

Meeting:	Best Value Advisory Panel
Date:	March 05
Subject:	Best Value Review – Harrow’s Economy
Responsible Officer:	Director of Financial and Business Strategy
Contact Officer:	As above
Portfolio Holder:	
Key Decision:	No
Status:	Part 1

Section 1: Summary

Decision Required

To approve the scoping document for the Best Value Review on Harrow’s Economy

Reason for report

To ensure that the Best Value review has clear objectives from the start and that there is a plan in place to conduct the review.

Benefits

The Best Value Review will ensure that Harrow’s relationship with business develops in an effective way.

Cost of Proposals

There are no direct costs arising from the review itself. However, the proposed mapping exercise will have a cost.

Risks

No major risks associated with the decision.

Implications if recommendations rejected

The Best Value Review will either not go ahead or will proceed but without the support of the Panel.

Section 2: Report

2.1 Brief History

The Panel agreed to include a review of Harrow's Economy in the Best Value programme for 2004/05.

2.2 Options considered

The scoping document attached at Appendix A has been developed by a team of officers to ensure that it covers a range of issues and interests.

2.3 Consultation

Consultation with business and engagement with other authorities will be a core part of the review.

2.4 Financial Implications

The mapping exercise will have a cost – this has not been quantified so far. However it is anticipated that the cost will be met from the existing economic development budget.

2.5 Legal Implications

The requirement to carry out a Best Value Review can be found in Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1999.

In terms of the remit of the Review itself, further legal advice may be required to consider Review outcomes.

2.6 Equalities Impact

It is vital that Harrow engages with small and local businesses as well as large firms and that the Council builds relationships with a range of representative bodies.

Section 3: Supporting Information/Background Documents

Appendices

List information that is on deposit in Group Offices, can be viewed on the web and will be available for inspection at the meeting: