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CABINET

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YEAR 2 BEST VALUE REVIEW – SCOPING EXERCISE

Report of Martyn Allison, Assistant Chief Executive

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report seeks the approval of Cabinet to the Scope for each of the year two Best Value reviews. It also briefly explains the process undertaken to produce the Scopes for each of the reviews and outlines a number of changes proposed to some of the reviews.

2. SUMMARY

The attached reports provide details of the recommended Scope for each of the year two reviews as detailed below:

- Equalities
- Vulnerable Children (recommended name change from Services to Children and Families.)
- Transportation and Highways
- People Management (recommended name change from HR and Personnel Services)
- Libraries
- Homelessness
- Financial Management

The aim of producing a Scope for each review is to clarify service areas, functions and issues to be included within the review theme. Also to note areas not included, that may reasonably have been expected to have been, giving the reason for this.

The attention of Cabinet is drawn to the following;

- It is recommended that the “Regeneration” and “Policy and Strategy” Best Value Reviews, which were part of the original year two programme of reviews approved by Cabinet, are now incorporated into the Revitalising Neighbourhoods project. It is hoped that the

Revitalising Neighbourhood project will meet the requirements of a Best Value review, but if not, reviews of “Regeneration” and “Policy and Strategy” will need to be reprogrammed into later years.

- The BV Review Coordinator for the Equalities Review (Assistant Director responsible for the review) recommends that the subject of Equalities be embedded in all reviews, rather than being carried out as a discrete BV review in its own right as originally approved. Therefore Equalities will also not proceed beyond scoping.
- Directors’ Board recommend the following title changes for reviews:
 - “HR and Personnel” review to become “People Management”.
 - “Children and Families” review to become “Vulnerable Children”.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet is asked to:

- (i) Agree the scoping recommendation for each review
- (ii) Agree the incorporation of the “Regeneration” and “Policy and Strategy” Best Value Reviews into the Revitalising Neighbourhoods project.
- (iii) Agree the change of title recommended for the “HR and Personnel” and “Children and Families” reviews, to “People Management” and “Vulnerable Children” respectively.

3. REPORT

When producing the scope for each review, Review Co-ordinators were required to identify the following :

- the clear purpose of the service review.
- how the theme relates to the Community Plan, Key Strategies and Performance Plan.
- what are the strategic imperatives.
- what is the potential scale of the review
- any common areas e.g. function or process, that could assist in the organisation of the review
- the areas to be included or excluded in the reviews giving reasons for the decision taken

4 FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Lead Officers were required to identify the estimated budget for the services covered by each review. These are identified within individual reports

5 EQUALITIES

This key issue is dealt with in individual reports

6 SUSTAINABILITY

This key issue is dealt with in individual reports

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