



AGENDA ITEM:

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

8 MAY 2008

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 8 April 2008.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAST OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

2. At the previous meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, the following matters were discussed:

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Executive Member for Regeneration and Culture to Address the Board	<p>The Executive Member explained his current aims, objectives and priorities, with particular reference being made to the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing• Developing the town centre• Employment creation• Local heritage• Middlehaven• The Middlesbrough/Stockton initiative.• The city region agenda <p>Reference was also made to difficulties which have been encountered and how it is planned that these will be resolved.</p>

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Executive Feedback - Council's Waste Services and Executive Scheme of Delegation	<p>OSB was informed of the Executive's decisions in respect of the following scrutiny reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel's report on the Executive Scheme of Delegation. • Environment Scrutiny Panel's report on Waste Services. <p>The Executive has approved the service response in each case.</p>
Future Structure of Council Meetings	<p>The submitted report informed Members of 17 recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel in relation to the structure of Council meetings. The panel's recommendations are to be taken into account by the Constitution Committee when it drafts its proposals on this topic.</p>
Mail Communications to Members	<p>A report was submitted which detailed the outcome of a recent officer investigation into problems associated with the courier delivery of Councillors' mail. Discussions have been held with the service provider (Mouchel Business Services) to resolve the issues which were identified. A letter from a Council Member was circulated at the meeting. The Member requested that a detailed scrutiny investigation should be undertaken on this subject. OSB agreed that no further action is needed in terms of scrutiny involvement in this issue.</p>
Environment Scrutiny Panel's Review of Waste Services - Update	<p>Members were informed of a report which had been considered by the Environment Scrutiny Panel in respect of the Executive Director of Environment's review of waste services. The panel agreed to support recommendations which principally related to providing a more efficient refuse collection service and using savings generated by the review to fund other service areas in Environment.</p>
Consideration of Request for a Scrutiny Review	<p>The purpose of the report was to inform the Board of a Member request for a scrutiny review into the youth service. OSB agreed that this issue should be placed on the work programme of the appropriate panel.</p>
Scrutiny Panels - Progress Reports	<p>A report was submitted from each Panel Chair outlining progress on current activities.</p>

COUNCILLOR E. DRYDEN

CHAIR OF THE HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

- The agenda and papers of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting of 8 April 2008.

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