



## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

**13 JULY 2004**

### **ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL – PROGRESS REPORT**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To inform the Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board of the progress made to date by the Environment Scrutiny Panel.

#### **2. PROGRESS OF THE PANEL**

- 2.1 In my new role of Chair of the Environment Scrutiny Panel, I am pleased to advise that this is my first progress report to this Board under my new remit.
- 2.2 Since the Work Programme of this Panel was approved at the last meeting of this Board on 15 June 2004, the Panel have:-
- (a) Established a calendar of formal Panel meetings until the end of this year;
  - (b) Considered the recent performance clinic data of the Environment and Neighbourhood Services, the outcome of which I will report verbally at this meeting; and
  - (c) Finalised the remit and terms of reference for our first Scrutiny investigation.
- 2.3 In my absence, the Scrutiny Support Officer has met with the Executive Director for Environment and Neighbourhood Services, and more so recently we both met with the Head of Streetscene Services to discuss in more detail

the approved changes that have been made to the Work Programme of this Panel.

- 2.4 Following such discussions, it would now seem appropriate that the Panel commences its first investigation into the Authority's Allotment provision as opposed to the Green budget given that negotiations continue with the Housing Stock Transfer, and as a result of this that our Work Programme be amended accordingly.
- 2.5 As such, endorsement is sought from the Board on the re-prioritised Working Programme of this Panel as follows:
- (a) Investigation into Authority's Allotment Provision – July 2004 to November 2004;
  - (b) Investigation into the Green Budget in the context of the Housing Stock Transfer – December 2004 to April 2004;
  - (c) Bi-Annual Progress Report on former Street Cleansing Investigation – July 2004 and January 2005;
  - (d) Investigation into Recycling - To be confirmed/possibly role over into next Municipal Year 04/05; and
  - (e) Investigation into Sustainable Energy - To be confirmed/possibly role over into next Municipal Year 04/05.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board:-
- (a) Notes the progress of the Environment Scrutiny Panel; and
  - (b) Endorses the proposed changes to the Environment Scrutiny Panel's Work Programme 2003/04 (paragraphs 2.3 to 2.5 refers).

**COUNCILLOR GEOFF COLE  
CHAIR OF THE ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL**

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.