

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 9d

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

4 MARCH 2014

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 (3 February 2014), the following matters were discussed:
 - a. Allotments - Further information was submitted on this topic, including a detailed budget breakdown. A draft final report on the subject will be considered at the panel's 24 February 2014 meeting and will be submitted to the April 2014 meeting of OSB.
 - b. Energy Reduction - An update was submitted on this subject following the panel's 2010 investigation. The panel was informed of progress made to date and of trends in energy usage.
 - c. Energy Efficient Street Lighting - An update was submitted on this subject following the panel's earlier investigation. The panel was informed of progress made to date.

- d. Environmental Awareness of Local Bodies - An update was submitted on this subject following the panel's earlier investigation. The panel requested an update on progress regarding the panel's recommendation to establish an Energy Reduction Partnership.
4. As outlined above, the Environment Scrutiny Panel is next scheduled to meet on 24 February 2013. An update from that meeting will be presented at OSB.

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