

**ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
8 SEPTEMBER 2009**

**WORKING GROUPS UPDATE REPORT
(Lead Working Group Members)**

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report sets out the progress achieved to date by the working groups of the Environment, Culture and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

2 SUGGESTED ACTION

- 2.1 **That this update report be noted.**

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

'Waste Not Want Not' – Review of Waste and Recycling

- 3.1 The completed report of this review was adopted by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission on 16 July 2009 and was subsequently sent formally to the relevant Executive Member. The Executive response is expected at the meeting of the Commission to be held on 24 September 2009.

Housing Strategy

- 3.2 This Working Group has completed its work and provided detailed input to the draft Housing Strategy which was finalised and approved by the Executive in July 2009.

Housing and Council Tax Benefit Service Improvement Plan

- 3.3 Work to monitor the implementation of the above Improvement Plan has been completed and a response to the report sent to the Executive on 22 July 2009 is awaited.

Review of Highway Maintenance

- 3.4 The first meeting of the Working Group established to review highway maintenance is scheduled to take place on 28 September 2009.

Playbuilder Scheme

- 3.5 The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Panel met officers to discuss the Government's Playbuilder Scheme, which provides investment in play and transforming local areas into innovative and adventurous play spaces, and decided to monitor developments through the Performance Monitoring Reports.

Background Papers

None

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