

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**17 NOVEMBER 2009**

### **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 30 October 2009.
4. The panel's review of Cleaning Arrangements is ongoing. At the above meeting, the panel considered information on the following aspect of this topic:
  - In the light of moves towards a seven day/24 hour economy, to examine existing arrangements for flexible/weekend working in areas such as Area Care.
5. The scrutiny panel heard that the Executive Director is at the early stages of conducting a review of working in this area, with all future options yet to be considered. The panel's findings on this matter will be incorporated into its final report on this topic, which will be presented to OSB in due course.

6. Following a request from a Council Member which was considered at the Environment Scrutiny Panel's previous meeting, it had been agreed to examine the current position concerning regarding flood prevention and the Council's sandbags policy. Information on these issues was submitted to the panel's 30 October meeting. A report on the panel's findings is included elsewhere on the Overview and Scrutiny Board agenda.

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