

<b>Item No:</b> <b>1</b>	<b>Classification:</b> OPEN	<b>Date:</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2003	<b>Meeting Name:</b> OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
<b>Report Title:</b>		EARLY YEARS BEST VALUE REVIEW – IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS REPORT	
<b>Ward(s) or Group affected:</b>		All Wards	
<b>From:</b>		Head of Corporate Strategy	

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Overview & Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider this second progress report on the Early Years Best Value Review and forward any comments or recommendations to the Executive.

## BACKGROUND

Members will recall that this item was called-in by Overview & Scrutiny Committee in December 2002. At that meeting this Committee made a number of immediate recommendations and in addition asked officers to report back to OSC on the implementation of this Best Value Review. This is the second such report.

The progress report, which will be considered by the Executive on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2003, was not available for consideration by Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2003 but is attached at Appendix A. By the date of this current meeting this report will already have been to the Executive. Officers will advise this Committee of the outcome of the Executive meeting.

## RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific resource implications raised by this report.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific legal implications raised by this report.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Documents	Held At	Contact
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#### AUDIT TRAIL

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<b>Version</b>	Final	
<b>Dated</b>	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2003	
<b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER</b>		
<b>Officer Title</b>	<b>Comments Sought</b>	<b>Comments included</b>
Borough Solicitor & Secretary	No	No
Chief Finance Officer	No	No

As agreed by OSC on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2003,

Thames Water – 2<sup>nd</sup> session

Representatives of Thames Water:

Tony Denton, local government and community affairs manager  
David Dangerfield regional manager South London water supply  
Gerry Cooper, area service manager

The detailed discussion at 13<sup>th</sup> October Overview and Scrutiny Committee is set out in the minutes of that meeting. Members will recall that they agreed to focus the discussion with Thames Water officials on the following areas:

1. The water infrastructure in the borough – investment, depth of water mains, water pressure
2. Thames Water's capacity to respond in the event of a major incident
3. Dissemination of information in the event of a major incident – leaflets, labels on tanks, use of Thames Water's web site, telephone access
4. Arrangements for compensation

Cllr Bassom's reply to Cllr Ward at 29<sup>th</sup> October Council Assembly is attached for ease of reference.