

**BEST VALUE REVIEWS UPDATE**

Review	Contact officer	Progress
<b>Year Three (2002/03)</b>		
Children's services (0 - 10 years)	Jenny Coles	The Vision report was completed a year ago. The review was delayed to take account of pending legislation following the Children's Green Paper. Work on the Options Analysis and Improvement Plan has begun.
Housing Strategy & Private Sector	Mike McMahon	The Options Analysis and Improvement Plan for the review was presented to the last meeting of the Best Value Scrutiny Panel. The report went to the last meeting of Social Inclusion Scrutiny, and will go to Executive on 15 <sup>th</sup> November.
<b>Year Four (2003/04)</b>		
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"> <li>• New pool – A small group of Members are reviewing all information provided before making a final decision on the site</li> <li>• Future management arrangements – presentation to Full Council re leisure trusts. Small group of members looking at the way forward</li> <li>• Operational management of leisure – senior management restructure currently underway. Job evaluation has been carried out. New structure to be in place for 1/11/04</li> <li>• New leisure card scheme: An EU judgement has made it illegal to charge different prices for non-residents and residents. The aims and practicality of the scheme are therefore being rethought.</li> <li>• Sports Development Unit new structure will be fully in place by 1/10/04</li> <li>• Parks Sports – transfer of staff to Parks 1/8/04 went ahead</li> <li>• Stockwood Park Golf Course – Golf centre manager to be in place by November.</li> <li>• Support to voluntary sector – Sports Council now has a new Exec in place and all areas of working practices are being reviewed. New agreements to be in place by 1/1/05</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

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Community Development	Ray Westcott	<p>The Options Analysis and Improvement Plan was considered by the Executive meeting on 26 April 2004 and as 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 centers at Limbury, Sundon Park and, when it is completed, Chaul End.</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. Job descriptions have been prepared and evaluated. The thirty day consultation period has been entered into by the Council and those staff who will be at risk during the first stage of the restructure have been advised.</p>
<b>Year Five (2004/05)</b>		
Engineering & Transportation	Mehmood Khan	A consultant was appointed and the review began in August. The Project Plan and Scope is being presented to CDMT at this meeting. A steering group is managing the review, and meets fortnightly.