



**AGENDA ITEM:**

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**31 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 visited Darlington Borough Council (21 December 2006) and has met once (23 January 2006) in respect of its ongoing review of recycling. Darlington officers provided information on the operation of that authority's kerbside recycling collection scheme and its recycling rates.
3. At the time of writing, the Panel is scheduled to meet on 23 January 2006 to consider a draft final report on its findings. This will be finalised and considered by the Overview and Scrutiny board in the near future. The 23 January meeting is also to consider a report on the Panel's next scrutiny topic, which will be either Maintenance of Green Spaces or Litter Bin Policy.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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