

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

16 NOVEMBER 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 29 October 2010. At the above meeting, the scrutiny panel agreed recommendations in respect of the previously agreed allotments strategy. A report in respect of the recommendations appears earlier on the OSB agenda.
4. The meeting also approved terms of reference for its review of property services, together with a report on the implications of the transfer of some property services functions from Mouchel back to the Council.
5. Prior to the meeting, the scrutiny panel visited Nature's World in relation to its examination of that topic, particularly the Council's interest and involvement. Members viewed the facilities on site before considering a consultant's report which reviewed the organisation's business model.

6. The Environment Scrutiny Panel's next meeting is scheduled for 22 November 2010, when further information will be submitted in respect of property services and an update will be provided in respect of the Council's 'bring sites' for recycling.

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