

AGENDA ITEM: 10 d

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

12 JULY 2005

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL

PROGRESS REPORT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) with an update on the progress of the Environment Scrutiny Panel.

BACKGROUND

2. Since last update the panel have concluded their review of the Green Budget and the final report will be submitted to the Executive in August. The report had originally been scheduled for approval in July however CMT had asked for an extension to enable further investigations to take place by officers into the financial implications of the recommendations.
3. Following the Council's Annual General Meeting on 18 May the membership of the panel was agreed as follows:
 - Cllr Geoff Cole (Chair)
 - Cllr George Rogers (Vice Chair)
 - Cllr Garry Clark
 - Cllr Michael Heath
 - Cllr Oscar Jones
 - Cllr Eleanor Lancaster
 - Cllr Joan McTigue
 - Cllr Ron Regan
4. The panel met on 10 June to discuss their future work programme which has subsequently been approved by the board. The panel will begin their core work with the review the Council's Recycling Policy and then go on to look at the topic of the Maintenance of Green Spaces, time permitting the panel also wish to consider the Council's Litter Bin Policy.
5. The panel have started this year's business with the first meeting on 29 June which was to receive an update from Streetscene Services on the recommendations that were made as part of the previous review into Street Cleansing.

6. The panel will begin the review of the Recycling Policy at their next meeting on 22 July where they will receive a presentation to establish the background to the policy which will be set into context with the Government's National Waste Strategy.

RECOMMENDATION

7. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the content of the report.

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