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SUBJECT:	BEST VALUE – CAR PARKING	REF: myfiles/committees/communityscrutiny/carparkingBV.doc
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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the report be noted.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To outline the background to the Best Value Review of car parking and the decision to remove it from the Work Programme.

3.0 Content

3.1 A Best Value Review of Car Parking was originally programmed to commence in 2001/2002 as a follow up to the Value For Money study on fees and charges. It was included in the second year reviews as a follow on from Cleansing the Environment which, with a review of the then cemeteries and Bretby Crematorium Review, would have completed a full review of the Technical Services Division.

3.2 On 15th October, Members were informed that the review was to be carried out by the 'Clean Team' who were just completing their own Cleansing the Environment review. Accordingly, it was agreed that the review be reprogrammed to commence in January 2002 and a more detailed report was to be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee. (Minute CYS/8 refers). This would also have tied in with a study then currently underway in North West Leicestershire.

3.3 However, in the light of the Audit Commission's report on evaluating progress by Councils since this regime was introduced, new guidance was issued which indicated that Reviews should be more strategic, more challenging and focussed on delivering improvements in service delivery. Essentially this involved a move away from small reviews to larger cross cutting reviews including, where necessary, other Councils. Accordingly, a revised programme was agreed for the overall programme and Members agreed that the Car Parking Best Value Review could be removed from the programme. (Minute CYS/29 of 4/03/02 refers). It has now been included in a

proposed year 4 (2003/2004) review of Technical Services which would be a small tidying up review to cover all those services not already covered by the Cleansing the Environment Review.

- 3.4 However, Members will be aware that Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) has now been introduced. The Derbyshire authorities are due to be inspected from October next year. This may lead to further changes to the Best Value programme.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 None arising from this report

5.0 Background Papers

Community Scrutiny Reports and Best Value Performance Plans