



AGENDA ITEM: 8(d)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

22ND AUGUST 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 report was prepared for OSB, the Environment Scrutiny Panel has met once (25th July 2006) to continue its review of "Parking on and Protecting Grass Verges." The Panel has also visited a number of locations in the Borough, to see first hand problems and solutions associated with this review topic.
3. At the 25th July meeting the Scrutiny Panel finalised areas that it wishes to investigate and approved terms of reference and a schedule of meetings for the review. Consideration was also given to information on how verge schemes are identified and prioritised and the costs of the various solutions.
4. The Panel's next meeting is scheduled for 18 August 2006. Erimus Housing has been invited to attend the meeting in order to explore areas of mutual interest. Community consultation will also be examined at the meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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