

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Chief Executive

Audit & Performance Review Committee – 21 June 2006

Subject :- Audit of Best Value

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides members with a further update on the position with the Best Value Audit.

2. Background

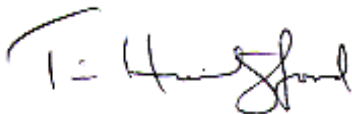
- 2.1 The Audit of Best Value and Community Planning commenced in 2004 and aimed to cover all 32 Councils in a rolling 3-year programme. 11 Councils have had audit reports published to date and since the last report to this Committee, the Audit Report was published on Highland Council.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 The auditors are currently preparing their report and following discussions with Council representatives they will publish their report, including their recommendations for improvement, probably in late September 2006.
- 3.2 We anticipate that the report will ask for a formal improvement plan to be submitted some 3 months later. This will be submitted to this Committee for approval and will form the basis of formal monitoring. Quarterly progress reports will also be submitted to this Committee.

4. Recommendations

Members are asked to note the report and read the Audit Report on Highland Council. It is available on the Audit Scotland website or from the Policy Unit on request.



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Background Papers

Reports on Best Value Audit to Audit & Performance Review Committee March 2006 and December 2005

Best Value Audit – Highland Council