

**To: All Members of the County Council
All Chief Officers**

**From: COUNTY SECRETARY'S
DEPARTMENT**

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**RESOURCES, PROSPERITY, PARTNERSHIP AND CONSULTATION SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2002 AT 2.30 PM

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

N K Brook, D Clayton, G M Cook, I H Laidlaw-Dickson, P V Goggins, R Mays (Chairman),
H M Saunders, A M R Searing, W A Storey (Vice-Chairman), S Quilty

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

D A Ashley (Community Information & Development) D Beatty (Resources),
M H T Janes (Prosperity, the Region and Europe), D B Lloyd (Best Value)

Other Members in Attendance

R J M Ellis, G D Game

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

N K Brook had replaced F Escott

Alan Searing was thanked for his work as Chairman over the last year.

PUBLIC PETITIONS

None

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Resources, Prosperity, Partnership & Consultation
Scrutiny Committee held on 21 March 2002 were confirmed as a correct record subject to the
insertion of the date of the 24 January 2002 under the minutes section, and signed by the
Chairman.

QUESTIONS None

PART I ('OPEN') BUSINESS**1. SCRUTINY OF PROMISE FOR 2001-02 "WORK WITH BUSINESS TO INCREASE PROSPERITY, PROTECT JOBS AND IMPROVE STANDARDS OF LIVING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE"**

[Officer contacts: **Dave Kellet 01992 556305**
Ian McLachlan 01992 555612]

1.1 An addendum of Performance Indicators (PIs) for Economic Development was tabled.

1.2 The Committee considered a report, introduced by Ian McLachlan and John Pryor to scrutinise the promise for 2001/02 to work with business to increase prosperity, protect jobs and improve standards of living for local people.

1.3 The variance of -2% on PI261.00 page 6 was queried.

Ian McLachlan explained that this is a measure initiated by the Audit Commission. The -2% is a result of the change in the accounting process for Best Value Reviews and that the target had been met.

Conclusions

1.4 It was requested and agreed that where there were changes in PI figures, the figure for the previous year for the new indicator is available where possible.

A Fisher

1.5 The Committee requested a further report to the October meeting giving more detailed information on the proposed Economic Development PIs.

D Kellet

1.6 It was also agreed to provide a list defining Social Inclusion and disadvantaged people in relation to PI LO77 page 7.

J Pryor

2. BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN (BVPP) SCRUTINY

[Officer contact: **Anne Fisher 01992 588690**]

2.1 An addendum showing the promise measure monitor estimates was tabled.

2.2 The Committee considered a report, introduced by Geoff Brown, on the progress concerning the publication of the out-turn BVPP data.

2.3 It was noted that the Local Indicator 118.01 percentage success rate on page 15 should read 75.3% and not 50.2%.

2.4 Also that the Council will now publish the performance indicator data for the 2002/03 plan in mid-July and not June as stated in the report.

2.5 Conclusions

<p>It was agreed to set up a topic group with a membership of 5 (3:2) to scrutinise the draft BVPP for 2003-04 and explore best practice in Best Value Performance Plans as agreed at the 21 March 2002 meeting. Also to begin to determine how best to provide information for scrutiny of this year's plan data especially for the key measures and to access key indicators from an on-line performance database.</p>	G Brown						
<p>2.6 The names of members to be appointed by the County Secretary following notification by the Group Spokesmen.</p>	S A Cole						
<p>2.7 The timetable was agreed</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="319 582 1276 784"> <tr> <td data-bbox="319 582 558 672">Autumn 2002</td> <td data-bbox="606 582 1276 672">Exploring best practice in BVPPs (using 2002-03 Plans)</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td data-bbox="606 672 1276 716">Provision of information for scrutiny</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="319 739 558 784">Spring 2003</td> <td data-bbox="606 739 1276 784">Scrutiny of draft BVPP for 2003-04</td> </tr> </table>	Autumn 2002	Exploring best practice in BVPPs (using 2002-03 Plans)		Provision of information for scrutiny	Spring 2003	Scrutiny of draft BVPP for 2003-04	
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<p>3. BEST VALUE REVIEWS (BVR) MONITORING UPDATE</p> <p>[Officer contact: Clare Kaye 01992 555300]</p>							
<p>3.1 The Committee considered a report, introduced by Ahmed Farooqui and in response to a request by the Group Spokesmen, on the progress with the current best value review programme and progress towards the implementation of completed Best Value reviews.</p>							
<p>3.2 A further report was requested to the next meeting giving a short summary of each review and a statement of costs showing how much money was spent on and saved by the BVRs.</p>	C Kaye						
<p>5. BUDGET MONITORING PROCESS</p> <p>[Officer contact: Jill Digby 01992 555388]</p>							
<p>5.1 The Committee considered a report, introduced by Chris Sweeney and in response to a request by the Group Spokesmen, giving the latest available position on the 2001/02 budget monitor in response to a request by the Group Spokesmen.</p>							
<p>An addendum on Capital Slippage as at February 2002 was tabled.</p>							
<p><u>Conclusions</u></p>							
<p>5.2 The report was noted.</p>							
<p>PART II ('CLOSED') AGENDA</p>							
<p>The Chairman moved:-</p>							
<p><i>"That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on</i></p>							

the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 13 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the said Act."

4. COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT

[Officer contact: Clare Kaye 01992 555300)

- 4.1** The Committee considered a report, introduced by Tim Parlow and in response to a request by the Group Spokesmen, on the County Council's Comprehensive Performance Assessment.

The draft Corporate Assessment was tabled.

4.2 Conclusions

It was agreed that this item would return to the Scrutiny Committee following the issuing of the final version of the Corporate Assessment in December 2002.

C Kaye

Andrew Laycock
County Secretary

