

**NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AUTHORITY – BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN
2003/2004****JOINT REPORT OF THE CLERK AND CHIEF CONSTABLE**

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Authority on progress in setting policing priorities to be included in the Best Value Performance Plan 2003/2004.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Each year the Police Authority, as part of its statutory obligations, must produce a Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP). This sits alongside the duty to produce an Annual Policing Plan and Efficiency Plan. As part of this process the Authority is required to:

- agree, in consultation with the Chief Constable, objectives for policing in the force area
- consult on these objectives, targets and priorities
- produce an Efficiency Plan showing how efficiency savings will be made
- report on performance in meeting objectives, targets and priorities over the preceding twelve months
- identify areas of poor performance and outline how improvements will be secured
- report on the outcome of any Best Value reviews carried out over the year.

3 DETERMINING POLICING OBJECTIVES 2003/2004

- 3.1 The first stage in the process is the confirmation of objectives for policing of the area. These must be informed by consultation and then subsequently approved by the Authority.
- 3.2 The objectives for policing in any area are now determined from two sources:
- the national objectives for policing set each year by the Home Secretary;
 - objectives to tackle local problems which have been identified by the Authority in consultation with the population generally, local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships and the Chief Constable specifically.
- 3.3 It is proposed that the initial consultation process should be based on the approach undertaken by the Authority last year. A door to door leaflet "Tell us what you think" was distributed in August and September 2001 to every home and business in Northumberland and Tyne and Wear. Over 26,000 responses

were received and this information was incorporated into the BVPP for 2002/2003.

- 3.4 A draft version of the leaflet, to be distributed in September, is currently being designed and will be tabled at the meeting for member's approval.

4 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no equal opportunity implications directly arising from this report.

5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no human rights implications directly arising from this report.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The Treasurer confirms that the cost of this consultation can be accommodated from within the revenue budget for 2002/03.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 Members are requested to :-

- (i) note the contents of this report
- (ii) agree to the proposals contained in paragraph 3