



**AGENDA ITEM: 9(d)**

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**3 JANUARY 2006**

### **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 once (29 November 2005) to continue its review of recycling. At that meeting, the Panel considered evidence from the Council's Waste Services Manager on what is being done and what can be done (locally and nationally) to encourage recycling - including publicity and education.
3. The Panel is also scheduled to visit Darlington Borough Council on 21 December 2005 to look at examples of work being undertaken in another local authority. Information from the November 2005 meeting and the visit will be included in the Scrutiny panel's final report. A draft final report, including conclusions and recommendations, is now being prepared for consideration at the Panel's next meeting.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

4. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the updated position.

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