

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

1 JULY 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 to OSB, the Environment Scrutiny Panel has met once, on 6 June 2008.
4. At that meeting, the panel considered and agreed its work programme for 2008/09. This matter is covered by a report elsewhere on the OSB agenda. Topics agreed for consideration were as follows:
  - Countryside Matters (to include bio-diversity and tree management)
  - Condition of Empty Shops and Properties
  - Takeaway Policies (to include an examination of effect on local communities)
  - Allotments Strategy

Plus short reviews (or updates where appropriate) on:

- Area care
- Recycling (to include the implications of latest Government targets)
- Junk jobs

- The contribution of street wardens to town cleanliness (Cont....)
- Waste services review
- The Council's Carbon Reduction & Climate Adaptation Action Plan

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