

Report

Body:	Scrutiny
Date:	4 December 2006
Subject:	Back Alleyways
Report Of:	Mark Probyn Assistant Director – Amenities & Contract Management
Ward(s)	All
Purpose	To provide Scrutiny with an update further to the Review reported to on the 5 December 2005.
Decision Type:	Not applicable
Recommendation:	That Scrutiny: (a) Notes this report (b) Notes the success of the Review and outcome; and (c) Agrees that no further report is required on this Review.
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 Scrutiny at its meeting on the 5 December 2005 resolved to endorse an Information Leaflet entitled 'Alleyways'; and to recommend to Cabinet that the Information Leaflet should be made available to the public in Council Office reception areas; on the Council's website; and that it should be sent to residents in response to correspondence received on such matters.
- 1.2 Scrutiny referred the matter to Cabinet who endorsed the proposal, further to which Information Leaflets were printed and have been readily available in the Council's Office reception areas; on the Council's website; and they have been sent to residents in response to correspondence received on such matters.
- 1.3 The leaflet informs residents of how they might identify ownership of a passageway, what rights residents they may have and who to contact.
- 1.4 Additionally, the leaflet is aimed at encouraging communities to take

responsibility for their surroundings and to promote opportunities for community groups to clean up neighbourhood areas.

2.0 The Review of Information Leaflet and Outcome

2.1 From a 'light' review of the use of the Information Leaflets it is clear that they have proven useful to staff dealing with enquiries, particularly in the Cleansing Group, Highways Group and Community Enforcement Team on unadopted passageways.

2.2 It is also understood that the information leaflet has been used widely by a number of Members in responding to residents enquiries within their Wards.

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 It is believed that the production of the Information Leaflet entitled 'Alleyways' has been extremely worthwhile in terms of providing information to the public; and it has become a very useful tool for officers and Members alike.

4.0 Recommendation

4.1 Scrutiny is recommended to:

- (a) Note this report
- (d) Note the success of the Review and outcome; and
- (e) Agree that no further report is required on this Review.

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Background Papers:

The Background Papers used in compiling this report were as follows:

Scrutiny Committee – 5 September 2005 – Back Alleyways

Full Council – 27 July 2005 – Scrutiny Committee – Annual Work Programme – Back Alleyways

Scrutiny Committee – 5 December 2005

To inspect or obtain copies of background papers please refer to the contact officer listed above.

(document reference)