



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

21 SEPTEMBER 2004

**ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL –
PROGRESS REPORT**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

3. PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

4. Since my last progress report to this Board on 24 August 2004, the Panel have:-
- (a) Considered a report on the legal framework for Allotments;
 - (b) Received the views of the Executive Member for the Environment;
 - (c) Considered information on the Government's policy on the provision of Allotments;
 - (d) Considered the views from a representative from the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Limited; and
 - (e) Received the views of Allotment holders from all six Allotment Sites across Middlesbrough.

5. The Panel are also to visit Darlington Borough Council on 23 September 2004 to compare their Allotment service provision. Members are to meet with key officers and Members and will visit both Self-Managed and Council-Managed Allotment Sites within Darlington.

6. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the progress of the Environment Scrutiny Panel.

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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