

**REPORT FOR: OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
AND SCRUTINY SUB-
COMMITTEES**

Date:	14 th June 2011
Subject:	Standing Scrutiny Review of the Better Deal for Residents Programme – Interim Report, Project Management
Responsible Officer:	Alex Dewsnap, Divisional Director, Partnership Development and Performance
Scrutiny Lead Member area:	Cllr Jerry Miles, Corporate Effectiveness Policy Lead Member Cllr Tony Ferrari, Corporate Effectiveness Performance Lead Member
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Interim report from the Standing Scrutiny Review of the Better Deal for Residents Programme

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report accompanies the report from the Standing Scrutiny Review of the Better Deal for Residents Programme

Recommendations:

Councillors are recommended to:

- I. Agree the report from the Standing Scrutiny Review
- II. Refer the report to Cabinet in July for consideration

Section 2 – Report

Introductory paragraph

In January this year, the Overview and Scrutiny committee agreed the scope for the Standing Scrutiny Review of the Better Deal for Residents which specified that the project would:

1. “consider the content of the Better Deal for Residents programme in terms of ambition, relevance, appropriateness
2. ensure effective project management processes are in place for the programme
3. consider the impact of the programme on:
 - the Council – is it achieving the outcomes envisaged – linked to the effectiveness of project management processes
 - residents
 - what impact are the changes having and how are these being mitigated – Better Together/Big Society,
 - how far do residents understand/appreciate the need for significant change are their opinions being taken into account, are they being actively engaged/convinced in the delivery of change
 - partners – are we working more efficiently with partners to deliver change, what is the impact on their services
 - managers – how well are they being supported in delivering change whilst at the same time being subject to that change

This is the interim report from the review and cover the group’s findings in terms of the robustness of the Council’s project management processes.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Performance Issues

There are no performance issues associated with this report.

Environmental Impact

There is no environmental impact associated with this report.

Risk Management Implications

There are no risks associated with this report.

Equalities implications

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? Yes () No ()

This report is considering the robustness of the Council’s project/programme management process and any changes in the process are subject to the agreement of Cabinet. If changes are agreed then the service may be required to undertake an EqIA

Corporate Priorities

Monitoring the Better Deal for Residents Programme will ensure that scrutiny is contributing to all of the corporate priorities:

- Keeping neighbourhoods clean, green and safe
- United and involved communities: a Council that listens and leads
- Supporting and protecting people who are most in need
- Supporting our Town Centre, our local shopping centres and businesses

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Not required for this report.

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background

Papers

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Background Papers:

None