# Middlesbrough Council



AGENDA ITEM: <sup>7</sup>

### **HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

#### **25 OCTOBER 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 24 September 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.

## 24 September 2007

AGENDA ITEM TITLE	ACTION/COMMENTARY
Deputy Mayor	Councillor Bob Kerr conveyed the aims and objectives, which directly relate to his portfolio.  The Executive Member also provided the Board with information regarding the significant issues currently being pursued within his area of responsibility, these included:  Key Stage 3 – Improving Attainment  Council Tax – Rates of Collection  Continuing Development of Middlehaven  Transport Access to Middlehaven  Maintaining a 4 Star Excellent Rating for the Council  The remaining Executive Members have been scheduled to attend OSB over the course of the municipal year.
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Consolidated Performance Clinic Report	The purpose of the report was to provide Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board with an overview of Council performance for the first quarter of 2007/08, in relation to:

April 2007- June 2007	<ul> <li>Key Planned Actions given in the 2006/2007 Strategic Plan</li> <li>Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs)</li> </ul>
	The Council has performed well in the first quarter of 2007/08. The following achievements were noted:
	94% of Key Planned Actions are on target to be achieved within timescale.  64% of RVPIs are expected to achieve the target set.
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Executive's Forward Work Programme	opportunity to consider whether any item in the Executive's Forward Work Programme should be considered by OSB or referred to a particular scrutiny panel.
	The Chair raised the issue of trade waste, which was scheduled for an Executive decision in October 2007, and referred to the Environment Scrutiny Panel's current examination of waste services. OSB considered that the Scrutiny Panel should be involved in consideration of any policy issues on this topic prior to determination by the Executive. It was therefore suggested that the position on trade waste should be clarified.
	The Board considered, and noted, the content of the report.
Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports	A report of the Chair of each scrutiny panel was submitted outlining the progress on current activities.
Any Other Business	The Chair presented the Board with a proposal to establish an Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel with a remit to address corporate issues.
	The Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel will:
	<ul> <li>Examine the current process of the Executive Scheme of Delegation and the process for undertaking Executive Decisions.</li> <li>Undertake an examination on corporate issues as directed by the Overview and Scrutiny Board.</li> </ul>
	The Board agreed that the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel would consist of eight Members and will be chaired by Councillor Mike Carr. The Panel will be politically balanced in accordance with the Council's constitution.

# 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 24 September 2007.

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