

ITEM 8b

SOCIAL INCLUSION AND THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS REPORT

Response by the Director of Development & Cultural Services

Monitoring of the Action Plan will continue in order to ensure that all those actions which are capable of being taken forward are done so as speedily as possible.

With regard to the Council's own land stewardship, the Council's Asset Management Group will stress the importance of taking care of land and buildings to those directly responsible for their upkeep. Given the very limited resources available for maintenance, the Council has embarked on a programme of property review, option appraisals and scheme of prioritisation through the asset management process to ensure that these resources are well spent. Additional funding has been made available for graffiti removal and the Streetcare team will respond to all reasonable requests for attention within the budget available.

With regard to the specific case raised by Councillor Blanksby at the Commission meeting, the Director of Education is progressing that through to a satisfactory conclusion.