



AGENDA ITEM: 6

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

5 MARCH 2008

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1. To ensure that Members are aware of what took place at the Special Overview and Scrutiny Board meetings on 21 January, 29 January, 7 February 2008 and the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting on 12 February 2008.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAST OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

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

21 January 2008 - Overview & Scrutiny Board and Economic Regeneration & Transport Scrutiny Panel

AGENDA ITEM TITLE	ACTION/COMMENTARY
Local Development Framework Regeneration Development Plan	<p>Under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Local Planning Authorities are required to produce a Local Development Framework (LDF) for their areas. The Regeneration Development Plan Document contains site specific policies and allocations for the development of land for the period up to 2021.</p> <p>The purpose of the report was to seek approval for the publication of the Regeneration Development Plan Document (DPD).</p> <p>The content of the report was considered and approved.</p>

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Local Strategic Partnership/Local Area Agreements/Clusters Structure, Operation and Objectives.	<p>The purpose of the presentation was to provide the Board with an overview of the aims and objectives of the Local Strategic Partnership, Local Area Agreement and Clusters.</p> <p>Members noted the information provided.</p>
Corporate Assessment/CPA - Structure on the Council's Self Assessment	<p>The purpose of the presentation was to provide Members with overview of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA). Members were informed of how the CPA framework examines the Council corporately to improve services and deliver improved outcomes for local people.</p> <p>The Board noted the content of the presentation.</p>

7 February 2008 – Special Overview & Scrutiny Board Meeting

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Review of Medium Term Financial Plan 2008/2009 – 2010/2011 and Revenue Budget 2008/2009	<p>The purpose of the report was to provide the Board with an outline of the updated medium term financial position for 2008/2009 to 2010/2011 and set out proposals to address the funding gap identified within the report to Executive on 20 December 2007.</p> <p>Members of the Board considered and noted the content of the report.</p>

12 February 2008 – Overview & Scrutiny Board

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Mayor to address the Board	<p>The Mayor conveyed the aims and objectives, which will help in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promoting Middlesbrough locally, regionally and nationally and; • Ensuring that strategically, all Council services are delivered effectively and efficiently. <p>The remaining Executive Members have been scheduled to attend OSB over the course of the municipal year.</p>
Diversity and Equality Policy 2007-2010	<p>A report was presented to the Board containing information on the Diversity and Equality Policy. The Policy is for the benefit of all Members,</p>

	<p>employees and service users of the Council and aims to ensure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no employee, job applicant or service user receives less favourable treatment because of their gender, race, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation or age as defined in the relevant anti-discrimination legislation • services meet the needs of our diverse communities, especially those who experience discrimination and disadvantage • policies and procedures promote and monitor diversity in Council employment and deal effectively with discrimination and harassment • any barriers that discourage access to employment or services are minimised or removed. <p>The Board approved the content of the report and requested that all Members be encouraged to attend the forthcoming training events on this important policy .</p>
<p>Early Years Learning Outcomes and Sure Start – Final Report of the Children & Learning Scrutiny Panel</p>	<p>The Board considered the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel’s final report on this topic.</p> <p>OSB heard that early childhood is crucial in terms of children’s development and well-being. Growth is rapid and a significantly high proportion of learning takes place from birth to six years old. It is therefore a time when children particularly need high quality learning and development experiences.</p> <p>Given the importance of early years development, the scrutiny panel sought to investigate service provision in Middlesbrough, with a particular emphasis on learning outcomes and the role of Sure Start.</p> <p>The report and its recommendations were approved and will be referred to the Executive.</p>
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<p>The Developing Role of the Street Wardens – Final Report of the Social Care & Adult Services Report</p>	<p>The overall aim of the Scrutiny investigation was to undertake a review of the developing role of the street warden service following the recent change in management arrangements.</p> <p>The panel was interested to find out how the role of the wardens had developed since the scheme was introduced. Members were concerned that there was a perception that the wardens’ role had become too wide and therefore too onerous for the wardens to be able to deliver. The panel also took into consideration that there was an apparent public perception that the wardens were a ‘back up’ service to support the police.</p> <p>Following the shift to a more community development focussed service the panel wanted to consider if this was an appropriate role for the wardens. If it was, the panel then wanted to establish if the wardens</p>

	<p>were equipped for the new role and consider whether there was the appropriate training and support available to wardens.</p> <p>The Board considered and approved the content of the report .The report will now be submitted to the Executive Office to await the service's response.</p>
<p>Teenagers Hanging Around – Final Report of the Community Safety & Leisure Scrutiny Panel</p>	<p>The aims of the scrutiny investigation were to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore and identify the key issues associated with teenagers hanging around, which the Auditors considered significant in bringing this subject to Members attention. • What are the links between residents feeling less well informed about the Councils actions and teenagers hanging around and what is being undertaken to address this, • Are there any direct links between teenagers hanging around and anti social behaviour or is it primarily one of perception. • What is the Council or Middlesbrough Partnership doing to address this concern in either marketing or driving activities to attract teenagers away from hanging around <p>The report was approved subject to deleting recommendation 'D' and will now be referred to the Executive.</p>
<p>Consideration of Requests for Scrutiny Reviews:</p> <p>Play Scheme Provision</p>	<p>A report was presented to the Board requesting Members to consider the appropriateness of commissioning a scrutiny review into play scheme provision within Middlesbrough.</p> <p>It was agreed that the request would be added to the work programme containing possible reviews, for the next municipal year, and will be considered at a later date.</p>
<p>AGENDA ITEM TITLE</p>	<p>ACTION/COMMENTARY</p>
<p>Consideration of Requests for Scrutiny Reviews:</p> <p>Collaboration of agencies to identify and progress Education and Employment for Young People in East Middlesbrough</p>	<p>The report requested that the Board consider undertaking an investigation into:</p> <p>'Collaboration between agencies serving East Middlesbrough in identifying young people in East Middlesbrough aged 16-25 and progressing appropriate Education, Employment & Training opportunities for, and with, them'.</p> <p>The Board was in agreement that the request would be added to the work programme containing possible reviews, for the next municipal year, and will be considered at a later date.</p>
<p>Consideration of Requests for Scrutiny</p>	<p>A report was presented requesting Members to consider commissioning a scrutiny review into the implications of the Council's failure to secure</p>

<p>Reviews</p> <p>Erimus Housing Grounds Maintenance Contract</p>	<p>Erimus Housing's grounds maintenance contract.</p> <p>Members agreed that, in view of the imminent start date for contract, the matter could be considered as part of the Environment Scrutiny Panel's current work programme subject to the panel being able to accommodate the additional work. Otherwise, the matter would be added to the work programme containing possible reviews, for the next municipal year, and will be considered at a later date.</p>
<p>Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports</p>	<p>OSB agreed that consideration of the progress reports would be deferred to its next meeting (11 March 2008).</p>
<p>Any Other Business</p>	<p>The Chair ensured the Board was aware of the following:</p> <p>Developing Scrutiny in Middlesbrough – Discussion with non-executive Members</p> <p>Tuesday 19 February 11:00am – Mandela Room or Tuesday 19 February 4.30pm – Mandela Room</p>

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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 21 January 2008.
- (ii) The agenda papers of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting of 29 January 2008.
- (iii) The agenda papers of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting of 7 February 2008.
- (iv) The agenda papers of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting of 12 February 2008.

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