

CHIEF OFFICERS MANAGEMENT TEAM

17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL  
(SERVICE DELIVERY)

1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2008

**ENHANCED CLEANSING SERVICES – PROPOSALS – MARKET TOWNS**  
(Report by the Head of Operations)

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Panel considered a report on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008, Enhanced Cleansing Service - Pilot Study and resolved that a further report be submitted to a future meeting giving full details and costs of providing a full cleansing service to the main town centres on Sundays. The Panel requested that the proposals as outlined at option 2 of the report, be adopted for the purpose of preparing the report

1.2 This report provides members with revised proposals based on the above.

**2. ENHANCED SUNDAY CLEANSING PROPOSALS**

2.1 The proposed enhanced Sunday cleansing services will be provided by 8 employees and one Supervising Inspector working from 06.00 to 10.00. The areas detailed in the town centres below will be cleansed using a combination of mechanical sweepers, litterpicking and the emptying of litterbins situated on roads detailed below, using the resources listed for each area.

**St Ives** Compact mechanical sweeper, plus a response team of 3 undertaking litter picking and emptying of litter bins.

<b>St Ives</b>	
The Waits	The Broadway
Crown Street	Merryland
Bridge Street	The Quay
The Pavement	Market Hill
White Hart Lane	Sheep Market
Market Road	Station Road
Cattle Market Car Park	

**Huntingdon** Compact mechanical sweeper, plus a response team of 3 undertaking litter picking and emptying of litter bins.

<b>Huntingdon</b>	
High Street	Ferrars Road
George Street	Royal Oak Passage
Market Hill	Princes Street
Literary Walk	St Marys Street
Hartford Road	St Benedicts Court
Chequers Court	St Germain Walk
Trinity Place	Chequers Way
Brewery Yard	St Germain Street Car Park
Brewery Yard	

**St Neots** Compact mechanical sweeper, plus a response team of 3 undertaking litter picking and emptying of litter bins.

<b>St Neots</b>	
St Neots Road	High Street
Cambridge Street	Huntingdon Street
Tebbutts Road	New Street
Church Street	Brook Street
South Street	St Marys Street
Priory Lane	Tan Yard
Bec Road	The Priory
Priory Lane Car Park	Waitrose Tan Yard Car Park
Market Square West	Market Square South

**Ramsey & Godmanchester** Response team of 2 undertaking litter picking and emptying of litter bins

<b>Godmanchester</b>	
Causeway	Post Street
Old Court Hall	Cambridge Street

<b>Ramsey</b>	
Great Whyte	Little Whyte
High Street	New Road
Mews Close Car Park	

Appendix 1 to this report provides maps of the actual areas that will be cleansed under these proposals.

### 3. OPERATING COSTS

	Per week	Per annum
Employee costs including supervision and management	£790	£41,000
Vehicle and Plant operating costs	£220	£11,400
Total Cost	£1,010	£52,400

## **Financial Context**

No provision has been made for enhanced cleaning services in the Council's financial plan. The existing plan can be summarized as:

- 1) A deficit had already been planned for years 2008/9 through to 2014/5 by which time revenue reserves would be reduced to what is considered to be a minimal level.
- 2) The existing medium term financial plan is based on Council Tax rises of 5% every year for the next 10 years.
- 3) The existing medium term financial plan requires further savings to be identified of £0.5m for 2009/10 rising to £1.0m and £2.0m in each of the following two years.
- 4) All new expenditure will add to the requirement to make savings in other areas.

## **4. OPTIONS FOR DELIVERING THE ENHANCED SERVICE**

- 4.1 As indicated at para 3 above, there is at present, no funding identified to provide this increased level of service and if Members were minded to recommend to Cabinet that the proposals be introduced, it would be necessary to prepare a bid for funding as part of the medium term financial plan later in the year which would be considered on its merits when assessed against other competing priorities.

## **5. SUMMARY**

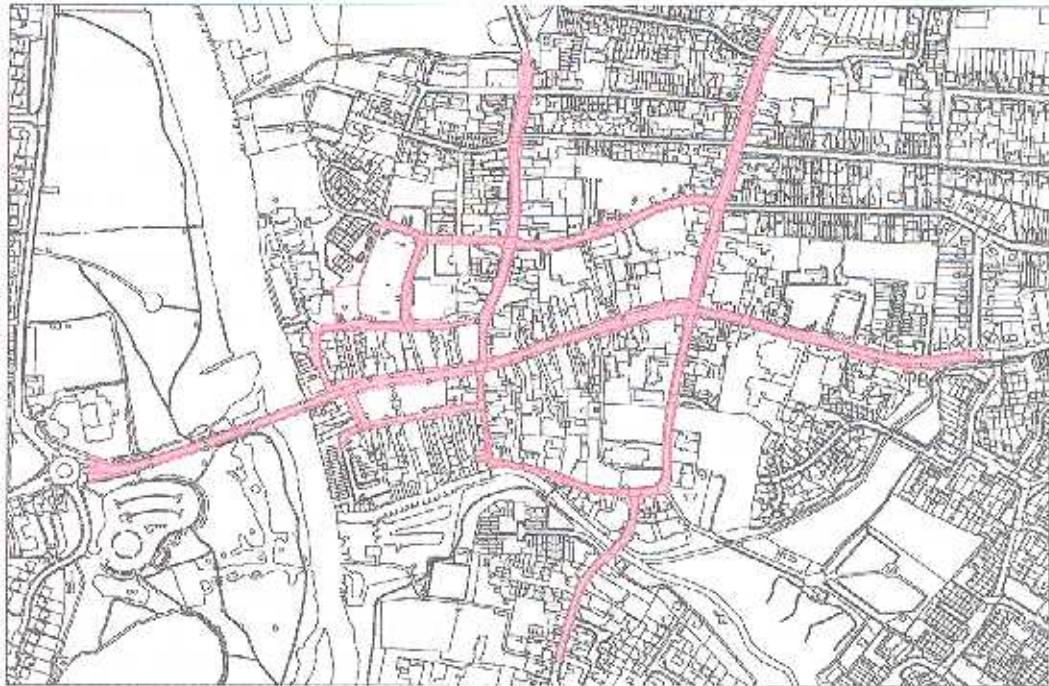
- 5.1 As indicated in the report considered by the Panel on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2008 our existing street cleansing services currently deliver a frequency based cleansing service higher than the EPA and COPLAR requirements. We are currently performing well in relation to the national performance indicators (which measures litter, detritus, graffiti and flyposting) being in the upper quartile of performance nationally.
- 5.2 The enhanced Sunday cleansing services proposed in this report would improve the Town Centre appearance *in the mornings*, but the standard will deteriorate during the day as there will be no full time presence to maintain the standard throughout the day. Litter dropped during the day will be recovered on the Monday morning by scheduled cleansing regimes.

## **6. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

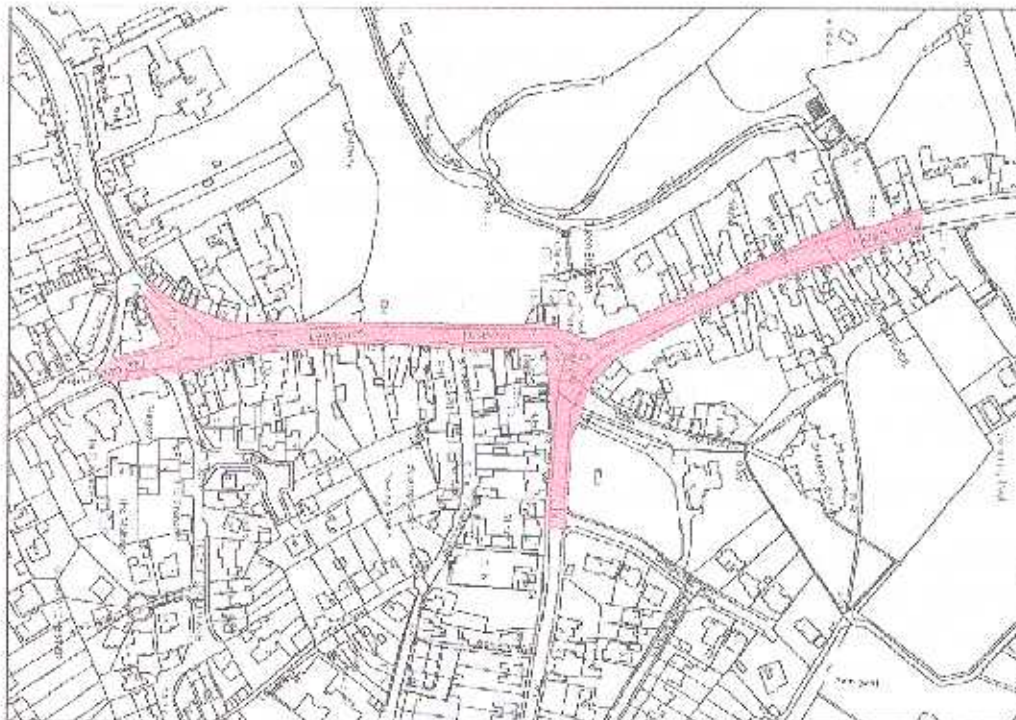
- 6.1 If the Panel supports improved cleaning services for one or more of the towns they may consider a recommendation to Cabinet that additional funding be provided or that the cleaning service be enhanced by savings from other services.

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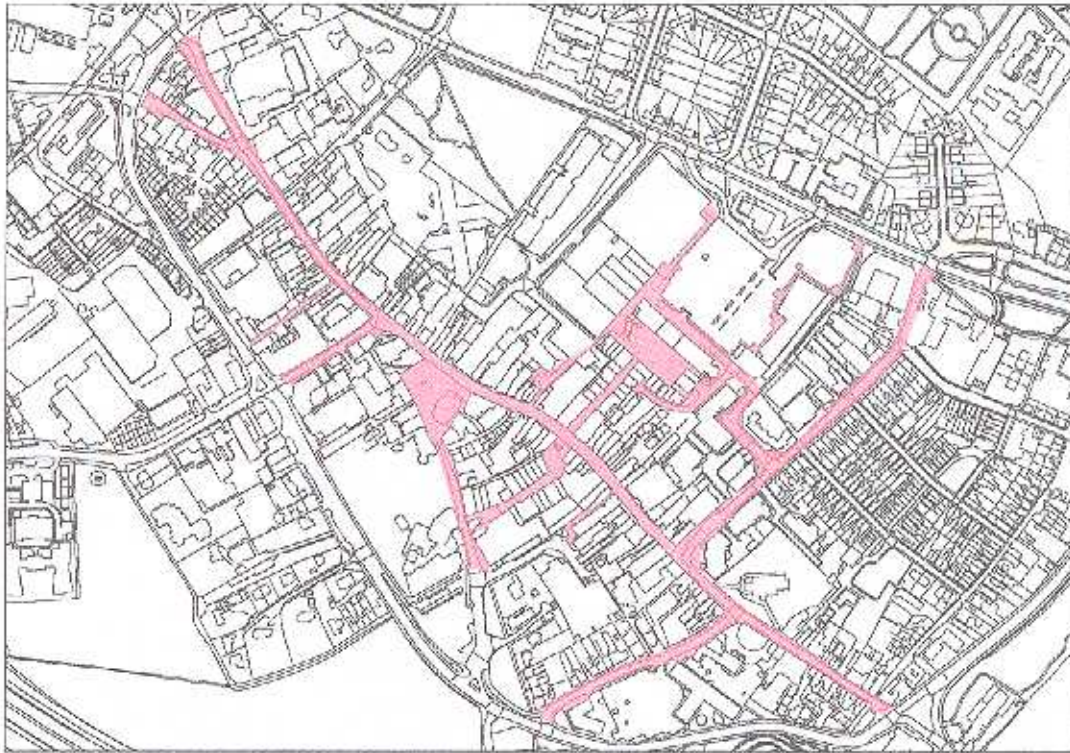
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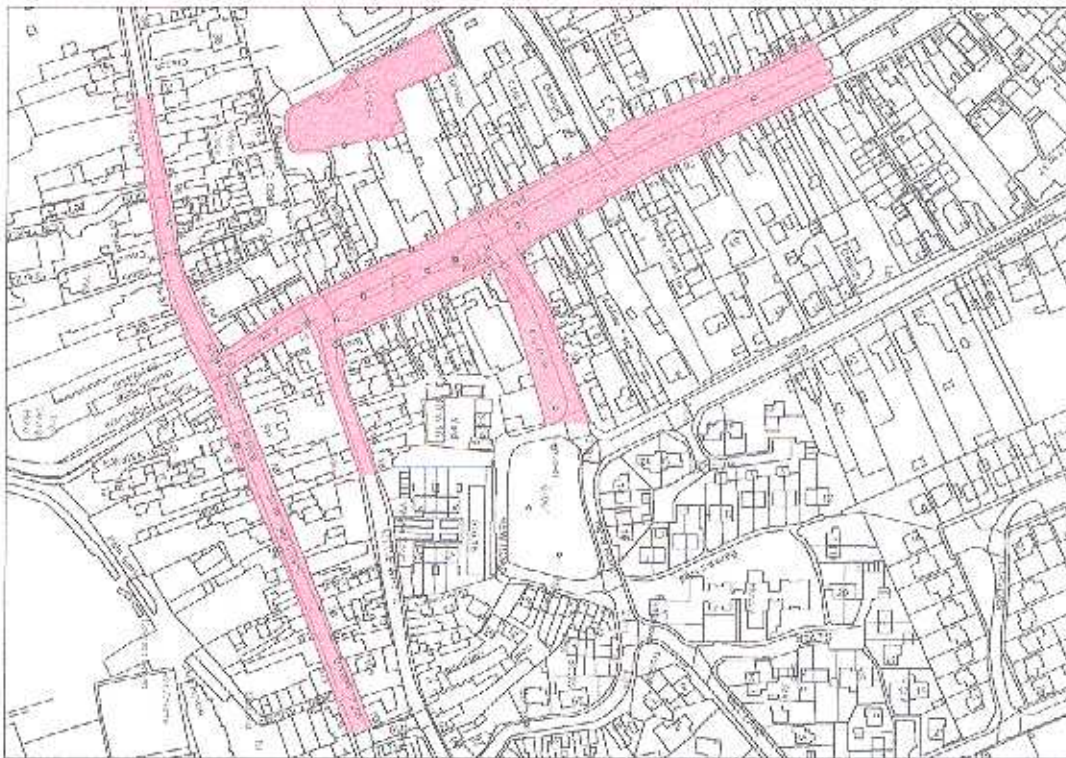
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## Huntingdon



## Ramsey



St Ives

