

COMMITTEE: BEST VALUE SCRUTINY PANEL

DATE: 5TH DECEMBER 2005

SUBJECT: BEST VALUE OF REGENERATION - VISION

REPORT BY: HEAD OF REGENERATION

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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 provide an opportunity for the Best Value Scrutiny Committee to give comments on the Regeneration Service Best Value Review Vision report.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. **Best Value Scrutiny Committee is recommended to comment on the Regeneration Service Best Value Review Vision Report.**

BACKGROUND

3. Best Value Scrutiny Committee considered the Regeneration Best Value Review Scope and Project Plan at its meeting on 1st March 2005.

REPORT

4. The Regeneration Service Best Value Project Team set up 5 sub groups – Compare, Consult, Challenge, Finance, and Compete – which carried out research into the 5 Key Issues of: Deprivation, Environment, Economy, Funding and Regeneration Roles. Results of the research are shown in the Appendix Section of the Vision Report (at Appendix A).
5. As a result of the research, the Regeneration Best Value Project Team has produced a vision for the Regeneration Service in the future, showing more and less that could be done under the Key Issues.
6. A major part of the Vision is the “Regeneration Champion” model where Regeneration staff would bring together partners (including Council departments) to fulfil the strategic needs arising from Regeneration issues. These teams would then engage partners to deliver, or if there was a gap, Regeneration Service itself would deliver activities.

PROPOSAL/OPTION

7. Best Value Scrutiny is invited to give comments on the Regeneration Service Best Value Review's Vision Report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8. There are no legal implications to this report and this has been agreed with the relevant solicitor in Legal Services on 21st November 2005.

STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

9. Following the Vision stage, the Options stage will result in staff changes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. Following the Vision stage, the Options stage will result in financial changes.

ENVIRONMENT IMPLICATIONS

11. The Regeneration Service has a role with regard to the environment. Following the Vision stage, the Options stage will result in changes with regard to its environmental role.

CONSULTATION IMPLICATIONS

12. Consultation has taken place via the Best Value process. Further consultation will take place on the Vision and the Options for implementing it.

APPENDIX

Appendix A: Regeneration Service Best Value Review Vision Report 21st November 2005 (enclosed separately for Members only).

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

Regeneration Service Best Value Review Scope and Project Plan, February 2005

Regeneration Service Best Value Review Scoping Update, March 2005