NEGLECTED LAND REVIEW GROUP ACTION PLAN

	ISSUE	OUTCOME	TARGET	TIME SCALE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER(S)	COMMENTS
1.	Ad hoc approach to responding to neglected land issues	Co-ordinated corporate approach to tackling issues. Establish 'virtual' officer task group.	• Identify contact officers within each Department with knowledge of relevant powers and processes. • Establish internal system for disseminating information and co-ordinating a response.	July '06 Aug '06	Steve Petch/ Bill Westland	Officer task group would particularly aim to deal with immediate events which impact on local amenity. Will link closely with ongoing Review of Regulatory Services.
2.	Council owned sites	Improvement to the environment, minimisation of petty crime and vandalism etc. Set a example to private owners as responsible land owners.	• Inclusion of council owned sites in maintenance programmes to allow sites to be kept tidy	Ongoing		

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3.	Area based approach	Establish links with Street Scene Team Leaders (and Zone Teams) to identify and inform task group about existing/emerging site concerns in their areas.	• Meet with Street Scene Co-ordinator to agree method for creating links. • Regularly monitor progress.	July '06 Ongoing	Steve Petch	Moving from reactive to pro-active approach.
4.	Funding availability	Identify and raise awareness within the Community about grants available for enhancing / improving local sites. Identify resources within or additional to Council budgets for the maintenance of Council land.	• External funding team to identify range of grants available and criteria for accessing them. • Raise awareness within the Community through relevant fora		Richard Horniman	Environmental Forum; Public Protection Forum; Community Partnerships. Explore scope for schools taking on areas of neglected land.
4.	Monitoring and Review	Feedback to Members on progress against Action Plan.	• Report to Env. Scrutiny Com. on a 6 monthly basis	Jan '07	Steve Petch	