

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – 2001/02 LOCAL PERFORMANCE PLAN

DISTRICT AUDIT REPORT

Statutory Recommendation

Council's Response

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| <p>1. Ensure that all BVPIs are calculated in accordance with relevant definitions with appropriate supporting evidence</p> | <p>1. The Council accepts the recommendation and has already taken steps towards its implementation and to strengthen co-ordination and control. In particular, through the establishment of a corporate project on performance monitoring and proposed revisions to line management of teams responsible for the production of this data. Changes have also been made to improve the collection of the 'actual' data for the 2000/2001 performance indicators. However the Council, whilst strongly supporting good performance management, continues to have strong reservations about the appropriateness and relevance of many of the BVPIs. The Council believes District Audit should share some of these reservations and urges them to support representations to the Secretary of State on this issue.</p> |
| <p>2. Establish a corporate information management role with overall responsibility for the quality, completeness and timeliness of all performance information.</p> | <p>2. The Council accepts the recommendation and has already proposed such a role within new senior management structures. (see above)</p> |
| <p>3. Produce and use performance information as part of operational management</p> | <p>3. The Council accepts the recommendation and will continue to develop and extend existing good practice, particularly as it will be submitting a draft Public Service Agreement to the Government in Sept/Oct 2001.</p> |
| <p>4. Improve the timeliness, rigour and quality of the Best Value review process.</p> | <p>4. The Council accepts the recommendation, and has already initiated action to do this through proposals for a more effective review process and strengthened corporate support for Best Value Reviews. To rectify the slippage in the year 1 review programme, the second year (as set out in the Local Performance Plan) only contained six new reviews. This will bring the authority back on track to complete the review of all functions during years 3 to 5.</p> |