

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

29 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 twice, on 1 and 18 July 2008. On 1 July the panel considered an overview from the Business Development Manager, Environment of its new topic for investigation, namely "Countryside Matters."
4. Members considered information in respect of this fairly wide topic area and indicated possible issues which should be explored and included in the scope of the terms of reference of the review. The terms of reference were scheduled to be approved at the panel's 18 July meeting, although it was not possible to proceed on that date due to the meeting being inquorate.
5. Site visits were also organised for 18 July, with arrangements having been made for the scrutiny panel to view facilities at Lingfield Countryside Centre and Newham Grange Leisure Farm as part of its information gathering for the scrutiny investigation.

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