

EXMOOR NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

RESOURCES COMMITTEE 26 April 2005

BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2005/06

Report of the Head of Business Management

Purpose of Report:

To consider the Best Value Performance Plan which the National Park Authority is required to publish by 30 June 2005

Legal Implications including Human Rights Act 1998:

- i) Sections 5 and 6 of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1999
- ii) The Local Government (Best Value) Performance Plans and Reviews Order 1999 (SI 1999 No 3251)
- iii) ODPM Circular 03/03 on Best Value and Performance Improvement and subsequent guidance from Government

Financial Implications:

The Best Value Performance Plan sets out details of past, current and anticipated expenditure together with information regarding the mechanisms for achieving efficiency and effectiveness.

National Park Purposes:

The Authority is required by statute to publish a Best Value Performance Plan by 30 June 2005

RECOMMENDATION:

Members are recommended to NOTE the arrangements outlined in this report and to AUTHORISE the National Park Officer to prepare and publish the Best Value Performance Plan 2005/06 by 30 June 2005 as well as an appropriate summary of it in the Spring edition of Park Life.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Authority is required to publish its Best Value Performance Plan 2005/06 by 30 June 2005. The Plan is a critical document in helping the Authority to exploit opportunities for improvement. Government guidance lays down that these Performance Plans should be the focus for improvements to efficiency and effectiveness in service delivery
- 1.2 The Government accepts that the main audience for the Performance Plan is the members and officers of the Authority, as well as Government Departments such as ODPM and Defra which also find the plans useful.
- 1.3 The National Park Authority Performance Assessment process which has just started on Exmoor will be useful in future years in informing the further development of the improvement planning work.

- 1.4 The Performance Plan is audited during the summer by the external auditors. In previous years the Authority has received an unqualified report on its Performance Plan.
- 1.5 The Best Value Performance Plan is combined with the Authority's Business Plan and Improvement Plan. A summary of the Plan is produced each year, which is distributed to all households on Exmoor in the Park Life publication.

2. **BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2005/06**

- 2.1 The Best Value Performance Plan consists of 3 parts:-

Part One - Exmoor National Park Authority's approach, including its vision and objectives

Part Two - This will be constructed around the Draft Work Programme which was considered by the Resources Committee at its previous meeting (Item 5, Appendix 4)

Part Three - A series of detailed appendices supporting the Plan

- 2.2 The completed plan will be distributed to Libraries and Visitor Centres on Exmoor, as well as to the parish, district and county councils, MPs and MEPs and representatives of all the organisations on the Consultative Forum. It will also be published on our web-site.