

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

29 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 4 June 2010.
4. At the above meeting the scrutiny panel considered reports on the following:
 - a) Empty and Eyesore Properties - This was an update report following the scrutiny panel's earlier investigation of the Condition of Empty Shops and Properties. Members were informed of continued progress in this area through use of the Council's points system, which deals with the worst properties in priority order.
 - b) Streetscene Business Plan - The panel considered the Streetscene Business Plan as background information to assist in identifying possible topics for inclusion in the 2010/11 Work Programme.
 - c) Work programme 2010/11 - The panel agreed to examine the issue of pest control as its first topic of the new municipal year.

5. Further consideration is to be given to determining the remainder of the work programme at the scrutiny panel's next meeting on 5 July 2010.

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