

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 8d

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

24 JULY 2012

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 report to OSB, the Environment Scrutiny Panel has concluded its investigation and produced a final report on the topic of maintenance of highway trees and natural woodland. This was approved at the last meeting of OSB and will be submitted to The Executive in due course.
4. The panel has agreed its work programme for 2012, and, at its last meeting on 9 July 2012, began to examine the topic of Environment Service Standards. These set out frequencies and standards that customers can expect to receive for around 20 services, including fly tipping, refuse collection, grass cutting, weed control and junk job collections.
5. At the 9 July meeting, Members considered an introduction/overview on the new scrutiny topic.
6. The panel's next meeting (30 July 2012) is scheduled to examine performance information in respect of the service standards.

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