

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
ENVIRONMENT SELECT COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY 23 JANUARY 2001 AT 10.30 AM**

**BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2001-02**

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**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 Cabinet on 18 December 2000 (cabinet report attached) agreed:

"That the draft Best Value Performance Plan be approved."

This Plan is now submitted to all select committees (Appendix 1 - circulated separately) for comments which will be considered by Cabinet on 29 January 2001.

1.2 The following 'promise' sections within the Plan are within this select committee's remit:

- Pages 11-12 - fight the loss of green fields by encouraging high quality building on previously developed land
- Pages 13 - support the building of affordable quality housing to meet the needs of local people
- Pages 14-16 - double the amount of household waste that is recycled by 2005 and continue to oppose incineration in Hertfordshire
- Pages 17-21 - cut the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads
- Pages 36-38 - keep Hertfordshire working by improving the maintenance of our busiest roads.

1.3 In addition this select committee may wish to consider the relevant indicators in the general promise sections, found on pages 39-48, 121-135.

1.4 Cabinet will submit a final draft to full Council on 15 February 2001.

**2. Background**

This is the second year in which the County Council has to produce a Best Value Performance Plan, which covers all its activities, sets targets for performance, and sets out the Council's priorities for the future as well as being a vehicle for reporting outcomes of the Best Value Reviews.

### **3. Best Value Performance Plan 2001-02 Content**

- 3.1 The key approach within the plan is to show links between a promise, the actions taken to achieve the promise and how success is to be measured. All nationally set (and proposed) performance indicators have been linked to the promises. The Plan is arranged by promise.
- 3.2 There are a number of 'gaps' in the plan. Some information will not be available until late January. In addition work is continuing in a number of areas including target setting for next year, budgetary information and good news stories (which are shown as headlines only)
- 3.3 A number of gaps also exist in the wording of information relating to promises or where local indicators are being investigated. In all cases, work is being undertaken to complete these sections. The relevant gaps exist in Appendix 1 at:  
  
page 13 – further text relating to affordable quality housing  
page 13 – local indicators for this are being investigated
- 3.4 The final version of the Plan will contain data to show how HCC compares with Shire Counties. At present the comparative data is provisional and is shown as Appendix 2 of the draft Plan.
- 3.5 The final version will be 'portrait' not 'landscape' and typeface and spacing will be addressed.