



**AGENDA ITEM 7**

## **HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

**26 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 10 February 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.

**10 February 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 Social Care</b>	<p>Councillor Julia Rostron attended the meeting to provide the Board with information on her aims, aspirations, objectives and priorities.</p> <p>Aims and aspirations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve quality of life - Particularly for older people and people with disabilities.</li><li>• Employees – Improving job satisfaction and stability</li><li>• Partners – Improving working in partnership with the PCT and the South Tees Hospitals Trust.</li></ul>

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<p><b>Executive Member for Social Care CONT....</b></p>	<p>Objectives and priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safeguarding vulnerable adults</li> <li>• Integration of social care services – Access and availability</li> <li>• Role out of individual budgets so service users can purchase services as and when required.</li> <li>• Maintain independence and promote independent living</li> <li>• Maintain and develop the service of intermediate and interim care</li> <li>• Increase employment for people with disabilities</li> <li>• Continue to support asylum seekers and refugees</li> <li>• Continue to improve health activities</li> <li>• Improve the standards of independent social care.</li> </ul> <p>Emerging issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining standards and keeping within the allocated budget</li> <li>• The increasing number of people with Dementia</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Rostron informed the Board that a bid was made to Central Government to improve the integration of social care services in an attempt to provide a single point of contact. Even though the money was not allocated to the Council, attempts are being made to improve contact with service users.</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>– CCTV in Middlesbrough</li> <li>– Rationalisation of the Fire Emergency Control Room</li> </ul> <p>The Executive approved the service responses.</p>
<p><b>Executive Forward Work Programme</b></p>	<p>The purpose of the report was to provide the Board with the opportunity to discuss whether the Board or a scrutiny panel should consider any item within the Executive Forward Work Programme.</p> <p>The Board considered the content of the work programme.</p>
<p><b>Review of Medium Term Financial Position 2009/2010-2012/2013 and Revenue Budget 2009/2010.</b></p>	<p>The purpose of the report was to provide the Board with an outline on the updated medium term financial position for 2009/2010 to 2012/2013 and set out proposals to address the funding gap identified within the report to Executive on the 9 December 2008.</p> <p>The Board noted the content of the report and the information provided.</p>

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<p><b>Environment Panel Final Report – Countryside Matters</b></p>	<p>The scrutiny panel sought to investigate this topic by investigating countryside matters as they affect Middlesbrough, in particular those areas within the control of the local authority. This included existing countryside provision and associated facilities, existing proposals for improvement and possible future improvements.</p> <p>The report and its recommendations were approved and will be referred to the Executive.</p>
<p><b>Fit for Purpose – Review of Aims and Priorities</b></p>	<p>The purpose of the report was to inform the Board of the rationale for changing the ‘Fit for Purpose’ priorities and to provide the opportunity for feedback on the detailed proposals relating to the suggested wording of the new priorities.</p> <p>The aim of the Fit for Purpose theme is to ensure that the Council is organisationally ‘Fit for Purpose’ to act as a community leader and contribute effectively to the achievement of the Sustainable Community Strategy and Local Area Agreement.</p> <p>The Board commented that one of the six priorities, to support Members in the democratic process, had not been addressed in the organisational assessment. The Board was advised that the document would be amended to ensure this priority is detailed.</p> <p>The Board noted the content of the report.</p>
<p><b>Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports</b></p>	<p>A report of the Chair of each scrutiny panel was submitted outlining the progress on current activities.</p>
<p><b>Climate Change and Carbon Reduction</b></p>	<p>The purpose of the report was to update the Board on the position following the Environment Scrutiny Panel’s decision to include the examination of the Council’s Carbon Reduction and Climate Adaptation Action (CRACA) Plan as a topic in its current work programme.</p> <p>The Board endorsed the comments made by the Environment Scrutiny Panel in respect of the Council’s CRACA Plan. The report will now be referred to the Executive for consideration.</p>
<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p>	<p>The Chair requested that at future meetings, when considering final reports, the Board should discuss the proposed conclusions and recommendations in detail.</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 10 February 2009.

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