

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

9 AUGUST 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. As a result of the panel's six monthly update report on the implementation of the recommendations from the Streetscene review, the panel expressed an interest in finding out about the Council's litter enforcement policy. At the panel's next meeting on 12 August they will receive an update on current enforcement activities and the actions taken against offenders.
3. Since last update to the Board, the panel has also begun their review into the Council's Recycling Policy with particular reference to Green Waste. The panel met on 22 July to receive their first set of evidence which would help set the scene for the review. Ken Sherwood, Waste Services Manager set out the main waste management policy and the performance issues at a local and national level.
4. The panel will also agree the Aim and Terms of Reference for the review of Recycling at their next meeting.
5. As part of the review the panel will be visiting the Teesside Energy from Waste plant run by SITA Tees Valley Ltd. The visit will place at a time outside the set panel meeting dates and will involve a morning or afternoon session which will involve a tour of the facilities and the chance to ask questions.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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