



## Workshop two:

# Addressing Sustainable Development within Best Value

### Workshop aims

- To introduce participants to the arguments for addressing sustainable development within Best Value
- To review the Council's current methods for addressing sustainable development within Best Value, and to consider how these might be improved.

### Resources to use from the Pack

- The briefings : [“Why Promote Sustainable Development through CPA and Best Value”](#), [“Addressing Sustainable Development within CPA Self-Assessments and Best Value”](#) (page 1, plus the sections on “ Addressing Sustainable Development within Best Value Reviews” and “Reporting Sustainable Development in the Performance Plan”.
- The briefing: [“Addressing Sustainable Development within CPA Self-Assessments and Best Value”](#)
- Slides 1-8: [“Why promote sustainable development through CPA and Best Value?”](#)

Summary (Indicative timings are shown in brackets.)

#### **1. Introduction** (10 min)

Introductions, agree workshop objectives and arrange small group membership.

#### **2. Presentation ‘What do we need to do to promote sustainable development?’** (15 min)

Give a brief presentation that introduces the council's sustainable development policy, or that explains how the community strategy promotes sustainable development (using pre-prepared overheads).

Briefly summarise the council's processes for promoting sustainable development *and/or* remind participants that promoting sustainable development is about ensuring that:

- the community strategy and resultant authority's corporate objectives support sustainable development (including global objectives and considering the needs of future generations)
- council processes address crunch issues and promote integrated solutions that support social, economic and environmental solutions at the same time.

(Use page 1 of the briefing [“Addressing Sustainable Development within CPA Self-Assessments and Best Value”](#) as a basis of the presentation and possibly a handout.)

Allow 5 minutes for questions, but avoid getting into detailed discussions at this point.

### **3. Presentation (slides 1-8) [“Why Promote Sustainable Development through CPA and Best Value?”](#) (10 min)**

Give a brief presentation based on slides 1 to 8 - Draw attention to the briefing [“Why promote sustainable development through Best Value?”](#) and also hand out a summary of the council's sustainable development policy.

### **4. Reviewing the council's current approach (30 mins)**

Ask half the groups to look at the council's Best Value guidance/manual, and the other groups to look at the Best Value Performance Plan. Ask them to consider:

Best Value manual/guidance

- What advice does the Best Value manual give on sustainable development and/or delivering integrated solutions?

Best Value performance plan

- Does the BVPP adequately explain the council's sustainable development performance and progress on any proposals for improvement?

Allow 15 to 20 minutes for group discussion, then hold a plenary discussion drawing out conclusions. Note key recommendations on a flip-chart, and place these recommendations where everyone can see them, eg fixed to a wall.

### **5. Presentation (slides 9-14) - [Why promote sustainable development through Best Value?](#) (20 mins)**

Give a presentation based on (slides 9-14) - [Why promote sustainable development through Best Value?](#). Draw attention to the two relevant sections from the briefing [“Addressing Sustainable Development within CPA Self-Assessments and Best Value”](#). Allow five to ten minutes plenary discussion of the presentation.

### **6. Groups consider possible changes to the Council's current approach to Best Value (50 mins)**

Ask small groups to return to looking at the Best Value manual or the Best Value performance plan – same groups as before. Ask them to consider if they would recommend any further changes in the light of the presentation. After 25 to 30 minutes ask them to report back on their conclusions. Hold a plenary discussion to agree further changes to the manual and the BVPP.

Record key conclusions on a flip-chart, and where appropriate, amend the conclusions recorded on the flip-chart in session 4. Summarise the conclusions.