



**AGENDA ITEM 12(d)**

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**3RD APRIL 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 report was submitted to OSB, the Environment Scrutiny Panel has met once (19<sup>th</sup> March 2007).
4. At the above meeting the scrutiny panel considered the following matters:
  - (a) An update report on implementation of the recommendations arising from the panel's 2005/06 investigation of recycling in Middlesbrough - The panel noted the progress which has been made in developing recycling and in improving the Council's recycling rate against national targets.
  - (b) Details of the "Transforming Our Local Environment" Theme of the 2007/08 Strategic Plan - The panel endorsed the content of the draft strategic plan.

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