

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 8d

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

17 SEPTEMBER 2013

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. At the Environment Scrutiny Panel's last meeting, (27 August 2013), Members received an overview/introduction on the topic of the Council's Bereavement Services. Information was submitted in respect of a number of relevant issues, including:
 - Current service provision.
 - Current and future issues - eg budget reductions, possible development of a local private crematorium and possible implications.
 - Headstone safety.
 - Grave maintenance.
 - Provision of future burial land.
 - Mercury abatement at the crematorium.
4. The Environment Scrutiny Panel's next meeting is scheduled for 16 September 2013, when Members will begin investigation of the topic of Middlesbrough Environment City. An update from that meeting will be reported to the OSB meeting.

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