

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 8(d)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

13 SEPTEMBER 2016

<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. The Environment Scrutiny Panel last met on 1 September 2016. At that meeting the panel received an update on its previous review topic of North Ormesby Market.
3. The Chair of North Ormesby Neighbourhood Development Trust (NONDET) and the Business Development Officer were in attendance at the meeting. The Council's Head of Communities, the Operations Manager (North Ormesby Community Hub) and a representative from the Department of Environment, Property and Commercial Services were also in attendance.
4. The panel was informed that since 1 April 2016 NONDET has taken over the management of North Ormesby Market from the Council under a Service Level Agreement. Information was provided in respect of funding, promotion and advertising, relationships with the Traders Association, planned events, waste disposal and general issues.
5. It was highlighted to the panel that NONDET have been successful in securing £10,000 of funding through the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens (FCFCG) to actively promote healthy eating and food preparation. In addition NONDET has also secured £9,800 of funding through the big lottery 'Celebrate fund' to promote and run three specialist markets and events on the market site in December, April and August.

6. The interim Assistant Director for Environment, Property and Commercial Services was also in attendance to provide the panel with a 'setting the scene' presentation on the topic of commercialism.
7. In light of the information provided the panel's review on this topic will focus on developing the Council's commercial approach to catering / cleaning and pest control services. The scrutiny panel's next meeting is scheduled for 6 October 2016. At that meeting the panel will receive further information on the current scrutiny topic.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

9. The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:
 - Agenda and meeting papers – Environment Scrutiny Panel – 1 September 2016.

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