



**COUNCIL EXECUTIVE**

**BEST VALUE 2: PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTATION**

**REPORT BY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**A. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To inform the Council Executive of the proposed response as attached at appendix two, and to agree that the proposed response be submitted to the Accounts Commission.

**B. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Agree that the proposed response as shown in appendix two to this report be submitted to the Accounts Commission.

**C. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS**

**I Council Values**

Being honest, open and accountable; focussing on our customers' needs; making best use of our resources; and working in partnership.

**II Policy and Legal (including Strategic Environmental Assessment, Equality Issues, Health or Risk Assessment)**

None.

**III Resources - (Financial, Staffing and Property)**

None.

**IV Consultations**

Consultation document circulated to Directors and Heads of Service for comment and feedback to Chief Executive.

The proposed response was endorsed by the Partnership and Resources PDSP at its meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009.

**D. TERMS OF REPORT**

**BACKGROUND**

The Accounts Commission is currently developing its proposals for the second phase of audits of Best Value and Community Planning (BV2). This draws on continuing discussions with councils and the findings of the independent Review of the Best Value Audit process.

The Council has been asked to comment on a consultation document, which provides an overview of how the Accounts Commission might shape their approach to BV2.

The feedback received on the consultation document will be used to help shape the development of BV2, which will be tested at a number of BV2 pathfinder audits with scrutiny partners later in the year.

Audit Scotland are planning a number of consultation meetings with councils in early June, in addition to meeting with COSLA, SOLACE, the Scottish Government and Consumer Focus Scotland, to discuss their proposals.

## **E. CONCLUSION**

The Council Executive is invited to consider the proposed response as attached at appendix two, and to agree that it is submitted to the Accounts Commission.

## **F. BACKGROUND REFERENCES**

The consultation document can be accessed in full at [http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/BV2/docs/bv\\_090331\\_bv2\\_consultation\\_report.pdf](http://www.audit-scotland.gov.uk/BV2/docs/bv_090331_bv2_consultation_report.pdf).

Appendices/Attachments:        1. Consultation Summary Document  
    2. Proposed response

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