

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**21 SEPTEMBER 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** 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 August 2010.
4. At the above meeting the scrutiny panel considered reports on the following:
  - a) Review of Fleet Services - The scrutiny panel considered a draft final report on this topic. A draft final report on the panel's findings appears earlier on the OSB agenda.
  - b) Review of the Council's Pest Control Service - The panel's investigation took place over the course of one meeting, on 23 August 2010. This covered:
    - Fees and charges.
    - Main areas of work - including trends and pressure points.
    - Performance measures.

- Pest control around becks and sewers.
5. A draft final report on the panel's findings will be considered at the scrutiny panel's next meeting and will be submitted to the following meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board.
  6. 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. The Joint Working Party that has been established will meet on 20 September 2010. An update from that meeting will be presented at the OSB meeting.

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