

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN (BVPP)

WORKING GROUP

ACTIVITY SCOPE

1 PURPOSE/OBJECTIVES OF THE REVIEW

To look at the BVPP process to ensure the integrity and effectiveness of the process, which should include Councillor involvement, and that it adds value.

2 POTENTIAL OUTCOMES

- Improved BVPP process
- Recommendations for this year's and future years' BVPP to deliver
- BVPP which is demonstrably fit for purpose
- Improved communication to Councillors
- Improved communication to citizens

3 INFORMATION REQUIRED

- Commentary on last year's BVPP
- All draft versions of the BVPP to be circulated to this Group
- Work in progress on the vision for the BVPP
- Performance data
- Councillor guide to Best Value
- Performance Management Framework
- Description/diagram – illustrating the relationship of the BVPP to the Corporate planning

4 FORMAT OF INFORMATION

- Interviews
- Examples of Best practice
- Baseline data
- Past examples of BVPP processes
- Officer briefing/reports/presentations

5 METHODS USED

- Interviews with key employees and Trade Union representatives
- Desk top research
- Examples of Best Practice

6 CO-OPTION TO THE TASK AND FINISH GROUP

Suggestions:

- Other Councillors

7 TIMETABLE

Completion by 1 July 2006

8 RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS

Lead Officer	Thomas Hall/Dale Phillipson
Co-Ordinator	Tracy Tiff

9 RESOURCES AND BUDGET

Dale Phillipson to attend meetings of Working Group

10 FINAL REPORT

Completed by 1 July 2006. Presented by the Chair of the Working Group to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and then to Cabinet.

On the basis of the recommendations being accepted, the Working Group will inform the subsequent year's process which may give the opportunity for Overview and Scrutiny to commission a larger piece of work.

11 MONITORING PROCESS

Review the recommendations in the report for the BVPP process 2007.