

TITLE	: PERFORMANCE (BEST VALUE) REVIEW CORPORATE GOVERNANCE		
TO / ON	: Management Board	16 December 2002	
	Resource Scrutiny Panel	21 January 2003	
	The Executive	19 February 2003	
FROM	: Executive Member for Resource		
STATUS	: FOR PUBLICATION		

1.0 TYPE OF DECISION

1.1 What type of decision is to be taken:-

EXECUTIVE DECISION		COUNCIL DECISION	
Key		Non Key	

1.2 If a key decision, has it been included in the Forward Plan

Inclusion in Forward Plan		Date of Plan	
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2.0 SUMMARY

This report introduces the Final Report & Improvement Plan for the Performance (Best Value) Review of Bury MBC's Corporate Governance arrangements.

3.0 OPTIONS AND RECOMMENDED OPTIONS (with reasons)

1. Accept the Final Report & Improvement Plan.
- Or
2. Accept the Final Report & Improvement Plan with any amendments.

4.0 THIS REPORT HAS THE FOLLOWING IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Aims

Good corporate governance underpins the 5 Core Values of Bury MBC as an organisation and contributes at the strategic level to all of the 7 Corporate Aims and Objectives set out in the Corporate Plan.

Policy Framework	Best Value Review Programme Performance Management Framework		
Statement by Monitoring Officer	The recommendations enable the Council to meet its obligations under the Best Value provisions as set out in the Local Government Act 1999.		
Statement by Director of Finance & E-Government	The resource implications arising from the Improvement Plan mainly rely on existing staff time and budgets. Where additional resources are required to implement the Improvement Plan these will be considered as part of the Authority's corporate planning and budget process. Where such additional resources cannot be made available the timescales in the Improvement Plan may need to be reviewed.		
Human Resource IT/Land and Property Implications	None		
Wards/Area Boards affected	All Wards		
Scrutiny Panel's Interest	Resource Scrutiny Panel		
Consultations	Executive Member for Resource Management Board & Senior Officer Team All Elected Members Bury Local Strategic Partnership UNISON		
Call-in			
Briefings	Executive Members/ Chair		Chief Executive

5.0 INTRODUCTION

- 5.1 The attached report is the outcome of the Performance (Best Value) Review of Bury MBC's Corporate Governance arrangements. The report details findings of the Review and an Improvement Plan.

6.0 BACKGROUND

6.1 The Review of Corporate Governance is part of the Authority's Best Value Review Programme which requires that specific services and thematic areas are examined using the Best Value Review process.

7.0 ISSUES

7.1 The report examines the role of Bury MBC and the performance of its corporate governance arrangements against the framework developed by CIPFA/SOLACE.

8.0 CONCLUSIONS

8.1 The Review has revealed Bury MBC to have comprehensive and robust arrangements in place to demonstrate and ensure good corporate governance that is credible, transparent and maintains the confidence of stakeholders and the community at large.

8.2 Nevertheless, the Improvement Plan attached to the Review highlights some areas that require strengthening and the way forward to address them.

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Background documents:

Corporate Governance Self Assessment Matrix and AGMA Benchmarking Group
Bury Strategic Partnership Minutes 19 November 2002
Comprehensive Performance Assessment December 2002

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