

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL
22 July 2005**

**TOBACCO CONTROL SCRUTINY REVIEW:
DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To bring to the Panel's attention the draft terms of reference for the Tobacco Control Scrutiny Review.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel endorses the draft terms of reference, following any amendments felt necessary.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. The topic of Tobacco control is one which is currently very high profile on a national scale. In the recent Government White Paper 'Choosing Health' provision was made for a partial smoking ban on enclosed public spaces, covering those places where prepared food is sold.
4. Since the publication of the White paper, the debate over tobacco control has intensified, with various organisations including some local authorities declaring their premises as smoke free and stating the importance of aiming towards smoke free cities or towns.
5. The topic of Tobacco Control and smoking has, therefore, shifted from being solely an issue regarding individual health to one increasingly concerned with the perceived dangers of passive smoking, particularly in public places.
6. As a result of this, it is now an opportune time to consider the topic of tobacco control across Middlesbrough. Particularly, the impacts of control on the health of local people and the impact of any control regime on the local economy and the vitality of local businesses. Accordingly, the following are proposed as Terms of Reference.

7. To investigate the topic of tobacco control in enclosed public places in Middlesbrough.

Specifically

- 7.1 To take evidence on the perceived health impacts of passive smoking
 - 7.2 To establish the views of the local population in relation to tobacco control in enclosed public places
 - 7.3 To investigate the economic impact on Middlesbrough's businesses of tobacco control measures
 - 7.4 To investigate the views of local businesses regarding the potential scope of tobacco control
 - 7.5 To investigate the views of interest groups as to the impacts of tobacco control
 - 7.6 To consider any lessons from elsewhere in the UK where Tobacco control has been implemented.
8. Potential Witnesses for the Panel to speak to during the evidence gathering would be
 - 8.1 The Mayor
 - 8.2 Executive Members
 - 8.3 Middlesbrough PCT
 - 8.4 Chamber of Commerce
 - 8.5 Local Licensees Association
 - 8.6 Forest
 - 8.7 Ash
 - 8.8 University of Teesside and University of Durham
 - 8.9 North East Public Health Observatory.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

'Choosing Health: Making healthy choices easier', published by the Department of Health, 2004. See www.dh.gov.uk

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