

BEST VALUE REVIEW ACTION PLAN – PUBLIC REGULATION, INSPECTION AND PROTECTION

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 To update Members of progress to date with implementation of this action plan.

2 REVIEW ACTION PLAN

- 2.1 The final report of the Best Value Review of Public Regulation, Inspection and Protection, which was considered at the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting on 3 December 2003, included an action plan. This was updated to reflect the decisions taken at the meeting and subsequently through the budget process for subsequent years.
- 2.2 The first progress report was considered by the former Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee in July 2004 and subsequent reports were considered by that Committee in March 2005 and December 2005. The latest update is appended to this report. The action plan has been shaded, as appropriate, to highlight those areas that have either been completed or where it has been agreed by Members that no further action will be taken.
- 2.3 As can be seen, the action plan has now been largely implemented. In some cases, new initiatives and developments, such as the “Cleaner, Greener, Safer Rochford” campaign have superseded the actions originally taken as a result of the Best Value Review and on a number of issues around the waste/recycling agenda, discussions are being progressed through the Essex and Thames Gateway Waste Groups. Subject to Members’ comments, it is recommended that this be the last progress report on the 2003 review.

3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 These were evaluated when the report and action plan were considered and, subsequently, through the annual budget process where necessary.

4 RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The action plan contains a number of cross-cutting changes which affect the way the Council operates. Many of the actions have involved changes to existing operational arrangements and practices, so careful planning and implementation has been important.

5 RECOMMENDATION

5.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That this final update be noted and that this Best Value Review be completed.

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Background Papers:-

None

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