

BEST VALUE REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Director of Development and Cultural Services

SUMMARY OF REPORT

1. This report contains the Terms of Reference for the Best Value Review of Development, forming part of the Council's ongoing programme of Best Value Reviews.

RECOMMENDATION

2. To endorse the Terms of Reference of the Development Best Value Review outlined in Appendix A.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. The Council's Best Value Toolkit outlines that the Terms of Reference need to be approved by Cabinet at the start of the review process.

MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 As part of the 2003/2006 programme of Best Value Reviews, the Council is carrying out of a review of Development.
- 4.2 The review largely covers the work carried out by the Building Consultancy and Development Control sections.
- 4.3 A Scoping Session was carried out on the 17 February 2003 and involved Councillors, officers of the Review Team, representatives from other departments and a range of external stakeholders who have a link with Development Control and Building Consultancy. The session followed the Guide to Scoping and Risk Assessment within the 2003 Best Value Toolkit.
- 4.4 The key issues to be addressed as part of the review were identified in the Scoping Session and these are outlined in the Terms of Reference included at Appendix A.
- 4.5 Identifying and assessing risk is a key element of the Scoping process. As part of the Scoping Session and at subsequent review team meetings and employee meetings, the key risks associated with each issue were identified. These risks were subsequently assessed against the Council's agreed risk assessment framework. Details of the risk assessment have been placed in both Member Rooms and on Derbynet as a background document to this report.
- 4.6 The Terms of Reference need to be considered by the Cabinet before being reviewed by the Planning and Prosperity Overview and Scrutiny Commission. They must then be approved by Cabinet, taking account of any comments made in the scrutiny process.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The costs incurred in carrying out the review will be met from within the Development Control and Building Consultancy budgets.
- 5.2 As part of the option appraisal and resulting action plan, the review will endeavour to achieve a 3% efficiency saving across the services.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The Best Value Review of Building and Planning Control is being carried out under the requirements of the Local Government Act 1999.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7. None arising directly out of this report although sustainability issues will be considered during the review process.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

8. None arising directly out of this report.

EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

9. None arising directly out of this report.

Background Papers:
None