



AGENDA ITEM 7

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

20 AUGUST 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 meeting on 15 July 2008 and the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting on 29 July 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 and considered necessary to feed back to the Panel.

15 July 2008

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Call-In – Unallocated Resources	<p>The meeting provided Members with the opportunity to review a decision made at an Individual Executive Member meeting on 24 June 2008, in accordance with the Authority’s call-in procedure.</p> <p>The Board was provided with information detailing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The proposals for the use of unallocated resources in the 2008/09 revenue budget.• The £342,000 left unallocated to support the development of the town centre economy. As follows<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) events £222,0002) promotion and publicity £70,0003) staffing £50,000 <p>The Board agreed that the decision should not be referred back to the Executive.</p>

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<p>Executive Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Speed Cameras – Erimus Housing 	<p>The Board was provided with formal notification of the Executive's decisions in respect of the following scrutiny reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed Cameras • Erimus Housing Ground Maintenance Contract <p>The Executive approved the service response in each case.</p>
<p>Attendance of Executive Members at the Overview and Scrutiny Board</p>	<p>The purpose of the report was to provide information in respect of the scheduled attendance of Members of the Executive at the Overview and Scrutiny Board.</p> <p>The content of the report was noted.</p>
<p>Executive Member for Resources to Address the Board</p>	<p>Councillor Nicky Walker attended the meeting to provide the Board with information on her aims, aspirations, objectives and priorities. The Board was also updated on the emerging issues, detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit Crunch • Delivering Value for Money • Withdrawal of Government Funding • Efficiency Agenda – Gershon • Asset Management – Discrimination Act & Building Compliance and Energy Efficiency • Procurement – Buying Goods and Services • Service Middlesbrough – Performance Against Targets • In-Year Council Tax • Budget Pressures <p>The remaining Executive Members have been scheduled to attend OSB over the course of the municipal year.</p>
<p>Capital Programme Review</p>	<p>The purpose of the report was to provide the Board with information on the latest position in respect of the Capital Programme.</p> <p>The existing capital programme has recently been reviewed to ensure appropriate provision has been made for all existing schemes. There are three key changes from the existing programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Schools for the Future – following the receipt of bids for the provision of Information Technology infrastructure, Building and Design costs together with a review of the available funding package from Central Government a deficit in funding of £1.583 million has been identified; • Provision has made to deliver identified repairs and maintenance in accordance with the Building Investment plan. Additional revenue costs have been built into the medium term financial plan to meet estimated capital investment costs of £30 million over the next 10 years; and

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Capital Programme Review CONT....	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A recent submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund has been made towards the redevelopment of Stewarts Park. A provisional offer of £4,617,000 grant funding has been made to the Council on the basis of a contribution from within the Council's capital programme of £1,546,000. Allowance has been made within the existing capital programme, subject to approval by Executive. <p>The Board considered and noted the content of the report.</p>
Health Scrutiny Panel Final Report – Patient Transport to and from James Cook University Hospital	<p>The aim of the review was to investigate the role of public transport for people attending outpatient appointments and the effectiveness of patient transport services following discharge.</p> <p>The report and its recommendations were approved and will be referred to the Executive.</p>
Outcome of Call-In: Unallocated Resources	<p>The purpose of the report was to inform the Board of the outcome of the special meeting of the 15 July 2008. At the meeting the Board concluded that the Deputy Mayor was not required to reconsider the decision taken on 24 June 2008.</p> <p>The Board noted the content of the report.</p>
Scrutiny Review – Implementation of Recommendations	<p>The purpose of the report was to provide the Board with an update on the progress made with implementing scrutiny recommendations and in particular the actions that have not been successfully implemented.</p> <p>Previous reviews contain a total of 526 recommendations, of which 472 should have been implemented by June 2008.</p> <p>To summarise, of the Executive actions which should have been implemented by June 2008:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 454 have been implemented • 16 are partially complete • 2 have not been implemented <p>Following agreement of the Board, additional information will be requested from the appropriate officer in an attempt to establish the reasons as to why the recommendations, which have not been implemented, remain outstanding.</p>
Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports	<p>A report of the Chair of each scrutiny panel was submitted outlining the progress on current activities.</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: -

- The agenda and papers of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting of 15 July 2008.
- The agenda and papers of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting of 29 July 2008.

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