

DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE AUTHORITY

BEST VALUE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Best Value Committee was held on 15 September 2004, Nonie Dendy and Mike Nevitt were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively.

Further information on the items referred to below is contained in the agenda for this meeting, which has been circulated to all Members.

Matters discussed (with minute references shown in brackets) included:-

[BV/310] BEST VALUE UPDATE

The committee were provided with an update on the current Best Value Review in relation to Support Services i.e. those services, which are controlled at HQ and provided to BCU's and other departments, the Command Team and the Police Authority. The initial review is concentrating on three specific areas; Traffic, Corporate Communication and HR (Occupational Health) The intention is that the review will be completed in time to enable the recommendations to impact on the budget setting process for 2005/06.

[BV/311] HMIC BASELINE ASSESSMENT

Members were updated on the actions that had been taken since the issue of the Baseline Assessment Report earlier this year. The report had identified the following strengths in relation to Best Value:

- All Authority Members have received training on Best Value (BV) not only BV committee members.
- Improvement plans allocated to post holders with the time scale for key stage implementations. Recommendations are costed and linked to anticipated performance improvements/ business benefits. There are effective links to efficiency planning through the Finance Department.
- Post implementation reviews will be held for each review. A comprehensive database is used to track the process of recommendations.
- The report also outlined the action had been taken in relation to the areas for improvement. Significant improvement had been achieved as a result of the new joint management arrangement, although it was acknowledged that there was still work to do to get to strengthen the engagement of individual Members and the full Authority with the Best Value process. Resolved that the report be noted.

**Ms Nonie Dendy
Chairman Best Value Panel**