

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 13 (d)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

6 JANUARY 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. Since the last report to OSB the Environment Scrutiny Panel has met twice, on 10 November 2014 and 1 December 2014.

10 November 2014

3. At its meeting on 10 November the panel received an update on the number of fly tipping incidents that have been recorded in Middlesbrough in recent years and how those figures compare with neighbouring authorities.
4. It was evident from the information received that there has been an increase in the number of fly tipping incidents recorded in the 5 Wards of East Middlesbrough. However, there was no correlation with the introduction of charges for junk job collections. The Defra figures for 2013/14 demonstrated that fly tipping in Middlesbrough is not inconsistent with general trends across the region.
5. Information obtained in respect of sources of funding available for Environmental improvements across the town were also presented.
6. In addition the panel also considered an urgent item in respect of the Alternative Delivery Model (ADM) for Environment, Property and Commercial Services.
7. The panel was informed that as part of the budget reduction measures, which were set out in the Council's Change Programme in 2013, several services were tasked

with undertaking an evaluation of alternative delivery models (ADM). The panel had previously been advised that an initial scoping exercise had been undertaken in respect of Environment, Property and Commercial Services and a shortlist of four ADM options had taken place.

8. The panel was provided with a copy of the Assessment Panel Pack for use in the options appraisal process. This was with a view to advising the panel of the various options being considered prior to the outcome of the options appraisal / recommendation outlining the next stage of the process being presented to the Executive.

1 December 2014

9. At its meeting on the 1 December the panel received an update in respect of the ADM for Environment, Property and Commercial Services from the relevant Assistant Director. The panel's Interim Report on this topic is therefore included on today's agenda for the Board's consideration.
10. In addition the panel considered its final report on the topic of the Maintenance of Open Spaces. The panel's report on this topic is submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for approval.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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