

AGENDA ITEM 5

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

18 FEBRUARY 2011

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 that was held on 08th February 2011.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

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

08th February 2011

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION/COMMENTARY
Attendance of Executive Members at the Overview and Scrutiny Board	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. The content of the report was noted.
Executive Member/ The Mayor	The Mayor R Mallon attended the meeting to provide the Board with information on his aims, aspirations, objectives and priorities. The following issues were discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Cuts and their impacts • Social Deprivation • Social Recession • Press Awareness • Funding Issues • Local Demonstrations • The Recent Academic Paper written by Professor John Tomaney • The Youth Agenda • Council Taxes and bands • Family Issues

Executive Feedback	<p>The Board was provided with formal notification of the Executive's decision in respect of the following scrutiny reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotments Strategy • Pest Control Services <p>The Board noted the content of the reports.</p>
Weed Control - Final Report of the Environment Scrutiny Panel.	<p>The overall aim of the Scrutiny Investigation was to examine how the weed control service operates and to assess its effectiveness.</p> <p>The final report and its recommendations were approved and will be referred to the Executive.</p>
Noise Complaints - Final Report of the Environment Scrutiny Panel.	<p>The overall aim of the Scrutiny Investigation was to investigate the issue of noise complaints in Middlesbrough and the Council's involvement and responsibilities in resolving associated issues.</p> <p>One issue was raised and will need to be examined before being referred to the Executive.</p>
Telecare - Final Report of the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel.	<p>The overall aim of the Scrutiny Investigation was to examine the current level of telecare in Middlesbrough, to examine the reasons as to why take up may not be as high as desired and to explore what action can be taken to address this issue.</p> <p>The final report and its recommendations were approved and will be referred to the Executive.</p>
Scrutiny Review - Implementation of Recommendations.	<p>The purpose of this 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>The Board noted the content of the report.</p>
Scrutiny Panels – Progress Reports	<p>A report of the Chair of each scrutiny panel was submitted outlining progress on current activities.</p>

**Councillor 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 08 February 2011

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