

**ST ALBANS CITY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**DECISION REGISTER**

Portfolio(s) decision relates to:				Resources		Name of Portfolio Holder:		Cllr Chris Oxley	
Name of decision maker:				Helen Abraham		Signature of decision maker:			
Name of relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee:				Corporate Services		Date of decision:		7/12/01	
Type of decision ( <i>please tick</i> )				Key		Significant	X	Virement	Other
Scheme of delegation reference under which decision is taken:				8.7.4					
Has this decision drawn upon confidential information? ( <i>If yes – please set out what confidential information has been taken into account on a separate sheet</i> )						No			
<p><b>DECISION</b> (<i>Note this should be written in the style of a committee minute and should not include confidential information</i>):</p> <p>Revision of the 5 year schedule of Best Value Reviews so that services to young people, older people and groups with specific needs are reviewed in one large review during Year 3 (2002/03). This single review replaces the three separate reviews of services to young people (a year 3 review), services to people with specific needs (a year 3 review) and services to older people (originally planned for year 4).</p> <p>In arriving at my decision I have properly and thoroughly taken into account the legal, financial and workforce implications for the Council. My decision is within the Council’s policy and budget framework and complies with the regulations and procedures set out in the Constitution. I have explicitly considered the Council’s corporate objectives in arriving at my decision. In coming to my decision I have consulted with all relevant parties as appropriate and in accordance with the scheme of delegation.</p>									

**REASON/S FOR THE DECISION**

The basis for this decision is the need to carry out cross cutting reviews in a holistic manner, and combining staff resources. The single review will enable teams to pool resources and conduct one in-depth review. The processes and tasks that would need to be undertaken to conduct each of the three reviews were considered to be sufficiently similar to combine the reviews into one large review.

**OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

**REASONS FOR REJECTING THESE OPTIONS**

- 1. Merging into one review and moving to year 4
- 2.
- 3.

Too many large reviews in years 4 and 5 already.

**CONSULTEES**

In making this decision, I have consulted the following people:

Name and Signature	Position	Date of consultation	Outcome of consultation (may cross reference to supplementary/background sheets)
Cllr Oxley	Portfolio Holder Resources	27/11/01	Merge 3 into 1 large review
J Samuels	Strategic Director Corporate Services	17/11/01	Merge 3 into 1 large review
P Tonks	Strategic Director Community Services	17/11/01	Merge 3 into 1 large review

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985**

Bibliography	Custodian	File location
Best Value Review Schedule March 2001	H Abraham, Corporate Policy Manager	Policy Unit, Civic Centre, St Peters Street, St Albans AL1 3JE