

AGENDA ITEM: 5

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

29 NOVEMBER 2006

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To ensure that Members are aware of what took place at the Overview and Scrutiny Board Meeting on 14 November 2006.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAST OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

2. At the previous meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, the following matters were discussed and considered necessary to feed back to the panel.

14 November 2006

| AGENDA ITEM TITLE | ACTION/COMMENTARY |
|--|---|
| Developments in Patient and Public Involvement. | <p>Jo Malone (Assistant Chief Executive of Middlesbrough PCT) presented the Board with information to appraise Members of the proposed changes within the Patient and Public Involvement Framework, in relation to the National Health Service.</p> <p>The report explained, in detail, that a forum called the Local Involvement Network (LINKs) will gather information about local people's needs and their experience of health and social care. The information received will be analysed and the findings will be shared with appropriate bodies, including Health Scrutiny.</p> <p>LINKs will be replacing Patient & Public involvement Forums, which are going to be abolished.</p> |

| | The information contained within the report was noted. |
|--|--|
| AGENDA ITEM TITLE | ACTION/COMMENTARY |
| Executive Feedback – School Meals – Litter Bins Policy. | The report provided information on the decisions of the Executive on the Overview and Scrutiny Board’s final reports. The information contained within the report was noted. |
| Executive’s Forward Work Programme. | The Overview and Scrutiny Board considered and noted the contents of the Executive’s Forward Work Programme. |
| Outcome of Call-In Procedure – Housing Renewal Policy. | The information contained within the report was noted. |
| Parking On and Protecting Grass Verges. | <p>The content of the report was discussed. The Board referred to the importance of enforcement action, the current priority system for repairs and the fact that verge schemes have no dedicated budget but are funded from the Highways Maintenance Budget. It was agreed to refer the report back to the Environment Scrutiny Panel with a request that consideration be given to the inclusion of an additional recommendation in respect of the need for budget provision.</p> <p>Once amendments have been agreed, the report will be submitted to the Executive Office to await the service’s response.</p> |
| Scrutiny Panels – Progress Reports | A report from each Chair was submitted outlining the progress on current activities. |
| Scrutiny Review – Implementation of Recommendations | The information contained within the report was noted. The Board was advised that since the production of the report, additional updates have been received from officers. The up-to-date information will be presented to the scrutiny panels in due course. |
| Any Other Business | <p>Ad Hoc – Local Area Agreement – Tuesday 28 November at 4pm.</p> <p>OSB – Wednesday 22 November – Meeting</p> |

| | |
|--|------------|
| | cancelled. |
|--|------------|

**COUNCILLOR E. DRYDEN
CHAIR OF THE HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report: -

- (i) The agenda papers of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting of 14 November 2006.

Contact Officer:

Jon Ord

Scrutiny Support Officer, Performance and Policy Directorate

Telephone: 01642 729706 (direct line)

Email: jon_ord@middlesbrough.gov.uk