



HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

15 July 2004

<p style="text-align: center;">ESTABLISHING THE REMIT AND DIRECTION - SCRUTINY OF “HEALTHY LIVING” REVIEW</p>

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To establish the terms of reference, timescale and general approach to conducting a review into Healthy Living.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Panel approves the terms of reference, timescale and general approach to the review.

3.0 INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 The Panel's work programme was informed by the health community, the Executive Member for Social Services and Health and a public consultation exercise. The proposal, was then endorsed by the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 15 June.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Government had issued a major consultation document entitled "Choosing Health" and views from Members of the Council sought. The consultation is far more than just treating people when they are ill but also of fundamental importance in taking action to safeguard health and prevent problems before they occur. The outcome of the consultation is to be incorporated into the White Paper published this summer to inform the governments spending review and setting priorities.
- 4.2 The PCT have reported on a range of issues re health inequalities and how these relate to general deprivation as demonstrated by recent indicators.

4.3 The improved access to leisure facilities for children has been promoted as such a project funded by Middlesbrough PCT, which is providing free swimming.

4.4 Other initiatives such as introducing healthier choices of food for children at an early age is also high on the agenda.

5.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE

5.1 The Panel is advised to determine the direction and scope of the examination and agree a specific terms of reference.

6.0 TIMESCALE AND GENERAL APPROACH TO THE REVIEW

6.1 The Panel should aim to complete its final report during October. There are a number of detailed aspects to the review and the Panel needs to consider how it wishes to approach each aspect within the timescale.

7.0 POTENTIAL WITNESSES

7.1 There is a wide range of agencies from which the Panel can take evidence and the Panel is advised to identify those bodies at this meeting.

8.0 EXPERT ADVICE

8.1 The Panel should consider whether it wishes to ask an expert advisor to assist with the review.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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