



AGENDA ITEM 10(d)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

8 APRIL 2008

**ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL-
PROGRESS REPORT**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To update members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) 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 to OSB, the Environment Scrutiny Panel has met twice, on 4 and 12 March 2008.
4. At the 4 March meeting, the panel continued its investigation of environmental enforcement and considered information in respect of budget and resource-related issues. Members also considered a report in respect of the Local Area Agreement insofar as it relates to the work of the Environment Scrutiny Panel.
5. At a special meeting on 12 March, the scrutiny panel considered updated information from the Executive Director of Environment in respect of the ongoing review of waste services. This followed the panel's interim report on this subject, which contained a recommendation that finalised proposals in respect of the Executive Director's review should be considered by the panel prior to consideration by the Executive.
6. In accordance with the above recommendation, the panel considered a presentation and report on the Executive Director's proposals in relation to revised refuse collection rounds. The proposals were supported and are scheduled to be considered by the Executive on 1 April 2008. A report on this aspect of the waste services review appears separately on the current OSB agenda.

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