COMMITTEE:	**SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**
DATE:	**10 JUNE 2002**
SUBJECT:	**BEST VALUE OF EASTBOURNE LIFELINE – INTERIM REPORT**
REPORT OF:	**LIFELINE & RETIREMENT HOUSING MANAGER**
Ward(s):	All
Purpose:	To update Scrutiny Committee members of the current situation concerning the Lifeline Best Value Review.
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Recommendations:	To report back to Scrutiny Committee in September with recommendations concerning joint delivery of Lifeline.

1.0	**<u>Background/Introduction</u>**
1.1	The Lifeline Best Value Review Panel reported the interim outcomes of the Review to Scrutiny Committee in December 2001.

1.2	On the basis of procurement options examined the Panel made a preliminary recommendation of Joint Commissioning / Transfer.
1.3	The Best Value Management Committee had previously given agreement to the appointment of Business Consultants to offer an objective recommendation concerning the viability of a joint venture.
1.4	Lifeline is due to be inspected this year.
2.0	**Consultants Report**
2.1	Indigo Business Consultants were appointed by Eastbourne Borough Council, Wealden District Council and New Downland Housing Association to evaluate the options of joint delivery.
2.2	A draft report has been received but all parties considered that there were areas in the report that lacked adequate information to be able to make firm recommendations on joint delivery.
2.3	Additional information has been requested on this complex issue and a final report from Indigo is due at the end of May 2002.
3.0	**Consultations**
3.1	Considerable consultation has been carried out as part of the Best Value Review.

4.0	**<u>Implications covering Human Resource, Environmental, Financial, Youth, Community Safety, Human Rights and Anti-Poverty Implications</u>**
4.1	None.
5.0	**<u>Summary/Conclusion/Options</u>**
5.1	That a further report be drafted for Scrutiny Committee in September 2002 following receipt of completed consultants report.
Esme Hilliard **Lifeline & Retirement Housing Manager**	
Background Papers: The Background Papers used in compiling this report were as follows: ¨ Report to Scrutiny 12 December 2001 ¨ Report to Best Value Management Committee September 2001 To inspect or obtain copies of background papers please refer to the contact officer listed above.	
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