

**ANGUS COUNCIL****POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE****TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2001****CORPORATE REVIEW OF:-**

- a) **AUDIT SCOTLAND REPORTS**
- b) **HMI REPORTS**
- c) **BEST VALUE REVIEW SERVICE REVIEW OUTCOMES**

**Report by the Chief Executive****ABSTRACT**

This report recommends that a Monitoring Group be set up to consider HMI, Audit Scotland and Best Value Review reports.
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**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Policy & Resources Committee agree to establish a Monitoring Group to consider:-

- a) Corporate and strategic issues arising from HMI, Audit Scotland and Best Value Service Review reports,
- b) Angus Council's Best Value Service Review Programme, and
- c) Making appropriate recommendations to the Policy & Resources Committee with regard to the above.

**2. BACKGROUND AND CONSIDERATIONS**

At the last meeting of the Best Value Member Officer Group, a discussion took place about a mechanism, whereby the council could analyse and consider the following:-

- i) Reports from Audit Scotland (not only those regarding Angus Council services, but those which might be of national significance).
- ii) H.M.I. Reports (not only those regarding Angus Council services, but those which might be of national significance), and
- iii) Best Value Service Reviews.

The purpose of such analysis would be to consider any corporate or strategic issues which arise from these review reports. Given that issues both of a policy and a financial nature might emerge, and that the council already has arrangements for dealing with budget preparation and review, it is suggested that the core elected member representation on this group be the same representation as for the Budget Strategy Group, the convener and vice convener of Policy & Resources and Finance Committees. Elected Members on this group would be supported in their work by officers, in the main from the Chief Executive's and Finance Departments, although there will be occasions (dependent upon the subject being discussed) where officers from other departments of the council and conveners of council committees would also be involved in an advisory capacity.

It is suggested that a Monitoring Group be established with the following remit.

- 1) To consider issues of a corporate or strategic nature which arise from:-
  - a) Audit Scotland Reports.
  - b) H.M.I. Reports.
  - c) Best Value Service Reviews.
- 2) To consider and approve the council's best value service review programme.
- 3) To make recommendations to the Policy & Resources Committee and other appropriate committees of the council with regard to the above.

The group would utilise the Balanced Scorecard during their deliberations.

### **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising from this Report.

### **4. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

There are no Human Rights Implications arising from this Report.

### **5. CONSULTATIONS**

The Directors of Law & Administration and Finance have been consulted during the preparation of this Report. All Chief Officers have been consulted.

**A B Watson**  
**Chief Executive**

**Note:** No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing this paper.