

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

19 NOVEMBER 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 23 October 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.

23 October 2007

AGENDA ITEM TITLE	ACTION/COMMENTARY
Respite and Palliative Care Services	<p>The briefing paper was produced in response to the recommendations of the Middlesbrough and Eston Health Scrutiny Joint Committee following its review of 'Respite and Palliative Services for Children with Life Limiting Illnesses'.</p> <p>The Board were in agreement that an event should be arranged for all Members across the Tees Valley. The event will encourage Members to discuss the types of services required to address the support needs of children with disability and complex health needs across South Tees, and further consider the extent to which these services can be developed. The Board requested that representatives from the NHS Trust and Middlesbrough PCT be invited to attend this event.</p> <p>The Board agreed that attempts will be made to ensure that Government Members fully appreciate the urgency of publishing both the eligibility criteria guidance for assessing continuing healthcare funding, and clarification regarding the legality of using health funding for individualised budgets.</p>

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Executive Member – Economic Development	<p>Councillor Paul Thompson conveyed the aims and objectives, which directly relate to his portfolio.</p> <p>The Executive Member also provided the Board with information regarding the significant issues currently being pursued within his area of responsibility, these included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Development • Business Support • Business Accessibility • Development of Specialised Shops • Supporting Major Companies • Training/Skills and Employment Opportunities <p>The remaining Executive Members have been scheduled to attend OSB over the course of the municipal year.</p>
Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports	<p>A report of the Chair of each scrutiny panel was submitted outlining the progress on current activities.</p>
Any Other Business	<p>The Board were in agreement that a special OSB will be arranged in order to discuss the relocation of the Post Office from Grange Road into WHSmiths. The meeting will take place before the next OSB, which is scheduled to be held on 20 November 2007, convenient dates are currently being identified. The Post Office, Post Watch and WHSmiths will be invited to provide evidence at the meeting.</p>

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 23 October 2007.

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