

AGENDA ITEM 7(d)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

23 OCTOBER 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 Scrutiny Panel.

BACKGROUND

2. The Environment Scrutiny Panel is continuing its scrutiny investigation of waste services. At the panel's last meeting (12 October 2007), information was submitted as follows:
 - Officers from Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council attended the meeting to explain how recycling rates in that borough had been increased from 12% to 36% over the last three years.
 - A summary was submitted in respect of the findings of a Parliamentary Select Committee on refuse collection (the full document having also been made available to panel members).
 - A report was submitted on Council trade waste activities.
3. The panel's findings will be included in its final report on this topic, which will be submitted to OSB in due course.

4. The scrutiny panel also considered a report updating the position in respect of the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

RECOMMENDATION

5. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the updated position in respect of the work of the Environment Scrutiny Panel.

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