

Our Environment Best Value Review – Action Plan

Actions	Officer Responsible	Resources	Targets	Outcomes	Progress/ Notes
Work with the Essex Waste Consortium to develop a new waste management contract that best reflects the district's future needs.	Leisure & Contracts Manager and Property Maintenance & Highways Manager	To be determined via the Essex Waste Consortium	New contract agreed by 2006/07	More efficient waste collection and disposal service that better national targets for recycling.	
Environmental audit to be carried out by independent assessment every three years	Property Maintenance & Highways Manager	£20,000 A new budget to be considered as part of the 2005/06 budget	Detailed 'state of the district' audit report prepared every three years commencing in 2005	Use the findings of the audit report to improve existing procedures or to introduce new arrangements for maintaining the appearance and character of the district.	

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<p>Prepare action plans to improve the arrangements for dealing with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chewing gum on pavements – expand the scope of the current cleaning arrangements to cover all town centres • Graffiti removal – develop arrangements to enable graffiti, particularly in town centres to be quickly removed from all buildings • Abandoned vehicles – develop new procedures for rapid removal • Fly-tipping – develop arrangements for the rapid removal of fly-tips, whether on public or private land • Weed removal in town centres – expand the programme for weed removal 	<p>Property Maintenance & Highways Manager</p>	<p>£10,000</p> <p>£10,000</p> <p>£10,000</p> <p>£15,000</p> <p>£15,000</p> <p>Budget for each initiative to be considered for 2005/06</p>	<p>Existing PIs, plus some additional local indicators to be developed by December 2004.</p>	<p>Measured against the PIs, a noticeable improvement in the appearance, character and cleanliness of the district.</p>	