



Minutes of the meeting of the BEST VALUE/CCT SUB-COMMITTEE of the POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 20 DECEMBER 1999 at 6.30 pm

Present: Councillor Long (Chair)
Councillors I Henderson, Miles, Swepston, I Wilson and K Wilson

Officers: H Miller (Chief Executive), J Best (Strategic Director Environment), P Coveney (Strategic Director Resources), D Jones (Strategic Director Neighbourhood Services), L McGillivray (Head of Policy and Communications), D Boobier (Head of Policy and Support Services), G Snelson (Corporate Policy Manager), A Hudson (Head of Infrastructure), J Inman (Head of Transport), P Scrimshaw (Policy and Interagency Manager), P Robinson (Senior Policy Officer Partnerships), M Hood (Assistant Treasurer (Audit and Customer Support)), S Willson (Service Review Officer), L Kendrick (Environment Project Officer), D Bowen (Departmental Administration Officer), I Reed (Senior Committee Manager) and J Marshall (Committee Manager).

BV9/00 MINUTES

RESOLVED -

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 11 October 1999 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

BV10/00 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2000/01

(a) Best Value – 5 Year Programme of Reviews

The Sub-Committee considered a report which set out proposals for the statutory programme of Best Value reviews. The Sub-Committee discussed the logic behind the way in which issues had been split within each years review programme and the choice of cross cutting issues which were highlighted. The Sub-Committee noted the importance of flexibility in the review process, so that each yearly review would not be a discrete process and could build on those conducted in previous years.

(b) Corporate Policy Framework

The Sub-Committee considered a report which proposed new objectives and priorities for the Council, to act as the basis for the Council's performance plan 2000/01. The Sub-Committee noted the intention that at a later date measures would be set to gauge progress against the objectives and priorities.

RESOLVED -

1. That the process and criteria for structuring the programme of reviews be noted.
2. That the programme of reviews contained in the revised Annex to the report be agreed in principle subject to the comments of the Policy and Resources, Neighbourhood Services, Community Learning and Environment Committees.

RECOMMENDED -

That the objectives and priorities set out in Annex B to the report be incorporated into the Council's performance plan for 2000/01.

BV11/00 BEST VALUE REVIEWS – PHASE 1

The Sub-Committee considered the final report of the Landscape Maintenance Pilot Best Value Review, which was undertaken to help develop an organised approach to Best Value reviews.

RESOLVED –

1. That the recommendations set out in Annex G to the report be agreed.
2. That the initiation of the pilot scheme in partnership with the Campbell Park Parish Council be welcomed.

BV12/00 BEST VALUE REVIEWS – PHASE 2

The Sub-Committee considered the interim reports from Phase 2 Review Groups and proposals for an approach to completing them. The Sub-Committee noted that the pilot cross cutting issues did not feature in the statutory Best Value programmes.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Sub-Committee records its thanks to Officers and Members for the work already undertaken.
2. That the reviews conclude in January 2000 in order to:
 - (a) consolidate learning and modify the review guide; and
 - (b) enable staff to begin to prepare for the Year 1 reviews, and that final reports for each review are brought to the meeting of the Sub-Committee to be held on 17 January 2000.

BV13/00 FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED -

1. That the next meeting of the Sub-Committee be held on Monday 17 January 2000.
2. That the Sub-Committee recommends to the Policy and Resources Committee that it is known in the future as the “Best Value Sub-Committee”.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.20 PM