

**ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
8 DECEMBER 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 Executive response to this review was considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Commission on 19 November 2009 and appears elsewhere on this agenda for the Panel's consideration.

Housing and Council Tax Benefit Service Improvement Plan

- 3.2 The response of the Executive to this review is included elsewhere on this agenda for the Panel's consideration. The Working Group is being reconvened for monitoring purposes now that the draft Housing and Council Tax Benefit Plan has been approved by the Executive.

Review of Highway Maintenance

- 3.3 This Working Group has met on two occasions to date. Having received an introductory briefing in respect of highway maintenance at its first meeting, the Working Group discussed the scope of the review. The scope was agreed by the Working Group at its second meeting when it received a presentation concerning highway asset management. A third meeting of the Working Group is being arranged to enable it to consider a report regarding the current state of the road network and receive a presentation on the financial and other resources given over to highway maintenance, the extent to which the roads maintenance is needs or resources-driven and how much Bracknell Forest is spending on highway maintenance compared with other councils. Other work for this Working Group is being planned.

Background Papers

None

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