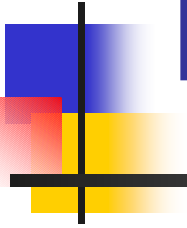


# Why promote sustainable development through CPA and Best Value?





# We all have a role in SD

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- National government cannot achieve SD alone.
- All levels and sectors have a role.
  - International, national, regional and local.
  - Government, business, public sector, voluntary sector, and households.

*Agenda 21*



# Local government is crucial

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- The government cannot do the job alone.
- We need to work together, forging partnerships with business, local authorities and voluntary groups
- *A Better Quality of Life* provides a national focus from which local and regional action can follow.

*A Better Quality of Life, DETR 1999.*



# An effective local authority...

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...is:

- improving the quality of life of current generations without damaging the prospects of future generations
- improving local quality of life without harming global communities.



# Why CPA and Best Value?

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- CPA and BV are:
  - major influences on the future direction of council activities
  - and an invaluable opportunity to improve their sustainability.

*But:*

- if Sustainable Development is forgotten, council activities could go down unsustainable paths.



# Government guidance

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- “As community leaders, local authorities are expected to work for the long-term well-being of their communities, recognising that actions taken locally may have wider impacts and contribute to damaging developments such as global warming.
- Sustainable development is fundamental to best value, and should be reflected in authorities’ programmes of reviews, the review process itself and improvement planning.”

*Circular 03/2003 Best Value and Performance Improvement.*



# Community Strategies

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One of 4 aims of community strategies:

Contribute to the achievement of sustainable development both locally and more widely, with the local goals and priorities relating where appropriate to local, national and even global aims.

*Preparing Community Strategies*

*Government Guidance December 2000*



# CPA

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- Asks

- What is the council trying to achieve?

- Key lines of enquiry include:

- extent to which ambitions have been determined with partners through LSPs and community strategy
- extent to which the council gives clear leadership to build...sustainable communities.

# Addressing sustainable development within CPA and Best Value



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# The key components

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1. CPA self-assessment considers Sustainable Development performance and management
2. Sustainable Development addressed in all BV reviews
3. BVPP reports on SD Performance and progress on improvement.



# Addressing SD in Best Value reviews

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- consider Sustainable Development throughout the review process
- include advice in the BV manual
- provide support for review teams.



# 4 Steps in the review process

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1. Check that corporate objectives (in Best Value manual) support SD.
2. Identify significant SD impacts and crunch issues for activities under review
3. Consider significant SD impacts and crunch issues throughout the 4Cs
4. Appraise options against significant impacts.
5. Ensure improvement plan improves integration.



# Support for review teams

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- Advice in the Best Value manual
- Training included in review team training.
- Sustainable Development champion provides support at key stages:
  - baseline, scoping and improvement plan
- Verification of significant impacts, crunch issues and improvement plan.



# Reporting on SD in the BVPP

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- How well council objectives and activities support SD.
- Strengths and weaknesses in SD performance and management.
- Proposals for improvement.
- Progress on previous SD improvement plans.
- Trends in quality of life SD indicators.