



**AGENDA ITEM 6(a)**

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

**25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2010**

**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 12 January 2010.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

2. At the previous meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, the following matters were discussed:

**12 January 2010**

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION/COMMENTARY</b>
<b>Executive Feedback</b>	<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>• Open Plan Estates</li> <li>• Car Parking at James Cook University Hospital: A detailed response from the South Tees NHS Foundation Trust</li> </ul> <p>The Board noted the content of the report.</p>
<b>Executive Forward Work Programme</b>	<p>The purpose of the report was to provide the OSB with the opportunity to consider whether any item detailed in the programme should be considered by the Board or referred to a scrutiny panel.</p> <p>The Board considered the content of the report and the attached Executive FWP.</p>
<b>Review of Executive Forward Work Programme</b>	<p>The purpose of the report was to provide the Board with details of a review, which had been undertaken to improve how information, with regards to the FWP, is conveyed.</p> <p>The Board noted the content of the report and requested that a further progress report be submitted in six months time.</p>
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	<b>ACTION/COMMENTARY</b>

<b>Cleansing Arrangements – Final Report of the Environment Scrutiny Panel</b>	<p>The purpose of the review was to investigate a number of areas which impact on the condition of the environment and cleanliness in Middlesbrough.</p> <p>The report and its recommendations were approved and will be referred to the Executive.</p>
<b>Quality of Homecare Services – Final Report of the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel</b>	<p>The purpose of the review was to investigate the challenges facing homecare services and the future developments required.</p> <p>The report and its recommendations were approved and will be referred to the Executive.</p>
<b>Outstanding Scrutiny Recommendation - Update</b>	<p>The purpose of the report was to introduce Geoff Field (Business Development Manger) who was in attendance at the meeting to provide details of how the outstanding recommendation, detailed below, is being progressed/achieved.</p> <p><i>Recommendation - An updated Tree Policy will be produced for the Council that will address all of the issues outlined by the Environment Scrutiny Panel.</i></p> <p>The Board agreed that a further update on progress in producing the policy should be considered by the Board within three months.</p>
<b>Consideration of Request for a Scrutiny Review</b>  <b>a) Coroner’s Office</b>	<p>The purpose of the report was to inform the Board of a proposed Scrutiny review that had been requested from a Non-Executive Member.</p> <p>Members considered the appropriateness of undertaking a review into the local Coroner’s set-up. It was agreed that the matter should be investigated by the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB).</p> <p>Reference was also made to two further requests for scrutiny investigations:  (a) Winter weather/gritting arrangements - It was agreed that this issue would also be examined by OSB.  Car Parking Strategy - University Ward - It was agreed that this matter would be examined by the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel.</p>
<b>Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports</b>	<p>A report of the Chair of each scrutiny panel was submitted outlining progress on current activities.</p>

**Cllr Eddie Dryden  
Chair, 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 12 January 2010.

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