



AGENDA ITEM: ????

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

28th MARCH 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, on 3 March 2006.
3. At the above meeting the Panel began its latest scrutiny review - of litter bin policy - by gathering background information and setting the scene for the review. The Panel also agreed terms of reference for the review.
4. Dr Francesca Gains of Manchester University was present at the meeting as an observer. Dr Gains (together with other academics nationally) is undertaking a research project on local government mayoral, executive and scrutiny arrangements on behalf of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. Middlesbrough is one of sixty authorities which will be visited as part of the study.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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