

**REPORT FOR: OVERVIEW AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Date of Meeting:	13 th December 2011
Subject:	Standing Scrutiny Review of the Better Deal for Residents – Quarterly Report
Responsible Officer:	Alex Dewsnap, Divisional Director, Partnership Development and Performance
Scrutiny Lead Member area:	All
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Quarterly Report from the Standing Scrutiny Review of the Better Deal for Residents

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report accompanies the quarterly report from the Standing Scrutiny Review of the Better Deal for Residents. The report outlines the review's consideration of project management and the VERTO system and the Re-abling Focused Care project.

Recommendations:

Councillors are recommended to:

- I. Consider the findings of the standing scrutiny review of the budget
- II. Where appropriate to refer recommendations to Cabinet for consideration

Section 2 – Report

The first report from the Standing Scrutiny Review of the Better Deal for Residents was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny committee in June. That report outlined the group's view of the improvements which could be made to the council's project/programme management process.

This is the first update report from the second phase of the project. So far the group has considered two areas:

- VERTO/project management update
- Re-abling Focused Care

The attached report gives full detail with regard to the review's observations and recommendations.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report. However, if the report's recommendations are accepted, the services considered will provide detail of any costs likely to be incurred.

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 risk management implications associated with this report.

Equalities implications

An Equality Impact Assessment was not carried out as the report includes no proposals for service change. However, it is the cornerstone of the Standing Review of the Better Deal for Residents that the impact of all project proposals on residents is properly understood. As such, it is hoped that our investigations can help to highlight equalities implications in Better Deal for Residents projects.

Corporate Priorities

Standing Review of the Better Deal for Residents can impact all of the council's corporate priorities.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Not required for this report.

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: None