



AGENDA ITEM: 9(d)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

29 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 the Panel has met twice to continue its review of recycling. On 21 October 2005 the Panel considered a presentation from the Council's Corporate Performance Manager in relation to the implications of changes to the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) regime on recycling targets. On 18 November 2005, the Panel examined evidence from, and questioned, the Council's Waste Services Manager in respect of the possible development of a Green Waste Strategy (ie collection and composting of organic garden waste).
3. Information from both of these meetings will be taken into account by the Panel in drawing up conclusions and recommendations from the review process for inclusion in its final report.
4. The Panel's final evidence gathering meeting is scheduled for 29 November 2005 and will consider how recycling can be encouraged, including publicity and education.

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RECOMMENDATION

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

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