



AGENDA ITEM 15 (d)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

6th MARCH 2007

**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 work of the Environment Scrutiny Panel.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the updated position.

BACKGROUND

- 3. Since the last update report was prepared for OSB, the Environment Scrutiny Panel has met once (12th February 2007) and approved its final report on Becks and Beck Valleys. This report is scheduled for submission to OSB on 6th March 2007.
- 4. At the 12th February meeting, the panel also considered an update on proposals to introduce "area care" arrangements into the Environment service area. The Executive Director of Environment and the Policy and Performance Officer (Environment Services) attended the meeting and made a presentation on the current position. Following questions from Members it was agreed that a progress report on the operation of area care should be submitted to the panel later in 2007/08.

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