

A report by the Chief Constable

BEST VALUE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS – UPDATE REPORT

SUMMARY

As the committee is aware, under the current arrangements, Action Owners are contacted on a six-week cycle for progress against the Improvement Action Plan. The progress report is submitted to Best Value Board for verification of completion, amendment, identified risks or issues and changes in situations (for example, new legal requirements), which impact on the improvement action. Best Value Board will then make a recommendation to Audit and Performance for consideration.

As outlined in the paper to Audit and Performance in June 2006, progress updates were temporarily postponed so that work could begin on a specific amalgamation project.

However, the Amalgamation Programme has ceased and an internal project has been set up to determine how the Constabulary can meet the challenges of Closing the Gap. As a result of this, Best Value staff have begun work on establishing the relevance of current outstanding recommendations to ensure that they align with the objectives of this project.

The project will:

1. Jointly review each BVR Improvement Action Plan with a view to aligning with the objectives of the internal project (currently 85% complete)
2. Assess how the recommendation should be progressed
3. Continue or develop revised implementation if appropriate
4. Progress through Best Value Board as outlined in paragraph 1, above.
5. Reported to the Authority in November 2006.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee notes the current situation.

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