

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**CABINET
MONDAY 18 DECEMBER 2000 AT 9.30 AM**

**Agenda Item
No:**

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**PILOT AND YEAR ONE BEST VALUE REVIEWS – MONITORING
PROGRESS**

Report of the Chief Executive

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1. Purpose of Report

To seek agreement to the framework to be used regularly to update members on progress made on implementing the action plans resulting from Best Value Reviews.

Cabinet is asked to:

- approve the format for monitoring progress.
- agree that future monitoring reports will come to Cabinet meetings only when agreement to a significant change to an agreed programme is required.

2. Monitoring Implementation of Reviews

2.1 When Best Value Reviews are completed the Cabinet agrees an action programme. Regular monitoring of the action programme is essential to ensure that reviews remain on track, to agree changes to the programme where difficulties or better ways of doing things emerge during implementation and to learn lessons for planning action for future reviews. The Best Value Inspectorate has also indicated during recent visits that they will be looking for clear and ongoing evidence of progress being monitored.

2.1 It was agreed at the meeting on 20 November that there would be regular reporting of progress to the Cabinet. This paper has, as appendices, reports on the implementation of all the reviews that have been completed so far. It is suggested that monitoring reports in this format should be circulated to members of the Cabinet on a quarterly basis. Formal reports to Cabinet would only be made if a decision is needed to change the agreed programme.

2.1 The reports attached to this paper relate to:

- Education Traded Services (Pilot) – Appendix 1
- Coroners Services – Appendix 2
- Transport Operations – Appendix 3
- Procurement and Contract Management (PACMAN) – Appendix 4
- Post Rooms (Pilot) – Appendix 5
- Property Services – Appendix 6

Reports on the ICT and Fire Service Communications and Control reviews will be prepared once these reviews are complete.

2.4 The Cabinet are asked to comment on how helpful they find this format.