

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**19 OCTOBER 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 twice, on 17 September and 11 October 2010.

#### **17 September 2010**

4. At the above meeting the scrutiny panel considered reports on the following:
  - a) Allotments Strategy - The strategy has been updated following a recommendation made the Environment Scrutiny Panel in early 2009 that it should be re-drafted as an achievable and deliverable document.
  - b) Final report on the Pest Control Service - This report appears earlier on the Overview and Scrutiny board agenda.

## **11 October 2010**

5. At the time of writing, the above meeting has not yet taken place. The meeting is scheduled to consider reports on the following:
  - a) Property Services - The panel is to consider an introduction/overview of this topic, which is the next item on its 2010-11 work programme. Property Services is the Council's in-house direct service provider for building cleaning, property maintenance, caretaking, security and associated services.
  - b) Nature's World - The panel is to meet with representatives of the Nature's World Board concerning the Council's interest and involvement in the business and its future direction.

### **Joint working party - Impact of Air Quality on Health**

6. OSB has previously been informed that an examination of the impact of air quality vehicle emissions on health is currently being undertaken by a Joint Working party in conjunction with the Health Scrutiny Panel. The working party met on 20 September 2010, when information on Middlesbrough's air quality was submitted. The next meeting of the working group is scheduled for 18 October 2010, when information will be considered on NHS Middlesbrough's involvement in this issue and also on One Planet Living.

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