

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 4

AD-HOC SCRUTINY PANEL

21 APRIL 2016

DRAFT FINAL REPORT - COUNCIL USE OF CONSULTANTS

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To present the draft final report of the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Panel following its investigation of the Council's use of consultants.

BACKGROUND

2. Following a number of panel meetings on this scrutiny topic, a draft final report is being prepared which summarises information gathered and highlights issues explored in considering the terms of reference. The draft final report is in the process of being finalised and will be circulated to panel Members as soon as possible in advance of the scrutiny panel meeting.
3. Members are asked to note that, in accordance with the usual procedure, the draft report will not contain conclusions and recommendations. The scrutiny panel will be requested to give consideration to these once the content of the draft report has been agreed.
4. Council officers who have been involved in providing the information for the panel's investigation will also be forwarded a copy of the draft report and invited to forward comments or attend the panel meeting in order to comment on the information contained in the report.
5. All final reports which are presented by the scrutiny panel to the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) for consideration are owned by the panel. It is therefore important that no report goes forward which does not have the endorsement/approval of the Panel. The Panel should therefore ensure that all evidence/lines of enquiry which it wished to pursue have been accommodated. If not, this should be either referenced in the final report, or the panel should continue to pursue such lines of enquiry before the report is considered appropriate for approval and submission to the OSB.

RECOMMENDATION

6. That the panel considers the draft final report on the Council's use of consultants and adds appropriate conclusions and recommendations prior to submitting the report to the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

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