



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

18 OCTOBER 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.

RECOMMENDATION

2. 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 3 October 2011.
4. The panel's investigation of footpath repairs is ongoing. To date, information has been considered as follows:
 - The legal position in respect of vehicles crossing footpaths to access in-curtilage parking.
 - A draft discussion document regarding possible action in respect of the above.
 - Details of how repairs are identified, prioritised and scheduled - including the authority's approved programme of repairs and maintenance.
 - Details of how third party claims against the authority are dealt with.

5. Arrangements have also been made for panel members to undertake a 'walkabout' to various locations in Middlesbrough to see examples of issues covered by the scrutiny investigation.

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