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REPORT FROM:	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH MANAGER	OPEN PARAGRAPH NO:
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SUBJECT:	GENERAL ENFORCEMENT POLICY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION	REF: c:\myfiles\com\ES\ Enf-policy-general
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All	TERMS OF REFERENCE: CS02 & CS06

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the Committee approves the General Enforcement Policy for the Environmental Health Division and that subsequent minor alteration to the policy can be approved by the Environmental Health Manager without reference back to Committee.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 It is a requirement of the Audit Commission that each Local Authority Environmental Health section produce an Enforcement Policy document which is approved by its members, and is brought to the attention of businesses and the public within its geographical area. The policy outlines the enforcement procedure of the Section and follows the principles of, both Cabinet Office's enforcement concordat (adopted by this Authority in September 2000) and the Human Rights Act 1998.

2.2 In general it specifies the options available to enforce the Legal provisions of the following Environmental Health functions: -

1. Private Sector Housing
2. Environmental Health Protection
3. Animal Welfare
4. Public Entertainment Licences and all Licensing Activities
5. Abandoned Vehicles
6. Private Water Supplies
7. Pest Control
8. Private Hire Vehicles

and indicates the steps that must be followed by officers in the enforcement of the relevant Act.

2.3 The Environmental Health Section intends to publicise the policy via leaflets and place the policy on the SDDC website. A summary of the policy will be given out when officers carry out visits initially or statutory action is taken. This would inform stakeholders of the full policy and outline where they can view or obtain a full copy of the policy. We welcome comments from business and the public regarding the policy.

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications regarding this report.

9.0 Background Papers

9.1 General Enforcement Policy