

10 PAYMENT OF UNDISPUTED INVOICES WITHIN 30 DAYS

**Report By: DIRECTOR OF POLICY & COMMUNITY
AND COUNTY TREASURER**

Wards Affected

Countywide.

Purpose

1. To consider the performance against this performance indicator during the financial year 2002/03.

Background

2. The Government has set a performance target of 100% for 2002/03 for the payment of undisputed invoices within 30 days.
3. Strategic Monitoring Committee requested that reports go to each Scrutiny Committee on the Council's performance against the Payment of Invoices within 30 days Best Value Performance Indicator target.
4. Action has been taken, both corporately, in the Policy and Community Directorate and in the County Treasurer's Department, to achieve preferably the target of 100%, or if not an appreciable improvement in performance.
5. The latest data for the Council as a whole, and for Policy and Community in particular, does show a significant improvement over 2001/02. The improvement is partly because of appropriate changes in the calculation method of the data but there is no doubt the managerial action taken in the Policy and Community Directorate has also had its effect.
6. The attached Appendix 1 shows the latest Policy and Community performance information for 2002/03. The annual 2002/3 percentage for Policy and Community is 88.5% compared with 82.8% in 2001/02 but the Committee will note that the performance figures for the last six months have each exceeded 90% with the last two months being above 95%. There is a clear and definite improvement which must be maintained and worked upon in order to achieve the target of 100% consistently.
7. All the percentages shown relate to payments to outside suppliers in accordance with the terms of the performance indicator. Internal transfers are not included.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report be noted.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None identified.