

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

## AGENDA ITEM 10 (d)

### OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

15 SEPTEMBER 2015

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL - PROGRESS REPORT</b></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 on one occasion on 3 September 2015.
3. At that meeting the Head of Environmental Services was in attendance to provide the Panel with further information in respect of the panel's current review on the topic of the 'Education/Enforcement – Environmental Issues'.
4. Information was provided to the Panel on a number of issues including:-
  - The number of Fixed Penalty Notices issued by local authorities in the North East region in respect of dog fouling and littering
  - A case study highlighting an initiative adopted by Hartlepool Borough Council in respect of environmental enforcement
  - The findings of the Communities and Local Government Committee recent report on Litter and fly tipping in England.
5. Following receipt of the information above the Panel expressed the view that details of the environmental education work undertaken with residents and businesses be considered.

6. An informal meeting of the Panel is scheduled to take place on 10 September and an update of the information received at this meeting will be provided at today's Board meeting.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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