



**AGENDA ITEM 6**

**HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

**11 MAY 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 – 6 April 2010

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

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

**6 April 2010**

<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 Community Protection, Councillor Barry Coppinger, to Address the Board.</b>	<p>Councillor Barry Coppinger attended the meeting to inform the Board of his aims, aspirations, objectives and priorities.</p> <p>The Board was also informed of the Executive Member's priorities which covered the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promoting community safety by reducing crime and the fear of crime.</li><li>• Neighbourhood policing</li><li>• The inspection of Cleveland Police Authority</li><li>• Environmental protection issues, including - improving the appearance of eyesores and housing conditions.</li><li>• Climate change</li><li>• Food safety measures</li><li>• Licensing policy</li><li>• Domestic violence</li><li>• Dog control</li><li>• Pest control</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noise control</li> </ul>
<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>Outstanding Scrutiny Recommendation</li> <li>Quality of Homecare Services</li> <li>Cleansing Arrangements</li> </ul> <p>The Board noted the content of the report.</p>
<b>Budget Consultation Process</b>	<p>The purpose of the report was to provide the OSB with information in respect of the Council's current approach to consulting on its budget setting process.</p> <p>The Board noted the content of the report.</p>
<b>Recycling and Packaging Reduction – Final Report of the Environment Scrutiny Panel</b>	<p>The purpose of the scrutiny investigation was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Examine the updated position regarding recycling in Middlesbrough – including current levels, targets and materials collected.</li> <li>➤ To examine the local position regarding packaging reduction, in particular the Council's involvement in this area.</li> </ul> <p>The Board noted the contents of the report. The report and its recommendations were approved and will be referred to the Executive.</p>
<b>Energy Reduction – Final Report of the Environment Scrutiny Panel</b>	<p>The purpose of the investigation was to ascertain what steps the Council is taking to reduce energy usage and contribute towards CO<sub>2</sub> reduction.</p> <p>The Board noted the content of the report and approved the proposed recommendations. The report will be referred to the Executive</p>
<b>Community Justice Courts – Final Report of the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel</b>	<p>The Board agreed that the item will be deferred until the next scheduled meeting, due to the Chair's absence.</p>
<b>Blue Badge Parking Scheme – Final Report of the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel</b>	<p>The overall aim of the scrutiny investigation was to consider breaches relating to the Blue Badge Scheme as well as to assess the current assessment process for applicants who apply for a blue badge under the discretionary criteria.</p> <p>The report and its recommendations were approved and will be referred to the Executive.</p>
<b>Scrutiny Review – Countryside Matters – Tree Policy Update Report</b>	<p>The purpose of the report was to seek the Board's approval for the introduction of a tree policy. The purpose of introducing a formalised tree policy is to mitigate the risk to which the Council could be exposed by not effectively managing its tree stock.</p> <p>The Board approved the draft policy document. The Tree Policy will now be submitted to the Executive for final approval.</p>

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION/COMMENTARY
<b>Scrutiny Reviews – Implementation of Recommendations</b>	<p>The purpose of the report was to inform the Board of the progress achieved with the implementation of agreed Executive actions resulting from the consideration of scrutiny reports.</p> <p>To summarise, of the 589 recommendations, which should have been implemented by the end of February 2010 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 579 have been completed</li> <li>➤ 8 are partially complete</li> <li>➤ 2 have not been implemented</li> </ul> <p>The Board considered and noted the content of the report.</p>
<b>Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports</b>	A report of the Chair of each scrutiny panel was submitted outlining progress on current activities.

**Councillor E. 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
  - 6 April 2010

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