

ISSUES FOR THE FUTURE

- 1 Supporting the modernisation process in the pilot period and then undertaking a review for the new Council so that a submission can be made to the Secretary of State.
- 2 Creating and publicising a three year Council Plan and budget, with the Best Value Performance Plan for 2001/2002 being the first year of the Council Plan. The Council Plan should be clearly linked to the wider Community Plan.
- 3 Undertaking the Best Value reviews and achieving the Performance targets. Make sure that the Review Programme and improvement targets help the Council to achieve its policy goals.
- 4 Use the performance information more effectively to develop services.
- 5 Review the interim officer structure that has been put into place to support the Member structure and finalise the arrangements.
- 6 Review specifically how effectively the Children's and Community portfolios work to integrate services.
- 7 Determine the Council's policy stance in relation to the new partnership arrangements in which it will be influential, ie Connexions, the Learning and Skills Council, the Small Business Services, joint partnerships with the National Health Service, eg learning disability and mental health.
- 8 Prepare for a new role for the Education Authority under the next Government focusing on its strategic role in leading education provision in the county and on the delivery of key services to a high standard including following up the action plan arising from the OFSTED report.
- 9 Recognise the likelihood of a debate on the selective education system in Buckinghamshire.
- 10 Address critical resource needs in relation to special needs and home to school transport where policy and management leadership is required to clarify expectation and contain expenditure.
- 11 Prepare for the inspection of Social Services activity by the Social Services Inspectorate and be ready to implement recommendations.
- 12 Enter a dialogue with the National Health Service about the impact of the National Health Service Plan and the reconfiguration of the Care and Health Services within newly established Trusts.
- 13 Consider how the wide range of community services that we provide integrate with each other and the manner and locations from which services are delivered recognising the impact on the profile of the Council.
- 14 Consider how the Regional Planning Guidance will work out in practice through the review of the Structure Plan.
- 15 In the light of the Local Transport Plan spending consider how resources should be allocated to environmental considerations.

- 16 Develop a community planning strategy in consultation with agencies in Buckinghamshire.
- 17 Consider through the Best Value review of corporate support how central resource capability, ie money, people and information can be provided most efficiently and developed in the future to address the Council's needs.