

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

11 JANUARY 2011

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 three times, on 29 October, 22 November and 16 December 2010.

29 October 2010

4. At the above meeting the scrutiny panel considered reports on the following:
 - a) Review of Property Services - The panel agreed terms of reference for its examination of this topic. Information was also submitted in respect of arrangements concerning Mouchel, which manages the budget for repairs and maintenance of Council buildings.
 - b) Nature's World - The panel considered a report containing exempt information which had been produced by Consultants in respect of the business model at Nature's World. Prior to the meeting, arrangements were also made for the scrutiny panel to visit Nature's World to view its facilities.

22 November 2010

5. At the above meeting the scrutiny panel considered reports on the following:

- a) The Council's 'bring sites' for recycling. The scrutiny panel was consulted on proposals to reduce the number of these sites, which are the smaller recycling sites associated with supermarket car parks, shopping parades etc.
- b) Nature's World - The panel considered and agreed its final report on this subject. The report is shown elsewhere on the OSB agenda.

16 December 2010

6. At the above meeting the scrutiny panel considered reports on the following:

- a) The panel's final report on Property Services was approved. This appears elsewhere on the OSB agenda.
- b) Weed Control - an introduction/overview was presented on this new scrutiny topic.

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