

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 13 (d)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

02 AUGUST 2016

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.

BACKGROUND

2. Since the last report to OSB, the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel have met on one occasion on 7 July 2016.
3. At that meeting the Interim Assistant Director for Environment, Property and Commercial Services, the Head of Environment Services and the Property Services Manager were in attendance to provide an overview of key issues facing the service in the year ahead.
4. The panel agreed its work programme for 2016/17 as follows:-
 - Commercial opportunities within Environment, Property and Commercial Services including:-
 - Catering and Cleaning Contracts
 - Parks Management
 - Pest Control
 - Fleet Management
 - Ayresome Industries
 - Future land availability for burials.
 - Ball game signs
 - Impact of Housing Growth – Joint with other panels to cover transport, GP provision and school places. .
5. Updates on previous reviews will include:-

- North Ormesby Market
- Maintenance of Open Spaces including grass cutting
- Education / Enforcement – Environmental Issues
- Bereavement Services

6. For consultation / information purposes the panel will consider the following:-

- District Heating for Middlesbrough Town Centre
- Flood Risk Management
- Middlesbrough's Tree Policy

7. The panel's next meeting is scheduled to take place on 1 September 2016. At that meeting the panel will receive a setting the scene presentation on the topic of commercial opportunities within EPCS. Following the presentation from the service the panel will be asked to agree the proposed overall aim of the review and the terms of reference.

8. An update in respect of the panel's previous review on the topic of North Ormesby Market will also be provided. The Council's Community Infrastructure Manager and Chair of North Ormesby Neighbourhood Development Trust will be in attendance to present the update.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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