



AGENDA ITEM 6

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

1 JUNE 2009

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 16 April 2009 and the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting on 5 May 2009.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

2. At the previous meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, the following matters were discussed and considered necessary to feed back to the Panel.

16 April 2009

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION/COMMENTARY
Call-In Refurbishment of Middlesbrough Town Hall Complex.	<p>The purpose of the meeting was to provide Members of the OSB with the opportunity to review a decision made at an Individual Executive Member meeting on 26 March 2009, in accordance with the Authority's Call-In Procedure.</p> <p>The Board agreed that the decision taken, at the Individual Meeting, should not be referred back.</p>

5 May 2009

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION/COMMENTARY
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>

<p>The Mayor (Ray Mallon) to Address the Board</p>	<p>The Mayor attended the meeting to provide the Board with information on his aims, aspirations, objectives and priorities.</p> <p>The Mayor identified the following issues as his main priorities for the town:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Youth Agenda • Public health and social deprivation • Population decline • Housing stock • Job opportunities • Economic downturn • Public borrowing • Safeguarding the town • Promoting Middlesbrough
<p>Audit Commission – Audit and Inspection Letter March 2009</p>	<p>The purpose of the report was to provide an overall summary of the Audit Commission’s assessment of the Council.</p> <p>Overall the Audit and Inspection Letter was very positive. However, the key messages identified that the Council needs to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a strong, year-round focus on those areas highlighted in the annual performance assessment of services for children and young people; • Continue to work with partners to address the aspects of fear of crime which have failed to improve or have deteriorated; • Continue to work locally, in partnership across the Tees Valley and the wider region to address the risks posed by the economic downturn. <p>The content of the report was noted.</p>
<p>Strategic Plan 2008-2011</p>	<p>The purpose of the report was to provide the Board with the preliminary draft of the 2009/2010 revision of the Council’s Strategic Plan 2008-2011, for consultation and direction.</p> <p>The draft plan contained some gaps that will be filled over the coming weeks, notably around the performance indicator outturns and future targets. It was agreed that the Board and the scrutiny panels will receive the final version of the draft when available.</p> <p>The Board noted the content of the report.</p>
<p>AGENDA ITEM</p>	<p>ACTION/COMMENTARY</p>
<p>Youth Service and Connexions – Final Report of the Children & Learning Scrutiny Panel</p>	<p>The role of the Youth Service is to support the personal and social development of young people through informal education. The service is a specialist provider of social and informal education, with a particular focus on the 13 to 19 age group. Youth work aims to recognise the special needs of young people in society and works to support them through the transition to adulthood.</p> <p>Connexions is a service which provides 13 to 19 year olds (and those aged up to 24 with a learning difficulty or disability) with information, advice,</p>

	<p>guidance and practical help in preparing for adult and working life and to help young people engage in learning and work. The service uses a multi-agency approach to provide impartial information, advice and guidance, including careers advice.</p> <p>The aim of the Scrutiny investigation was to assess how both services are operating and examine their roles and service provision.</p> <p>The report and its recommendations were approved and will be referred to the Executive.</p>
<p>Outcome of Call-In: Refurbishment of Middlesbrough Town Hall Complex</p>	<p>The purpose of the report was to inform the Board of the outcome of the special meeting of the OSB, held on 16 April 2009.</p> <p>The report was noted.</p>
<p>Consideration of Request for Scrutiny Review - The Role of the Member in the Mayoral and Executive Administration.</p>	<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>Following discussion, the Board agreed that as the Constitution provides a detailed account of the roles and responsibilities of Elected Members, there was no reason to investigate this topic.</p>
<p>Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports</p>	<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 16 April 2009.
- The agenda and papers of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting of 5 May 2009.

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