

# PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR ECONOMIC INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND TOURISM

Report By: Director of Policy and Community

## Wards Affected

County-wide

## Purpose

1. To advise Members on progress in implementing the Best Value Improvement Plans for Economic Investment and Development and Local Development Services and Tourism.

## Financial Implications

2. There are no direct financial implications in this report identified at this stage.

## Considerations

3. Members received reports on the Best Value Improvement Plans for the Economic Investment and Development and Local Development Services on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2002. It was agreed that there would be regular progress reports on the implementation of the Improvement Plans.
4. Members will be aware of the requirement to regularly report on progress to the achievement of each of the Best Value Review Improvement Plans. Improvements are therefore set out in Appendices 1 and 2 and 3 together with the agreed actions, a target date for completion and the progress made to date. Given the new makeup of the Committee this update reports on all actions achieved since production of the plans and ongoing actions. Future updates will concentrate only on actions achieved or progressed during the reporting period.
5. Notice is drawn to the key actions required by each of the three services over the forthcoming year namely:

### ***Local Development Service***

- Commencement of Council wide Best Value Review of Support to the Voluntary Sector

### ***Economic Investment and Development Service***

- Investigation of potential to outsource of service

### ***Tourism Service***

- Addressing issues of sustainable funding for the Tourism Enterprise Programme

- Consolidation of future marketing
- Resource management of the Tourist Information Centres

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- THAT (a) Members note the progress made to date in implementing the Best Value Improvement Plans for Local Development, Economic Investment and Development and Tourism**
- (b) Members note the key actions to be addressed in the coming twelve months.**

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- None