

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**1 JUNE 2010**

### **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 to OSB, the Environment Scrutiny Panel has met once, on 23 April 2010.
4. At the above meeting the scrutiny panel considered reports on the following:
  - a) Nature's World - Introduction and overview of new scrutiny topic. The panel agreed to receive an update report and consider the matter further in due course.
  - b) Side waste policy - the panel agreed to support the formal introduction of a no side waste policy.
  - c) Non-domestic junk jobs charging policy - The panel agreed to support the principle of charging for 'non-domestic' junk jobs (ie materials such as kitchen units, garden fences etc), although some comments were made on the need to monitor interpretation of the policy and allow time for the policy to 'bed in.'

5. The scrutiny panel's next meeting is scheduled for 4 June 2010, when updated information will be submitted on the topic of dealing with empty and eyesore properties. The scrutiny panel will also consider its work programme for 2010/11.

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