

COMMITTEE:	CABINET
DATE:	13 MARCH 2003
SUBJECT:	ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP STRATEGY 2003-2006 POLICY FRAMEWORK
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, REGENERATION AND AMENITIES
Ward(s):	All
Purpose:	To consider an Environmental Stewardship Strategy 2003-2006 Policy Framework
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Recommendations:	Cabinet is recommended to endorse this Environmental Stewardship Strategy 2003-2006 Policy Framework

1.0	<u>Background</u>
1.1	The Best Value Review of Local Agenda 21 and Energy Advice reported to the Borough Council Scrutiny Committee on 26 March 2001. One of the proposals contained in the report was that the Council produce and implement an Environmental Stewardship strategy. This recommendation was approved by Cabinet on 18 April 2001.

1.2	The report also recommended the term "Environmental Stewardship" be used to cover the range of Council activities that can have an impact on the environment, whilst the stated aim of the proposed strategy was to "set targets and output measures which will lead to an improvement in the Council's environmental performance in line with the corporate objective to make Eastbourne A Place for the Future".
2.0	<u>Environmental Stewardship Strategy 2003-2006 Policy Framework</u>
2.1	The attached policy framework draws together the range of Council activities which have direct environmental implications, highlights their potential for adverse environmental impact, refines Council policy and sets out a series of environmentally friendly actions to achieve the Council's corporate aim of "A Place For The Future: We will protect and enhance the Borough's environment, sympathetically developing it for future generations". It is designed to be a bridging document used in conjunction with the various Service Plans and Best Value Revues which contain targets and actions.

3.0	<u>Consultations</u>
3.1	Internal only: Corporate Management Team and Heads of Service
4.0	<u>Human Resource Implications</u>
4.1	There are no additional human resource implications
5.0	<u>Environmental implications</u>
5.1	Identifying Council services which have direct environmental implications and bringing them together in a single policy document will facilitate the development of a comprehensive community environmental strategy

6.0	<u>Financial implications</u>
6.1	There are no additional financial implications
7.0	<u>Conclusion</u>
7.1	These actions are all based on other agreed plans and endorsement is recommended.
Elliott Cairnes Environmental Co-ordinator	
Background Papers: The Background Papers used in compiling this report were as follows:	
i) Amenities Division Service Plan 2002-2003	
ii) Best Value Review of Local Agenda 21 and Energy Advice 2002	
iii) Best Value Review of Cleansing 2001	
iv) Best Value Service Procurement Strategy and Guidance	
v) Building Control Best Value Review 2001	
vi) Cleansing Contracts Cabinet Report 2 October 2002	
vii) Downland, Trees & Woodland Service Plan 2003/4	
viii) Eastbourne Borough Council Constitution	
ix) Eastbourne Borough Plan 2001-2011	
x) Eastbourne Downland Management Plan	
xi) Environmental Charter 1990	
xii) ESCC Local Transport Plan	
xiii) Housing Management Division Service Plan 2002-2003	
xiv) Housing Needs & Strategy Division Service Plan 2002-2003	
xv) Parks Ground Maintenance Specifications	
xvi) Planning Division Service Plan 2002-2003	
xvii) Planning Policy Guidance Note 22: Renewable Energy	
xviii) Support Services Manager Cabinet Report December 6th 2000	
xix) Trees & Woodland Strategy	