

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 11(d)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

22 JULY 2014

<p style="text-align: center;">ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL - PROGRESS REPORT</p>
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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.

BACKGROUND

2. At the Environment Transport Scrutiny Panel's last meeting (23 June 2014), the panel received information from the Assistant Director – Environment, Property and Commercial Services on the main responsibilities of the service, as well as some of the key challenges facing the service in the year ahead.
2. Following the presentation the panel considered possible topics for review and agreed its works programme for 2014/15. The Overview and Scrutiny Board subsequently approved the panel's work programme on 1 July 2014.
3. *Property services – outline business case* had been identified by the panel as a Change Programme topic, which merited early investigation by the panel, as there were concerns about the potential risks to the Council if the ambitious financial targets identified in the business case for this project were achieved over the 2014-2017 period.
4. The Assistant Director – Environment, Property and Commercial Services has since advised the panel that his concerns in respect of the above have been taken on board by the Council's Transformation Board. *Streetscene Services – future service delivery models* will now be the focus of the panel's input into the Change Programme. This topic will be considered at the point where it is felt the panel can have the most valuable input into the process.

5. The first review topic the panel has selected is 'North Ormesby Market' and the panel received a 'setting the scene' presentation on this topic on 14 July 2014.
6. The Council's Community Regeneration Manager and Principal Trading Standards Officer attended the meeting to present background information and an overview of the topic. A verbal update on the information received at the meeting will be provided to OSB.

RECOMMENDATION

7. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the content of the report and the updated position.

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