

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL
28 SEPTEMBER 2005**

**TOBACCO CONTROL WITHIN ENCLOSED PUBLIC PLACES –
EVIDENCE FROM NORTH EAST CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce to the Panel, representatives of the North East Chamber of Commerce, who are providing evidence to the Panel regarding the above review.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel notes the information received, in the light of the agreed terms of reference for the Tobacco Control Review.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. At its meeting on 7 September 2005, the Health Scrutiny Panel received evidence regarding the Tobacco Control review. The evidence received at that particular meeting centred on the health impacts of Second Hand Smoke. Consequently, the contributors to that meeting were the North East Public Health Observatory and Middlesbrough Primary Care Trust.
4. Following information on health impacts, the next important element for the Panel to receive evidence on, is the economic impact of Tobacco Control in Enclosed Public Places.
5. It is to this end that representation from the North Est Chamber of Commerce will be present a today's meeting. The Chamber of Commerce, as an authoritative voice for local business, will have a great deal of knowledge to assist the Panel in exploring potential the economic impacts of Tobacco Control on the Town.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

6. No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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