



AGENDA ITEM 6

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

11 DECEMBER 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 18 November 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.

18 November 2008

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Mayor to Address the Board	<p>The Mayor submitted his apologies, for the meeting, due to unforeseen circumstances.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the Mayor will attend the meeting, which is scheduled to be held on 5 May 2009.</p>
Final Report of the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel – CCTV in Middlesbrough	<p>The overall aim of the scrutiny investigation was to assess the issues associated with CCTV.</p> <p>With regards to recommendation D, the Board discussed and agreed that a policy needs to be established which states that footage, obtained by CCTV, should only be used in the detection of crime.</p> <p>The report and its recommendations were approved and will be referred to the Executive.</p>

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<p>Final Report of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel – Rationalisation of the Fire Emergency Control Room</p>	<p>The overall aim of the scrutiny was to hold an exploratory meeting, which would provide a greater understanding of the rationalisation and relocation of the fire emergency control rooms to Durham.</p> <p>The report and its recommendations were approved and will be referred to the Executive.</p>
<p>Scrutiny Review – Implementation of Recommendations</p>	<p>The purpose of the report was to inform the Board of the progress achieved with the implementation of agreed Executive actions resulting from the consideration of scrutiny reports.</p> <p>Previous reviews contain a total of 552 recommendations, of which 496 should have been implemented by October 2008.</p> <p>To summarise, of the Executive actions which should have been implemented by October 2008:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 472 have been implemented; • 22 are partially complete; • 2 have not been implemented.
<p>Consideration of a Request for a Scrutiny Review – Council’s Recycling Activities</p>	<p>The purpose of the report was to inform the Board of a proposed scrutiny review, which had been requested by a member of the public.</p> <p>The Board discussed and considered undertaking an investigation into aspects of the Council’s recycling activities.</p> <p>The suggested scrutiny topic arose following the submission of a complaint to a ward councillor. The complaint related to the condition of the area around a Council recycling facility. During the course of correspondence with the councillor the complainant had requested that some of the issues raised should be the subject of a scrutiny investigation.</p> <p>Following the ward councillor’s referral of the complaint to Environment, a response was received which addressed the issues associated with the complaint. OSB was requested to determine whether, in the light of the information provide, the matter should be investigated further. The Board agreed that as the service area had provided an in depth response to the specific issues, there was no longer a requirement for these issues to be addressed by scrutiny.</p> <p>However, as the Environment Scrutiny Panel has included updates on recycling as part of its current work programme, it was confirmed that the panel would continue to revisit the subject.</p>

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Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports	A report of the Chair of each scrutiny panel was submitted outlining the progress on current activities.
Any Other Business	With regards to the review of libraries in Middlesbrough which is currently being undertaken, the Board was in agreement that the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel will be provided with the opportunity to investigate the implications of the review. The first evidence gathering session will be scheduled shortly.

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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 18 November 2008.

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