

Report to: **Scrutiny Committee for Adult Social Care**

Date: **13 March 2006**

By: **Chairman of the Best Value Performance Indicator Project Board**

Title of report: **Review of Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI) targets**

Purpose of report: **To review the BVPI targets within the remit of Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee, set for 2006/2007, 2007/2008 and 2008/2009**

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1. Note the report and support the targets set as shown in appendix one; and**
 - 2. Note the points made by the BVPI Project Board and endorse the Board's requests for further information as set out in paragraph 3.1**
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1. Financial Appraisal

1.1 There are no financial implications arises directly from this report.

2. Supporting Information

2.1 The Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI) Review Board met on 13 February 2006. The purpose of the meeting was to examine BVPIs that fall within the remit of this Committee's scrutiny portfolio and contribute to the decision process in agreeing County Council targets for 2006/2007, 2007/08 and 2008/09.

2.2 The Board were provided with relevant statistical and performance information by Officers. This information indicated why targets had been set and the rationale behind the target setting process. The Board fully interrogated the information available and concluded that the process of setting targets had been thorough and appropriate.

2.3 The Board supported the targets set out in appendix one, but highlighted the following issues:-

- Further information should be provided on any funding streams which impact on the BVPI targets and whether there are any mutual benefits when striving to achieve a target with a partner;
- Although targets were required to be set for the next three years they were, in practice, reviewed/refreshed each year. It is important to note why future targets are sometimes set at a static rate. It may be a reflection of increases to the population – this would require an increase in expenditure simply to match need, thus we are doing more just to maintain our targets. It may be that further increases in spending have diminishing returns until the point where there is no longer justification for any further expenditure.
- The current Revenue Support Grant (RSG) concludes in 2007/08. In 2008/09 the RSG is set for the next three years. It is, therefore, appropriate to have targets set for 2006/07 and 2007/08. Target setting beyond this date should be made in the light of information about

the next RSG. Where targets had been set to a uniform rate more information would be provided to explain where this had been a chosen course of action and the rationale behind the decision.

- BVPI 201 (adults receiving direct payments) – further information would be provided as to whether this BVPI feeds into the IEG Statement and what, if any, links existed .

3. **Recommendations**

3.1 The Board recommends the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee to:

- (a) agree the targets as shown in Appendix one;
- (b) note the specific points made by the BVPI Project Board; and
- (c) endorse the requests made by the Project Board for further information.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None