

COMMITTEE: BEST VALUE SCRUTINY

DATE: 1ST MARCH 2005

SUBJECT: REGENERATION SERVICE BEST VALUE REVIEW -
SCOPING AND PROJECT PLANNING

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IMPLICATIONS:

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

WARDS AFFECTED: All

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of the report is to gain approval for the Regeneration Service Best Value Review proposals with regard to the scope of the review and the project plan.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. **Best Value Scrutiny Committee is recommended to approve the proposed scope and project plan for the Regeneration Service Best Value Review.**

BACKGROUND

3. In accordance with the Council's Best Value Performance Plan, the Regeneration Service will undertake a Best Value Review of its functions and activities.

REPORT

4. The Acting Head of Regeneration has brought together a Project Team to deliver the Regeneration Service Best Value Review. This team has worked to produce the "Regeneration Service Best Value Review – Scope and Project Plan" report which is attached at Appendix A.
5. The report covers the work of the Regeneration Service and its context, 5 key issues for consideration by the Best Value Review and a project plan including a timetable for reporting back to Best Value Scrutiny Committee.

PROPOSAL/OPTION

6. Best Value Scrutiny Committee may
Approve the Scope and Project Plan as attached at Appendix A
Approve the Scope and Project Plan with additional comments
Not approve the Scope and Project Plan for the Regeneration Service Best Value Review

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7. This report does not have legal implications and this has been agreed with the relevant solicitor in Legal Services on 16 February 2005.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. Any costs incurred in undertaking the Best Value Review will be met either from existing Regeneration budgets or the corporate budget provision for Best Value Support.
9. Agreed by the departmental Finance Manager on 16th February 2005.

CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

10. In identifying the scope of the Regeneration Service Best Value Review various consultations have been made which are included within Section 5 of the report attached as Appendix A.
11. There will be a major element of consultation as part of the Best Value Review. The Project Team is linked into the corporate support regarding consultation. Further details on planned activities with regard to consultation can be seen at Section 8.1 of the report attached as Appendix A.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

12. Risks with regard to the Regeneration Service Best Value Review have been identified and can be seen at Section 10 of the report attached as Appendix A.

APPENDIX

13. Appendix A: Regeneration Service Best Value Review – Scope and Project Plan Report, February 2005

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

14. Luton Regeneration Strategy, October 2004