



AGENDA ITEM: 11(d)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

1 NOVEMBER 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, and at the time of writing this report, the Panel has met once (21 October 2005). That meeting considered presentations in relation to the Panel's review of recycling within the Borough and also a Draft Allotment Strategy.
3. In relation to the recycling review, Dr Mark Fishpool, Director of Middlesbrough Environment City, presented information regarding the Home Composting Scheme. The information will be taken into account by the Panel in drawing up conclusions and recommendations from the review process for inclusion in its final report on recycling.
4. Officers from Environmental Services also reported on the Draft Allotment Strategy which had been produced as a direct result of the recommendations arising from the Scrutiny Panel's earlier review of allotments.

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RECOMMENDATION

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

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