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## PRE-LETTING CLEANING SERVICE

### 1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks to update Members on the implementation of the service to clean Council properties prior to letting. (Minute 601/99)

### 2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Since the introduction of the above service on 1 June 1999, 168 properties have become vacant. Fifteen were considered to be in need of cleaning prior to an offer of tenancy to an applicant or as a transfer to a Council tenant.
- 2.2 The cost of cleaning each property is £90 and to date the initiative has cost £1,350. In all cases where a property was cleaned the offer of tenancy was accepted whereas before the cleaning service was introduced refusals were more prevalent. No further complaint concerning cleanliness has been received from tenants of these particular properties.
- 2.3 The Head of Revenue & Housing Management considers that the void period for these properties has been kept to a minimum.

### 3 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 In a full year cleaning is likely to cost approximately £1600, less any charges recovered.

### 4 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RESOLVES**

That the policy for cleaning empty properties continues, as required, prior to letting.

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**Background Papers:**

None.

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