

Report to: **Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services**

Date: **23 March 2006**

By: **Best Value Performance Indicator Review Board**

Title of report: **Review of BVPI targets, within the remit of Children's Services Scrutiny Committee, set for 2006/2007, 2007/2008 and 2008/2009**

Purpose of report: **To agree the targets**

RECOMMENDATIONS -

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1. Note the report and support the targets set as shown in appendix one**
 - 2. Recommend that further information is obtained for BVPIs 39; 41; 163; 194 & 221 as detailed below**
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1. Financial Appraisal

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

2. Supporting Information

2.1 The Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI) Review Board met on 15 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 as shown in appendix one with the following recommendations

3. Recommendation

3.1 BVPI 39 – The Board requested missing target information in order to agree the BVPI target.

3.2 BVPI 41 – The Board requested a further explanation for the underlying rationale behind value added targets; why they are being reduced over the next 3 years and to explain, in view of this, how we can move up the results table.

3.3 BVPI 163 – The Board requested a full definition of adoption figures showing if they include children in permanent fostering placements. Performance figures to be reviewed at the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee in September.

3.4 BVPI 194A & 194B – The Board requested missing target information in order to agree the BVPI target.

3.5 BVPI 221A & 221B – The Board requested performance figures to be reviewed at the Children’s Services Scrutiny Committee in September as these are new performance indicators and requires monitoring. Further information on attainment of free school meals was also requested.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None