Middlesbrough Council



AGENDA ITEM: 6

8 FEBRUARY 2007

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 9 January 2007.

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.

9 January 2007

AGENDA ITEM TITLE	ACTION/COMMENTARY
Provisional Revenue Support Grant Settlement 2007/2008	The purpose of the report was to provide the Board with an outline of the proposals set out in the 2007/2008 Revenue Support Grant Consultation Paper.
	The Board noted the content of the report.

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Medium Term Financial Plan 2007/2008 – 2010/2011 and Revenue Budget 2007/2008	The report outlined the medium term financial position for 2007/2008-2010/2011 and set out the estimated draft 2007/2008 revenue budget.
	The Board requested additional information on how increased costs will be managed within the existing budget for Children, Families and Learning. The board were informed that the service is currently developing its internal medium and long term financial planning and appraising a series of options to mitigate the costs. Predictions for the next financial year are key to successful financial planning.
	The Board were also informed that it is unlikely that any significant reductions to the spending pressures within CFL will be achieved by 2007/2008. However, temporary balances are available to support the additional expenditure during the year.
	The Board considered and noted the contents of the report.
One Stop Follow - Up Review	The purpose of the report was to provide the board with information on the outcome of the One-Stop service follow-up review.
	The actions agreed by Executive following the 2005 review have all been completed and this has resulted in improved outcomes for users of the One-Stop service.
	The Board made an enquiry and requested information detailing the reasons why responses provided by departments are anonymous. KR noted the enquiry.
	The Board noted the report.
Outcome of Call-In: Disposal of Site 44 (Longridge)	The purpose of the report was to inform the Board of the outcome of the special meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Board held on 7 December 2006.
	The Board noted the contents of the report.
Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports	A report of the Chair of each Scrutiny Panel was submitted outlining the progress on current activities.

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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 9 January 2007

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