

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

24 AUGUST 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. It is RECOMMENDED as follows:
 - a) That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the updated position.
 - b) That the Board confirms the membership of the Joint Working Party established to examine the impact of vehicle emissions and air quality on health.

BACKGROUND

3. Since the last update to OSB, the Environment Scrutiny Panel has met once, on 30 July 2010.
4. At the above meeting the scrutiny panel considered reports on the following:
 - a) Review of the Council's Pest Control Service - Terms of Reference for the review were agreed. The panel's investigation of this topic will take place over the course of one meeting, scheduled for 23 August 2010.

- b) Review of Fleet Services - The scrutiny panel considered a comprehensive report on the Council's Fleet Services operation from the Head of Streetscene. It was agreed that a draft final report on the panel's findings will be submitted to its next meeting (23 August 2010). The report will be submitted to the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board.
5. OSB has previously been informed that an examination of the impact of vehicle emissions on health is also to be undertaken in conjunction with the Health Scrutiny Panel. A Joint Working Party has been established, comprising the Chair and Vice Chair of the Environment Scrutiny Panel (Councillors R Kerr and S Carter) and the Health Scrutiny Panel (Councillors E Dryden and L Junier), plus one non-Labour Member from of each panel.
6. Overview and Scrutiny Board is requested to determine the two non-Labour Members from the following:
- Environment Scrutiny Panel** - Councillors D Davison, C Hobson, B Hubbard and J McTigue.
- Health Scrutiny Panel** - Councillors D Davison, Mrs H Pearson OBE and P Rogers.
7. Meetings of the Working Party have been scheduled from September 2010 onwards.

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