

# Operating a Cleaning Service over a large geographic area

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# Introduction

The story so far....Who we are & What we do!

# Innovations:

- New Machinery
- Holiday Planning
- New Ethos to Education
- Successes operating over a large geographic area.
- Disappointments & Challenges
- The Future and our approach to service improvements

Summary



### The Cleaning Story So Far.... Who we are & What we do!

- •4 years ago Cleaning and Catering were a combined service.
  - -Cleaning had previously taken a back seat.
  - A distinct lack of investment.
- •With the Service now spilt a new team was developed:
  - New Cleaning Service Manager
  - 2 Area Managers
  - Increased number of Area Co-Coordinators from 2 to 3.
  - Increased number of Squad Cleaners from 4 to 10.

#### Increased Responsibility:

6 High Schools 58 Primary Schools 94 Offices Crossing Patrollers Confidential Waste Feminine Hygiene House Deep Cleans Post Room Housing Association Cleans Kitchen Canopy Cleans Crime Scene Clear up





# New Ethos to Education 'Whack The Flu'

- Interpreted for Scottish primary schools
- The Education Department has agreed to add it on to their curriculum for excellence.
- Reduce the risk of infection being passed from one child to another.
- Correct hand washing methods :
  - BIFIM studies show this play has reduced ansence rates up to 52%
- Working together with teachers and pupils from Jedburgh Grammar created the play designed costumes
- 8 primary schools within three months
  - New Innovations:
- Cleaning Toys for Nursery's Talking Bins









Our Successes ..... In operating a service over a large geographic area

- Increased Squad Team
  - Holiday Planning
  - Offset Relief staff & contractor spend.
- Day Time Cleaning in High Schools
  - Improved Staff Moral
  - ♦Reduced Absences from 5.19% 4.02%
- Day Time Cleaning in Offices:
  - Hotdesk wipes
  - Recycle Banks Bins
- Service Awards:
  - BICS Challenge Cup winner 2010
  - BICS Challenge Cup runner up 2011
  - Winner APSE Best Service Team building / Facilities Cleaning Service





# **Disappointments** / Challenges

- ♦ Reduction of staff.
- ♦ A reluctance to change.
- ♦ The Removal of a Summer Clean.
- ♦ Technology.





# The Future and our approach to service improvements

• To raise the profile of cleaning services within the council as well as the private sector.

• Continued Training for all staff members to an accredited level.

Introduction of new technology :

- Censor bins and censor hand towel in our offices.
- Hand sanitizer units
- Micro fiber Cloths / flat mops systems across all sites



# Summery

- Increased investment in Cleaning Services over the last 4 years, following the restructure.
- An increase in the Squad Team along with the introduction of day time cleaning & accredited training has improved productivity and staff motivation.
- A continuing investment in new equipment has helped improve standards.
- Building relationships with in Education and Schools across the borders
- Help build a stronger profile of Cleaning Service

