

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>
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**COMMITTEE:** BEST VALUE SCRUTINY PANEL

**DATE:** 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2005

**SUBJECT:** ENGINEERING & TRANSPORTATION BV REVIEW  
PROGRESS REPORT

**REPORT BY:** HEAD OF ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORTATION

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**IMPLICATIONS:**

LEGAL	✓	COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES		ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	✓	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING	✓	OTHER

**WARDS AFFECTED: NONE**

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**PURPOSE**

1. To advise Scrutiny Panel of the progress of the Engineering & Transportation Best Value Review.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2. Best Value Scrutiny Panel Committee is recommended to note the progress being made on the E&T BV Review.

**BACKGROUND**

3. The Engineering & Transportation (E&T) Best Value Review (BVR) commenced in October 2004 with a scheduled completion date of April 2005.

## **REPORT**

4. CDMT and BV Scrutiny Panel approved a Stage 1 report in January 2005, subject to certain minor modifications.
5. CDMT approved a Stage 2 (Vision report) on 24 February 2005, which was subsequently approved by BV Scrutiny Panel on 1st March 2005.
6. CDMT approved a draft Stage 3 (Options Analysis) report on 5th May 2005. CDMT were generally supportive of the outcome of the Review. On the matter of the potential outsourcing of the Parking Enforcement unit, CDMT expressed the view that decisions over market testing of the Parking Enforcement Unit should be left until October of this year in light of steps that were in hand to improve performance.
7. The Stage 3 report was subsequently taken to and approved by Best Value Scrutiny Panel on 10th May. However, whilst acknowledging the thoroughness of the review, the Panel referred the matter to Environment and Non-Executive Scrutiny Committee to enable a wider debate to take place. The item was placed on the agenda for the 20th July Scrutiny meeting which, unfortunately, was unable to conduct business because of the absence of a formal Chair for the meeting.
8. Relevant reports are being prepared and will be taken to the Executive, subject to meeting Forward Plan requirements.

## **PROPOSAL/OPTION**

9. None at this stage

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

10. There are no legal implications at this stage and this has been agreed with the relevant solicitor in Legal Services on 29 November 2005.

## **STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

11. None at this stage.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

12. None at this stage.

## **APPENDIX**

Appendix 1: E&T BVR Draft Stage 3 (Options Analysis) Report.

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**  
**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

There are no background papers relating to this report.