

**ENHANCED CLEANSING SERVICES
(Report by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery))**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At its meeting held on 4th September 2008, the Cabinet considered a report by the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery) on Enhanced Cleansing Services for the District's market towns. In so doing, requests were made for further investigations to be undertaken by the Scrutiny Panel.
- 1.2 A copy of the original report considered by the Cabinet is attached as an Appendix.

2. CABINET DECISION

- 2.1 The Cabinet noted the recommendations contained within the report but before making a decision, requested further information on the introduction of Sunday cleansing services, in particular, the operational issues associated with the scope of the areas to be cleaned and the delivery of the service. Particular reference was made to the extent of the areas identified and the need to target specific streets.
- 2.2 The Cabinet also registered their concerns that additional cleansing services on a Sunday were likely to cause some early morning noise and commented that this would be seen as being detrimental to some residents living within the vicinity.
- 2.3 In addition, a request was made for a financial proposal to be prepared for consideration as part of the Council's Medium Term Plan in the future.
- 2.4 The Cabinet concurred with the Panel's recommendations that financial contributions should be sought from the Town Councils towards the cost of implementing the proposal and that the use of Alcohol Disorder Zones should be investigated. A report on the latter was considered by the Cabinet on 16th October and by the Scrutiny Panel on 7th October 2008 and both concluded that Alcohol Disorder Zones were not appropriate for use in this context.

3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Executive Councillor for Operational and Countryside Services, together with the Head of Operations, were invited to attend the Scrutiny Panel's October meeting to discuss the Cabinet's requests further.
- 3.2 In response to the Cabinet's concerns relating to the operational issues associated with the proposal, the Head of Operations confirmed that those areas highlighted within the report represented the minimum deemed necessary for cleaning. Maps clearly showing the areas involved are enclosed separately with the Agenda.
- 3.3 Having acknowledged the Cabinet's concerns relating to early morning noise affecting some residents living within the vicinity of the areas to be cleaned, it

was reported that the proposed cleansing service would be limited to the emptying of litter bins and the use of small mechanical road sweepers. Additionally, it was reported that whilst employees would report to Eastfield House at 6:00am, the work the market towns would not start until approximately 7:30am.

- 3.4 The Panel reiterated their wish for financial contributions to be sought from the Town Councils but stressed that this should only be done if the Cabinet agreed the principle of providing an enhanced cleansing service. This would then enable the Executive Councillor for Operational and Countryside Services to arrange for the preparation of a financial proposal for consideration as part of the Council's Medium Term Planning process.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Cabinet is invited to reconsider the Scrutiny Panel's recommendations in light of the additional information contained in this report.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Reports and Decisions of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 4th September 2008.
Reports and Meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery) on 2nd September and 7th October 2008.

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