

AGENDA ITEM: 11(f)

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

8 FEBRUARY 2005

### ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL – PROGRESS REPORT

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

#### PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

2. Since my last progress report to this Board on 14 December 2004, the Panel has agreed the Terms of Reference, of our second investigation, which is the Green Budget in the context of the Housing Stock Transfer.
3. At the Panel Meeting of 15 December 2004, an overview of the Green Budget was received by the Panel from the Environment Service Area, Geoff Field. This provided the Panel with its lines of enquiry for there-onwards.
4. The Panel received a 'Setting the Scene' presentation, from the Environment Service Area, Geoff Field, at its meeting of 12 January 2005.
5. The Panel visited various Middlesbrough areas on a site visit that took place on 18 January 2005. The Operational Manager Keith Garland led the tour, which familiarised the Panel with the issues surrounding the scrutiny topic.

6. At the Panel's Meeting of 4 February 2005, the Panel received the views of the Executive Director for Environment and Neighbourhood Services, John Richardson and the Executive Member for Environment, Councillor Bob Kerr. The Panel also discussed the site visit of 18 January.
7. The Panel will meet again to further discuss evidence into this topic on 25 February 2005.
8. It is envisaged that this Scrutiny Investigation will conclude by the end of this current 2004/2005 Municipal Year.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

9. 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.