETR timetable be noted.
2. That the proposed draft Performance Plan outline in relation to content and structure, be supported.
3. That proposals be submitted to this Sub-Committee on the format, content and presentation of the Performance Plan.

BV8/00

FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED -

That the next meeting of the Sub-Committee be held on Monday 15 November 1999 at 6.30pm.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.40 PM