

**11. PAYMENT OF UNDISPUTED SUPPLIER INVOICES
WITHIN 30 DAYS BEST VALUE INDICATOR BV8****Report By: County Treasurer****Purpose**

1. To report on the latest performance information in respect of this Best Value indicator.

Financial Implications

2. None identified.

Considerations

3. Following the report to this Committee on 8th July 2002, reports giving performance information have been submitted to individual Scrutiny Committees on a regular basis.
4. Appendix 1 shows the latest performance information for the financial year 2003/03 for the Council as a whole.
5. Further information at Heads of Service level for the Policy and Finance Programme Area Services and other areas not reported elsewhere is shown in Appendix 2.
6. The figures for 2002/03 do show an improvement particularly in the second half of the year although the performance is still well short of the 100% target set by the Government. The percentage performance for the last six months was just under 87%.
7. The improvement during 2002/03 reflects the managerial action, which is being taken in all Directorates and Departments, but also changes to the way in which we calculate our data.
8. All the percentages shown relate to payments to outside suppliers in accordance with the terms of the performance indicator. Internal transfers are not included.
9. Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee expressed the view at its recent meeting that reports to each Scrutiny Committee meeting were no longer necessary. The Council's Performance Monitoring Framework reports variances on an exception basis rather than regular reports.
10. The County Treasurer supports the view that Payment of Invoices performance data should be reported to Strategic Monitoring Committee on an exception basis in future in accordance with the Council's Performance Management framework provided the present level of improvement continues. Monthly information will continue to be circulated to Heads of Service and progress on improvement monitored.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee notes the report and considers whether future reports should be on an exception basis subject to the present improvement continuing.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None identified.