



AGENDA ITEM 7

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

30 APRIL 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 7 April 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.

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Attendance of Executive Members at the Overview and Scrutiny Board	<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>
Executive Member for Regeneration and Economic Development.	<p>Councillor David Budd attended the meeting to provide the Board with information on his aims, aspirations, objectives and priorities.</p> <p>Councillor Budd provided information on how his portfolio has been affected by the downturn in the economy and the current recession. The Executive Member also provided details of how these issues are being addressed.</p>

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Executive Feedback	<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"> – Improving Levels of Employment for People with Disabilities – Review of Community Centres <p>The Executive approved the service response.</p>
Executive Forward Work programme	<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>
Strategic Plan 2008-2011 – 2009-2010 Revision	<p>The purpose of the report was to advise the OSB of the agreed structure and outline timetable for the 2009/2010 revision of the Council's Strategic Plan 2008-2011.</p> <p>The Board noted the content of the report.</p>
Equality Standard for Local Government – Level 4 Self-Assessment	<p>The purpose of the report was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline the background of the Equality Standard for Local Government and the associated assessment processes. • Set out the approach taken since achieving level 3 of the Equality Standard for Local Government in May 2008. • Outline the approach taken toward the achievement of level 4. • Present the Council's self-assessment (Appendix 1), agreed by the Deputy Mayor on 19 March 2009, which outlines how the Council meets requirements of level 4 of the Standard. <p>The content of the report was noted.</p>
Audiology Services – Update on the Final report of the Health Scrutiny Panel	<p>The purpose of the report was to inform the Board that the Health Scrutiny Panel was pleased with the outcome of the update. Excellent progress has been made with dealing with waiting times relating to audiology services. As a result of the scrutiny investigation local residents are now able to access the services they need much quicker than they could previously.</p> <p>The report was noted and will be referred to the Executive.</p>
Consideration of Request for Scrutiny Review - Services for	<p>The purpose of the report was to inform the Board of the proposed Scrutiny review that had been requested by a member of the public.</p> <p>The Board considered the reasons behind the request for the review.</p>

Carers in Middlesbrough	Following discussion, the Board was informed that the services, which were previously available at the carers' centre, have now been transferred to the Lifestore in Middlesbrough, along with additional services. As the services have just recently been transferred, the Board may choose to review the issue at a later date after the take up of services has increased.
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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.
Call-In Requests	The Chair reminded the Board of the meeting, which is scheduled to take place on 16 April 2009. The meeting will provide Members with the opportunity to review the decision made at the Individual Executive Member meeting on 26 March 2009, in accordance with the Authority's Call-In procedure. The decision relates to the Refurbishment of Middlesbrough Town Hall Complex.

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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 7 April 2009.

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