

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

**AGENDA ITEM 9 (d)**

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

**11 DECEMBER 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 once, on 3 December 2012. At that meeting, the panel considered an update on local Flood Risk Management Arrangements.
4. Following introduction of the duty to report annually to scrutiny on local flood risk management, the latest report had been considered earlier in 2012 by the Environment Scrutiny Panel. The panel requested a further update during 2012 and to invite the Environment Agency to attend the panel.
5. The scrutiny panel heard that Middlesbrough Council works closely with the Environment Agency to manage local flood risk. Details were submitted of the Flood Risk Management Strategy and associated plans and documents. This includes identifying areas of flood risk and ensuring that appropriate management measures are put in place.

6. A representative of South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is to attend the Environment Scrutiny Panel's next meeting (3 December 2012). This is in respect of the panel's investigation of environmental awareness, energy and carbon reduction in local public bodies. The panel intends to produce a final report highlighting examples of best practice, for dissemination among the bodies that have been involved in the exercise.
7. An update from the December 3 meeting will be presented at OSB.

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