

**ENHANCED CLEANSING SERVICES
(Report by the Head of Administration)**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to acquaint Members with the Cabinet's decisions in response to the Panel's recommendations arising from the study on Enhanced Cleansing Services.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 1st July 2008, the Panel made a series of recommendations designed to enhance Sunday cleansing services in all the market towns in the District. The Cabinet considered the Panel's initial report at their meeting on 4th September 2008, but before making a decision, requested additional information. The request was discussed at the Panel's meeting on 7th October, when Councillor C R Hyams, Executive Councillor with responsibility for Operational and Countryside Services, and Mr R Ward, Head of Operations, were present. Arising from the discussions a further report was considered by the Cabinet on 6th November 2008, which was presented by Councillor J D Ablewhite, whom the Panel nominated to attend the meeting.

3. CABINET DECISION

- 3.1 Cabinet Members felt that the Panel had not sufficiently explained the scope for any redistribution of the cleansing schedule in the Operations Division, the precise extent of the streets to be cleaned and whether financial contributions were likely to be forthcoming from the Town Councils towards an enhanced cleansing service. Nevertheless, the Cabinet endorsed, in principle, the introduction of cleansing services on Sundays in the market towns across the District.
- 3.2 The Cabinet also concurred with the Panel's recommendations to seek financial contributions from the Town Councils towards the cost of implementing the proposal.
- 3.3 In addition, a request was made for the Head of Operations to investigate the feasibility of rescheduling cleansing rotas from within existing resources and for a further report on the investigations undertaken to be submitted to the Cabinet at a future meeting.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Panel is invited to note the Cabinet's decisions in response to the Panel's recommendations on providing enhanced cleaning services on Sundays in the District's market towns.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Minutes and Decisions of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 4th September and 6th November 2008.

Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery) Reports to Cabinet on Enhanced Cleansing Services dated 4th September and 6th November 2008.

Minutes of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Service Delivery) held on 1st July, 2nd September and 7th October 2008.

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