

## **Report to the Executive on the BVPIs for 05/06**

### **Housing**

The number of private sector houses returned into occupation is low but we have recently discovered how other councils count their properties. We have now started using the same method and the numbers have risen enormously. Unfortunately we are unable to go back and count these in 05/069 as other councils were doing.

We discovered that when a household is placed in a private rented accommodation that is counted by some councils as another property that was empty and is no longer empty. So we should be able to rise out of the bottom quartile by counting in a similar fashion.

The BVPI is not a sensible one because Councils that have thousands of empty properties should be able to bring lots more back into use than councils that only have a few hundred. This is an example where percentages could be used sensibly.

The Audit Commission seems incapable of knowing when it is sensible to use percentages and when it is ridiculous.

The number of people in temporary accommodation and the length of stay in B&B are reasonable at middle quartile.

### **Benefits**

All the quartiles relating to Benefits are top quartile.

### **Community Safety**

All except one are in the top quartile – the Vale is a very safe place to live.

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