



AGENDA ITEM 8(d)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

15 JANUARY 2008

**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 submitted to OSB, the Environment Scrutiny Panel has met on 4 January 2008. At that meeting the panel considered and approved its final report on the topic of waste services. The final report is due for consideration at Item 9 of the OSB's agenda. Following approval by the Overview and Scrutiny Board, the report will be submitted to the Executive.
4. The 4 January Environment Scrutiny Panel meeting also considered an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the panel's 2004-05 review of allotments. As part of the update, Members were informed that a number of improvements have been made to Middlesbrough's allotments, and also in respect of service provision and administration, as a direct result of the panel's investigations. Improvement works totalling more than £75,000 were undertaken in 2006/07, with further works to the value of more than £190,000 having been undertaken since May 2007. In addition, a decision in respect of a funding bid of £50,000 from the 2008/09 capital programme is awaited.

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