

**TO: ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
13 January 2004**

SUBJECT: SMELLS FROM A FOUL SEWER IN KENILWORTH

FROM: ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTORATE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Committee and to consider the next steps.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Following a notice of motion, submitted by Councillor R I G Davies, to Council on 9 July 2003 a report was submitted to Committee, in August, from the Council's Environmental Health Department advising members of the current position with regards to the smells emanating from the foul sewer serving the Rouncil lane area of Kenilworth.
- 2.2 The Committee agreed that the September meeting should be held in Kenilworth and requested that a further report should be submitted to this meeting updating them on the work undertaken so far. In addition the Committee also requested that a representative from Severn Trent attend if possible.
- 2.3 The September meeting was held in Kenilworth and the minutes of this meeting including the agreed action points were reported to the November meeting.
- 2.4 Following the September meeting a meeting took place between, the Council's Environmental Health Department, Severn Trent, the abattoir and the abattoir's consultants and a further update meeting took place on 3 November. The outcome of both these meetings was be reported verbally at the November meeting.
- 2.5 A copy of the minutes from the November meeting are attached to the agenda at page 3a as appendix 2.
- 2.6 At the November meeting Officers undertook to provide information and details of the relevant consents relating to lorry movements associated with the premises, at appendix 1 to the report. A verbal update on the current position with regards to the smells problem from the Council's Environmental Health Department will be made at the meeting.
- 2.7 Officers also undertook to write to Farmers Fresh and to check the available public records to find the details of the numbers of animals being slaughtered at the premises each week. Officers did undertake this research, however the information was not available on public records and following advice from the Police, they have agreed to not to seek further information on this subject.

3. **OUTCOME(S) REQUIRED**

- 3.1 Members are requested to consider what if any further action should be recommended to the Executive, following consideration of the updates from the Council's Environmental Health and Planning Departments and Severn Trent.

Graham Leach
Committee Services Officer

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee 12 August 2003 Agenda & Minutes
Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 9 September 2003 Agenda and Minutes
Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee 4 November 2003 Agenda and Minutes

Areas in District Affected: Kenilworth St. Johns.

Executive Portfolio Area and Holder: Environment Services – Mrs Begg

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