

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 12d

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

16 OCTOBER 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 met twice, on 10 September and 1 October 2012. Details of those meetings are shown below.

#### 10 September 2012

4. The panel considered information from a representative of the Fabrick Housing Group concerning energy reduction and carbon reduction measures. This was in the context of the panel's investigation of action taken in these areas/environmental awareness of public bodies - such as the University, Police and NHS. The panel hopes to ultimately produce a final report highlighting examples of best practice, for dissemination among the bodies that have been involved in the exercise.

**1 October 2012**

5. The panel considered information from the Assistant Director, Environment Services on current and possible joint working arrangements between Tees Valley and other authorities. The submitted information covered a number of areas including:
  - Waste Management Contract
  - Traffic signal maintenance
  - Laboratory and metrology services
  - Arboricultural services
  - Street lighting
  - Fleet management and vehicle maintenance
6. The panel is to draft a final report on its findings, for submission to OSB in due course.

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