

EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT ON BVPP FOR 2001/02

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The External Auditors have a statutory responsibility to audit Rochford District Councils Best Value Performance Plan. The audit has now been completed and the report is attached for Members consideration.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The External Auditors Report is shown in [appendix 1](#) and the final recommendations and conclusions, with managers responses is shown in [appendix 2](#)
- 2.2 Any outstanding recommendations from the 2000/01 BVPP have either been addressed or are developed further within the 2001/02 BVPP recommendations.
- 2.3 An advertisement has to be placed in a local paper to inform the public that the External Auditors report on the BVPP for 2001/02 is available for viewing. This was placed in the current addition of Rochford District Matters.

3 OVERALL CONCLUSIONS FROM THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

The following is an extract from the overall conclusions of the External Auditor's report.

- 3.1 *Content of the plan*
- The BVPP is a good plan showing significant improvements over last year's;
 - We will issue an unqualified report on the BVPP, as we have assessed the BVPP and the summary plan as compliant.
- 3.2 *Performance Indicators*
- The authority has generally sound systems for the collection of performance information but needs to continue to develop its processes for setting targets and action plans in respect of these.

3.3 *Performance Management Framework*

- Progress has been made since last year, but work is required to develop the framework further.

4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The External Auditors are required by statute to audit the BVPP.

5 RECOMMENDATION

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

- 5.1 To agree the External Auditors report.
- 5.2 Monitor the implementation of the Recommendations through Internal Audit's Monitoring Report.

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Background Papers:

Best Value Performance Plan Audit Report – Pannell Kerr Forster

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