

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

6 MAY 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 7 and 18 April 2008.
4. At the 7 April meeting, the panel continued its investigation of environmental enforcement and considered information in respect of the Council's Environmental Enforcement Policy. This was the panel's final evidence gathering on this topic and a draft final report is to be considered by the panel on 28 April 2008. An update from that meeting will be reported at OSB.
5. A report on priorities for inclusion in the "Transforming Our Local Environment" theme of the Council's 2008-11 Strategic Plan was also submitted to the above meeting. The report highlighted achievements in 2007/08 as well as future priorities.
6. At its 18 April 2008 meeting, the scrutiny panel considered a report on the Council's failure to secure Erimus Housing's grounds maintenance contract and the associated implications. A report on this issue is included elsewhere on the current OSB meeting agenda. The report includes the scrutiny panel's findings, conclusions and recommendations.

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