

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL
7 SEPTEMBER 2005**

**TOBACCO CONTROL REVIEW – EVIDENCE FROM
NORTH EAST PUBLIC HEALTH OBSERVATORY**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce representatives from the North East Public Health Observatory, who are providing evidence regarding tobacco consumption rates for the area and other related information.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Health Scrutiny Panel notes the content of presentation and accompanying briefing notes, in relation to the Tobacco Control Scrutiny Review.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. Representatives from the North East Public Health Observatory will be present at today's meeting to brief the Health Scrutiny Panel regarding statistical information relating to tobacco consumption in the area and the impact of tobacco on the health of local people. The North East Public Health Observatory has supplied a number of briefing papers relevant to this Review, which are attached to this report.
4. Receiving evidence from the Public Health Observatory is an important step in building up an accurate picture of matters relating to Tobacco consumption and its effect in the town. Following receipt of this information, the Panel will be well placed to receive evidence from a wider set of sources.
5. The Panel is advised to note the contents of the Public Health Observatory's briefing, in the light of the review's terms of reference, which are outlined below.

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

Specifically

- 6.1 To take evidence on the health impacts of passive smoking
- 6.2 To establish the views of the local population in relation to tobacco control in enclosed public places
- 6.3 To investigate the economic impact on Middlesbrough's businesses of tobacco control measures
- 6.4 To investigate the views of interest groups as to the impacts of tobacco control
- 6.5 To consider any lessons from elsewhere in the UK where Tobacco control has been implemented.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. Please see attached information sheets from the North East Public Health Observatory.

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