

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**RESOURCES, PROSPERITY, PARTNERSHIP AND
CONSULTATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2003 AT 10.30 A.M.**

Agenda Item No.

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SCRUTINY UPDATE REPORT

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1. Purpose of the report

To inform Members of action taken on scrutiny issues since the last meeting of the Committee on 31 October 2002.

2. Summary

This report highlights action taken since the last meeting of the Scrutiny Committee, and details any items of scrutiny work that have been referred to the Cabinet, Executive or Chief Officer for further action.

3. Conclusion

Members are asked to note the action taken in respect of scrutiny issues.

**A. SCRUTINY OF PROMISE “IMPROVE EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS FOR
DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE”**

Minute extract:

The BVPP Topic Group are requested to look at : -

- Definitions of Disadvantaged People
- The number of PIs and whether they can all be measurable
- PIs in the BVPP that are not qualified

Action taken:

The BVPP Topic Group at its meeting on 9 January 2003 considered definitions of disadvantaged people and the Topic Group are likely to consider the other two issues at its meeting on 4 March 2003.

Definition of Disadvantage to be used for BVPP purposes

The Topic Group agreed that whilst the Council recognise the varied and wide range of disadvantaged groups as detailed in Appendix 1 of the submitted report, for the purposes of the BVPP for 2003 / 04 the following definition of disadvantage as emerging from the Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA) be used:-

- Lone parents
- People of incapacity benefit, including those with disabilities which involve:-
 - Mental health problems
 - Learning difficulties
 - Physical disabilities
 - Sensory disabilities

B. BVPP TRAFFIC LIGHT MONITOR: 2001 – 02 FINAL AND COMPARATIVE RESULTS FOR 2000-01 AND SCOPE OF TOPIC GROUP

Minute extract:

The BVPP Topic Group is asked to look at the presentation and organisation of the information presented in the BVPP to see if PIs could be more helpful and improved and make recommendations to the Cabinet in December.

Action taken

The BVPP Topic Group have considered these issues at its meetings on 20 November 2002 and 9 January 2003 and its conclusions are contained in the report attached as Agenda Item 4.

C. BEST VALUE REVIEW MONITORING UPDATE

Minute extract:

The table format of the report be approved and future reports contain all reviews and final outcomes.

Detailed discussions on projected savings is a matter for Executive Members and relevant Scrutiny Committees.

Action taken:

The new format and content agreed is contained in the report attached as Agenda Item 4.

D. BUDGET MONITORING PROCESS

Minute extract:

Future reports to include a separate item on contingencies.

Action taken:

A separate item on contingencies is contained in the report attached as Agenda Item 5.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

Background information referred to by the author whilst compiling this report:

Minutes from RPP& C Scrutiny Committee meeting on 31 October 2002