



**AGENDA ITEM 6**

## **HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

**5 FEBRUARY 2009**

### **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 13 January 2009.

#### **PROCEEDINGS OF THE 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.

**13 January 2009**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION/COMMENTARY</b>
<b>Attendance of Executive Members at the Overview and Scrutiny Board</b>	<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>
<b>Executive Member for Streetscene Services</b>	<p>Councillor Paul Thompson attended the meeting to provide the Board with information on his aims, aspirations, objectives and priorities.</p> <p>The Board was updated on the emerging issues, detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Waste Services Agenda – New arrangements have been implemented. Since September 2008, bin collection has been reduced from a five-day week to a four-day week.</li><li>• Area Care Teams – Changes have been made to working styles and practices.</li><li>• Recycling – Rates have improved quite considerably.</li><li>• Parks – Improvements are currently being made to Stewart Park and Newham Grange Leisure Farm.</li></ul>

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<p><b>Executive Member for Streetscene Services CONT....</b></p>	<p>Cllr Thompson identified his personal priorities, these are detailed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consolidation/Improvements of the Waste Service – Black bag collection to change to wheelie bins.</li> <li>• Recycling Concerns – Contract to be reviewed and consideration to be given to recycling for plastic and card.</li> <li>• Enforcement Teams – Officers to visit offending wards, to remind residents of their duties/responsibilities regarding waste collection.</li> <li>• Landscape – Weed control.</li> <li>• Recycling Site –East Middlesbrough.</li> <li>• Allotments</li> </ul> <p>The remaining Executive Members have been scheduled to attend OSB over the course of the municipal year.</p>
<p><b>Executive Feedback</b></p>	<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"> <li>– Patient Transport To and From James Cook University Hospital</li> <li>– Cleveland Show</li> <li>– Aspects of Corporate Parenting Responsibilities</li> </ul> <p>The Executive approved the service response.</p>
<p><b>Comprehensive Performance Assessment – Corporate Assessment Report – Improvement Plan</b></p>	<p>The purpose of the report was to present the Board with the results of the Audit Commission’s Corporate Assessment and to seek endorsement of the Improvement Plan produced in response to the report.</p> <p>Of the Corporate Assessment reports currently published, Middlesbrough Council is one of only 22 Councils (out of 150 Nationally) to score 4 in the Corporate Assessment.</p> <p>The Board noted the report and agreed to endorse the Improvement Plan.</p>
<p><b>Older Persons Partnership - Toilet Provision within Middlesbrough Town Centre</b></p>	<p>The report highlighted concerns regarding the current quality and quantity of public toilet provision in Middlesbrough and the associated problems this causes for older people and those who are disabled or have health issues.</p> <p>A site has been found for a Changing Places facility and funding has been obtained. Changing Places toilets cater for those people with profound and multiple learning disabilities.</p> <p>The Board noted the content of the report and the information provided.</p>

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<b>Health Scrutiny Panel Final Report – Emotional Well-being and Mental Health</b>	<p>The aim of the review was to explore whether or not current services are correctly configured. This means whether services are sufficiently focussed on promotion of emotional well-being or on treating poor mental health. It is the classic prevention versus cure debate.</p> <p>The report and its recommendations were approved and will be referred to the Executive and Middlesbrough PCT.</p>
<b>Consideration of Request for Scrutiny Review - Open Plan Estates in Middlesbrough</b>	<p>The purpose of the report was to inform the Board of the proposed Scrutiny review that had been requested by a Non-Executive Member.</p> <p>The Board considered the reasons behind the request for the review and agreed that the issue will be referred to the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel. The Board was in agreement that policy, regarding this subject, may need to be revisited and revised if necessary. Enforcement issues may also need to be reinforced.</p>
<b>Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports</b>	<p>A report of the Chair of each scrutiny panel was submitted outlining the progress on current activities.</p>
<b>Environment Scrutiny Panel – Countryside Matters</b>	<p>Item was deferred due to Chair, of the Environment Scrutiny Panel, being unable to attend the meeting.</p>
<b>Any Other Business</b>	<p>The Board confirmed the following:</p> <p><b><i>Dementia Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel</i></b>  Chair – Councillor Jan Brunton  Vice-Chair – Councillor John McPartland</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 13 January 2009.

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