

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 5

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

12 JULY 2012

LOCAL AUTHORITY HEALTH SCRUTINY PROPOSALS FOR CONSULTATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To present a DRAFT response to the consultation on proposals for Local Authority Health Scrutiny.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Panel considers the attached DRAFT consultation response, makes any comments or amendments felt necessary and agrees that it can be submitted

CONSIDERATION

3. The Panel will be aware that the Department of Health has recently published a consultation paper, outlining proposals to amend the Health Scrutiny powers of local authorities.
4. The Panel will recall that it asked that the Chair & Vice Chair of the Panel meet with the support officer to consider the proposals in detail and work up a draft document for consideration.
5. That has been done and the DRAFT response is duly attached. The Panel is asked to consider the DRAFT response, in tandem with the Department of Health's proposals document and consider whether it is happy to support the DRAFT submission, or whether it would like to make amendments.
6. Once the Panel has made any amendments that it would like to, the response will be finalised and submitted to the Department of Health.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. Please see attached Local Authority Health Scrutiny – Proposals for Consultation. Can be found www.dh.gov.uk

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