

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT**

**EXECUTIVE - 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2003**

**REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF POLICY & REGENERATION**

**FOR ACTION**

**NAME OF WARD(S):**  
**ALL**

**BEST VALUE REVIEWS PROGRESS REPORT**  
**YEARS 2003/02 AND 2001/2000**

**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report outlines progress on the completed Best Value Reviews that have taken place between 2000 – 2003.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members are recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the progress of the reviews.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

**4. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

None, directly arising from the report.

**5. DETAILED CONSIDERATION**

- 5.1 The council reviews a number of our services on an annual basis to ensure that the most economic, efficient and effective services are provided.

Each review must challenge the service or function, consult with service users and other people involved, compare its performance with other councils and examine its competitiveness. The review findings are accompanied by an action plan explaining how and when specific improvements will be made. In some cases the information provided has been limited and further clarification on progress made will be sort.

This report provides an up-date on the progress made on Best Value Reviews completed between the years 2000 – 2003 by providing an up-date on the main points agreed as part of each reviews action plan.

- 5.2 The regular, monitoring of these reviews is an important initiative which allows Councillors and officers to assess, during the course of the year, progress on the action plans and ensure that the council is able to secure continuing benefits from Best Value reviews.

5.3 As part of the monitoring process this report will be presented to the Performance and Select Committee.

## **6. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Background papers used in the preparation of the schedule include:

- Information provided by each service area and the responsible officer for the delivery of the action plan

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