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SUBJECT:	BEST VALUE REVIEW – CLEANSING THE ENVIRONMENT	REF: JRH/SAC
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: ES07, ES08, ES09

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 It is recommended Members note the progress made on implementing the action plan resulting from the Cleansing the Environment Best Value Review and agree to the rescheduling of certain actions.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To advise Members of the progress being made on implementing the action plan arising out of the Best Value Review – Cleansing the Environment.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The Development Services Committee approved the final report and action plan for this review in September 2001.

3.2 The review was inspected in October 2001 and the Best Value Inspectorate's review report was issued in February which confirmed their view that the services included were fair (one star) with excellent prospects of improvement.

3.3 One of the 72 actions included in the plan is to advise Policy and Scrutiny Committees on the progress on implementing the plan twice a year.

3.4 In accordance with the plan some 31 actions, within this Committee's areas of responsibility, were due for completion by this time of which 12 are completed, 6 are in progress and it has been necessary to propose that 11 are rescheduled. 2 items cannot be progressed as the associated service development proposals were unsuccessful.

- 3.5 The necessity for some rescheduling is the absence of some key personnel due to their having left the Council or being on extended sick leave.
- 3.6 The vacant post is currently being advertised, as is the new temporary recycling officer post. Once these posts are filled the Division will be more appropriately resourced to deliver the action plan.
- 3.7 All the actions, included in the plan for completion by April 2003, are included in the progress report item on Service Plans which is also on the agenda for this Committee. They can be found in the report on the Technical Services Division, "Service/Ongoing Key Tasks" and are marked with an asterisk. For ease of reference a copy of these papers follows at Annexe A.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 None arising out of this report.

5.0 Community Implications

- 5.1 Delivery of the action plan will lead to a cleaner environment for the people in the District. One impact which is already having a marked effect is the implementation of the Clean Team which has reduced the response time for dealing with flytipping to just over a day.

6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 A good start has been made on implementing the action plan although there is need for some rescheduling due to the affects of reduced staff resources. Appointment to vacant and new posts should enable a more appropriate resourcing of the remainder of the plan.