

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 9(d)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

3 MARCH 2015

<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 once, on 2 February 2015.
3. At that meeting the panel held a roundtable discussion with the Council's Community Regeneration Manager, the Principal Trading Standards Officer, the Head of Environmental Services, a representative from NONDET and the Chair of the Middlesbrough Branch of the Market Traders Federation on the topic of North Ormesby Market.
4. An overview of the performance of North Ormesby Market in recent years was presented. The information included comparative data on the number of traders attending the market on Tuesdays and Saturdays, the number of 'second-hand goods' traders at the Saturday market, as well as overall income generation figures.
5. The panel was also advised that an 'in-principle' agreement was approved by the Executive Member for Supporting Communities in December 2014 for NONDET to take over the management of North Ormesby Market, subject to a number of conditions being met. An action plan has since been developed in partnership with NONDET and a copy of the plan was provided to the panel. The main aims of the action plan relate to staffing, future cleansing arrangements and NONDET's performance in market management.

6. Reference was made to the possibility of NONDET operating the market 4/ 5 days per week. However, the view was expressed by a number of representatives that North Ormesby Market would be unable to sustain that level of frequency. It was acknowledged that specialist markets could be tried at certain times of the year, for example, a Christmas Market may be an option. It was agreed by the panel to revisit the topic in the spring of 2015.
7. In addition to the above the panel also received information in respect of the energy efficiency measures that were included in the project specification for the development of the new Middlesbrough Sports Village.
8. At the time of writing the panel's next meeting is scheduled for 23 February 2015. At that meeting the panel is due to receive an update on the topic of Household Waste Management - a short, sharp review undertaken by the panel in 2014. An update in respect of that review will be provided to the Board at today's meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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