AGENDA ITEM:	13(d)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

28th FEBRUARY 2006

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 in respect of its review of recycling. On 23rd January 2006 the panel considered a draft final report on its findings, which was then confirmed at a meeting on 3rd February 2006. The final report is scheduled to be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny board on 28th February 2006.
- 3. The 3rd February meeting also gave consideration to the Panel's next scrutiny topic. Following a discussion on outstanding issues relating to Maintenance of Green Spaces, the Panel agreed to consider this topic in depth at the beginning of the next municipal year. In the meantime, a review of Litter Bin Policy will commence at the Panel's 3rd march 2006 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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