

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

25 FEBRUARY 2010

**CHILDHOOD OBESITY IN MIDDLESBROUGH – THE IMPACT OF
THE TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To introduce representatives from the Environment & Regeneration Directorates, in attendance to present reports on the topic of Childhood Obesity and the extent to which the Departments' work can tackle or prevent Childhood Obesity.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel notes the information provided and considers its next steps in the consideration of this topic.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

3. The Panel will recall that at its meeting on 9 December 2010, a paper was submitted by the Middlesbrough Director of Public Health, on the topic of Childhood Obesity in Middlesbrough. Following the consideration of that paper, the Panel expressed an interest in receiving more information about the town's approach to childhood Obesity. Specifically, the Panel expressed an interest in considering the following question

"To what extent does the transport infrastructure and built environment of the town assist in tackling and prevention of childhood obesity"

4. Directorates with a responsibility for transport and planning policy were asked to address the question in a paper for the Panel to consider. As such, those papers have been prepared and are attached marked as Appendices 1 and 2.
5. It is anticipated that representatives of the Directorates will be initially speak to the papers, ahead of taking questions from Panel Members. Following the Panel's consideration of the papers and any questions if would like to raise, the Panel, is asked to consider the steps it would like to take in advancing the

topic. It could be that the Panel could publish what it has found as a brief report. Alternatively, the Panel could seek further evidence.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Please see

Appendix 1 – Report of Brian Glover, Head of Transport & Design Services.
Appendix 2 – Report of Kevin Parkes, Director of Regeneration.

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