

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL
7 SEPTEMBER 2005**

TEES REVIEW BRIEFING

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To advise Members of the Health Scrutiny Panel of the progress of the Tees Review.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That Members note the content of this report and endorse the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee as the appropriate forum to handle the scrutiny work into the Tees Review.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. Members will be aware that the topic of the 'Tees Review' has been present in the local health economy for approximately two years.
4. It commenced in the summer of 2003 and was essentially concerned with NHS organisations on Teesside carrying out a review, to assist the local healthy economy in developing a long-term vision for health services and deal with challenges presenting themselves.
5. There has been further work carried out by Prof Sir Ara Darzi, a government advisor on the configuration of hospital services across the Tees Valley.
6. The local health economy will soon go out to consultation on a set of proposals. The local NHS is statutorily obliged to consult with overview and scrutiny over those proposals.
7. In line with Directions of the Secretary of State, as the proposals will impact on the residents of more than one authority, it is necessary for the affected local authorities to form a Joint Scrutiny Committee.
8. This will be done, with the involved local authorities, including Middlesbrough, having equal representation on that Joint Committee.

9. Regular updates will be provided to the Health Scrutiny Panel as regards the progress of the Joint Committee in dealing with the Scrutiny Review.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

10. Please see www.teesreview.nhs.uk for more information regarding the Tees Review.

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