ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL - REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member and Advisers for Waste and Emergency Planning
2.	Date:	Monday 18 March 2013
3.	Title:	Trialling a different way of working in street cleansing
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

As part of a wider review of the Street Cleansing Service we are proposing to trial a different way of working using an area around Clifton as the trial area.

6. Recommendations

That the Cabinet Member notes the proposals.

7. Proposals and Details

The method will be a hybrid of the current methods of working that is scheduled work and district cleansing work. The trial area is shown with the included map.

The proposal is based on the concept of enabling the local street cleansing operative to decide on how best to use his/her time to keep a defined area clean. Some elements of the cleaning service will remain the same as they are currently, namely graffiti removal, large incidences of fly tip and mechanical sweeping, but all other street cleansing issues within that area will be carried out by an operative using a caged vehicle and Billy Goat machine. So, for example, where we might currently have a schedule to empty bins once a week, the operative might choose to empty them three times a week or once a fortnight depending on how well they are used.

The operative will also take responsibility for the times of day when s/he works in any given area, so might choose to work around the school fast food outlets after the school lunch break to ensure the area remains as clean as possible for as long as possible.

It is intended to begin the trial on week commencing 6th May 2013, and a report back on the results will be made during the September cycle of meetings.

8. Finance

The costs for this will be met from the existing street cleansing budget.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

If the trial is not successful, there may be complaints from the local community.

10. Background Papers and Consultation

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