

BEST VALUE REVIEWS UPDATE – 28 April 2005

Review	Contact officer	Progress
Year Three (2002/03)		
Children's services (0 - 10 years)	Jenny Coles	Work on the review has been carried forward as part of the new Children & Learning Department and the work plan of the Children and Young Person's Strategic Board. Final Stage options report is due for completion in May 2005. Report and Improvement Action Plan to Best Value Scrutiny 10 May 2005.
Year Four (2003/04)		
Sport / Leisure	Dave Sutton	<p>The final report was considered by the Executive meeting on 26 April 2004. Since that date, the following progress has been made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New pool – The location of the new pool was considered by the Executive on 14 March 2005. A decision was reached to locate the pool on the former Electrolux site at Addington Way. • Future management arrangements – A project plan is in place with both Officer and Members working groups established. Handover to Trust is anticipated 1/9/05 • Operational management of leisure – New structure in place. Complete • New leisure card scheme implemented on 1/4/05 • Sports Development Unit new structure fully in place. • Parks Sports – transfer of staff to Parks 1/8/04 went ahead. Budgets transferred April 2005 • Stockwood Park Golf Course – Golf centre manager in place. Staff are being kept informed of the implications of Trust status. Staff meetings held. • Support to voluntary sector – Sports Council now has a new Exec in place and all areas of working practices are being reviewed. New agreements in place by 1/01/05. Open meeting of Sports Council 31/1/05 to ratify changes recommended by Sports Council executive. • E-government and use of ICT: computer systems are being set up so that by the end of 2004/05 it will be possible for people to book sports facilities on-line. Also a system will be in place shortly to provide up-to-date management information on service usage for each leisure centre
Community Development	Eric Haldane	<p>The Options Analysis and Improvement Plan was considered by the Executive meeting on 26 April 2004 and Decision No. EX/184/04 was called in and considered by Regeneration and Citizenship Scrutiny Committee on 1 July 2004. A further report was submitted to the Regeneration and Citizenship Scrutiny Committee on 7th October 2004 addressing concerns raised about the level of support the Council would provide in future for the community centres at Limbury and Sundon Park. A Job Description to provide a shared post between Limbury and Sundon Park as authorised by the Council has been prepared and evaluated. The new post will be included in those available for existing staff to apply for under the Council's redeployment procedure. The total number of posts now available to the remaining affected staff within the new structure has increased to ten and the number of staff at risk has reduced to eight.</p> <p>A Project Board has been established to implement the findings of the review. The terms of reference for the Board have been agreed. The consultation process with the trade unions was concluded on 9th March</p>

		and arrangements are being made for the recruitment process to commence. Prior to this support to affected staff will be provided by the Recruitment and Development Unit through training sessions dealing with preparing for interview and interview skills. Senior Managers have been confirmed in post and the central administration unit has been recruited.
Year Five (2004/05)		
Engineering & Transportation	Mehmood Khan	BV Review making good progress with the support of external consultant. The Stage 1 and Stage 2 reports have been completed. The Stage 2 draft report was considered by CDMT on 24 February 2005, and agreed by BV Scrutiny Panel on 1 March. Draft final stage of the project (the Options Analysis & Improvement Plan), is being considered at this meeting of CDMT. BV Scrutiny Panel to consider on 10 May 2005.
Regeneration	Laura Church	The Stage 1 report has been completed. The report was considered by CDMT on 24 February 2005, and agreed by BV Scrutiny Panel on 1 March. Work is being carried out on Stage 2 of the review (Vision), with completion scheduled for the summer.
Year Six (2005/06)		
Youth Service	Nick Chamberlain	Initial project set-up meeting held with youth service in March. Project commenced in April. Project Plan & Scope will be presented to BV Scrutiny Panel on 10 May. Project team and steering group have been established.
Environmental Health	Paul Adams	Initial project set-up meeting held with Environmental Health in March. Project team is being established and initial work is taking place on Project Plan & Scope. Project will commence in May 2005, with Project Plan / Scope ready for consideration by CDMT in June, and BV Scrutiny Panel on 5 July 2005.