

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

18 DECEMBER 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.

BACKGROUND

2. Since the last update to OSB, the Environment Scrutiny Panel has met twice, on 19 November and 3 December 2007, to continue its investigation of “waste services”.
3. Officers from Environment presented information to the meeting in respect of the following term of reference:

“ In the light of performance requirements and anticipated recycling targets, to investigate existing service provision and policy options for:

- *domestic refuse collection*
- *trade waste activities*
- *street washing*
- *back alley cleansing*
- *junk jobs*
- *side waste”*

4. The two panel meetings considered information in respect of domestic refuse collection, street washing, back alley cleansing and side waste.

5. Detailed information was submitted in respect of existing policies, proposals being considered by officers and future policy options and an associated timetable. The panel's findings will be included in its final report on this topic, which will be submitted to OSB in due course.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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