

OUR ENVIRONMENT BEST VALUE REVIEW – TERMS OF REFERENCE AND WORK PROGRAMME

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report provides details of the terms of reference and proposed work programme for the 'Our Environment' Best Value review.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Members will recall that a programme for undertaking this best value review was agreed by Council on 18th February 2003. The agreed timetable envisaged a report to Members in June/July to agree the terms of reference and work programme and a final report in April 2004.
- 2.2 Since this timetable was agreed, more information has been forthcoming regarding the arrangements for the Comprehensive Performance Review of the authority. It is understood that the review will take place in February 2004, and, given that the assessment of public space is part of the assessment, it is proposed to shorten the timescale for undertaking this best value review.

3 TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 3.1 The proposed terms of reference for the review are as follows:
- To assess how well the Council contributes to the management of the physical environment
 - To examine how well the Council keeps the locality clean
 - To assess how well the Council works with partners to improve community safety
 - To assess the Council's contribution to activities to positively engage children and young people.
- 3.2 Following detailed analysis of these issues, the intention would be to prepare a 3-year action plan for improvement of weak areas.

4 TIMETABLE

- 4.1 A team has been formed to carry out the review and it is anticipated that a report will be prepared for the committee to consider at its meeting in October 2003.

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Community safety issues will be examined as part of the review.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The review is focussed on the Council's role in providing a safe, clean and attractive environment for the district's residents.

7 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 At this stage in the review, it is not possible to specify any resource implications.

8 RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That, subject to comments from Members, the terms of reference and arrangements for the 'Our Environment' Best Value Review be agreed. (HPS)

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Background Papers:

None.

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