

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

21 OCTOBER 2005

**TOBACCO CONTROL SCRUTINY REVIEW – EVIDENCE FROM THE
CHAIR OF THE NORTH EAST BRANCH OF ASH**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce the Chair of the North East branch of Ash, who is attending today's meeting to contribute to the above Scrutiny Review.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel notes the information provided by Ash, in the context of the Tobacco Control Review.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. The Panel will recall that when considering how to take this review forward, it was felt important that some time was devoted to ascertaining the views of interest groups with regard to Tobacco Control.
4. It is to this end, that the Chair of the North East Branch of Ash will be in attendance at today's meeting. Ash stands for Action on Smoking and Health and states that it is:
 - 4.1 "A campaigning public health charity working to eliminate the harm caused by tobacco"
5. ASH will firstly present an overview of its position in relation to Tobacco Control. Following that, Members of the Panel are invited to ask any questions they have in relation to ASH's position to assist in the gathering of evidence for the Review.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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