

AGENDA ITEM: 8d

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

4 OCTOBER 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 the last update to the Board, the Panel has met on 9 September to review the evidence to date and to discuss the progress of the review.
3. At that meeting it was the intention to hear evidence from Dr Mark Fishpool, Director of Middlesbrough Environment City, however in the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair agreed that it was prudent to reschedule Dr Fishpool's presentation to an alternative date when more Members would be present. Therefore the presentation about the Home Composting Scheme will take place at the Panel's next meeting on 26 September.
4. At the Panel's meeting on 26 September, Members will also receive a presentation on the Draft Allotment Strategy. The strategy has arisen from the recommendations of the Panel's recent review into allotment provision in Middlesbrough.
5. Following the meeting on 26 September, the Panel will continue to receive evidence as part of the Recycling Review including further details on the Recycling Performance Indicators, encouraging recycling amongst residents and issues around developing a strategy for green waste.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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

22 September 2005