

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

Agenda Item 6

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

23 APRIL 2014

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To ensure that Scrutiny Panel Members are aware of what took place at the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

2. The following matters were discussed at the 1 April 2014 meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB):

1 April 2014

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION/COMMENTARY
Executive Forward Work Programme	The Board received information on forthcoming decisions of the Executive. The Board noted the content of the Executive Forward Work Programme.
Feedback from the Executive	The Board received the decisions of the Executive on the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel's final report on the Voluntary and Community Sector and Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency. The Board noted the decisions of the Executive.
Educational Attainment in Middlesbrough 2013 and Ofsted Inspection 2014	The Assistant Director for School Partnerships provided the Board with statistical information and data on educational attainment 2013. Figures highlighted the need to improve attainment at Key Stage (KS) 1 (all subjects) and KS 2 (reading). In addition, it was conveyed that action is also required to improve the number of pupils achieving 5+ GCSEs A*-C (including English and Maths). Other areas of focus included: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middlesbrough Achievement Partnership (MAP) to ensure a strategic approach to attainment.• Improving the quality of teaching and school leadership through Middlesbrough Schools' Teaching Alliance.• Transition between primary & secondary.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration between secondary schools to share and spread good practice – groups for English, Maths, Science & Attendance. • Increase expectations of pupils with special educational needs (SEN) and provide specialist support for inclusion. • Use of data for improvement – identifying earlier the children who are starting to struggle. • Attendance and behaviour. • Addressing barriers to attainment e.g. mental health & emotional wellbeing issues, poor nutrition, speech & language delays, pupil mobility. <p>The Board also received information on the recent Ofsted inspection of the Local Authority’s school improvement role.</p> <p>The report highlighted that the current arrangements for supporting school improvement are ineffective.</p> <p>In order to improve current working practices, the Assistant Director for School Partnerships conveyed that an improvement plan will be developed.</p> <p>It was highlighted to the Board that there is a need for the Local Authority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish closer relationships between primary & secondary schools, to improve transition, arrest decline in students’ performance during KS3 & 4 and raise attainment of 16 year olds. • Ensure rigorous use of data and information by Local Authority to gain clearer understanding of specific challenges faced by individual schools and to target resources and personnel more effectively. • Build on emerging partnerships (schools/colleges/ businesses) by producing a coherent strategy to reduce NEETs (not in education, employment or training). • Establish clearer systems to monitor quality of school governance, to strengthen school leadership. • Improve quality of Local Authority plans (vision & strategy) so they have clear & measurable targets used to monitor progress, assess impact and judge value for money. • Ensure elected members have clear understanding of strengths and areas for improvement in education, so they can hold schools and school improvement services fully to account and provide strong leadership. <p>The Board requested future progress reports on the issues raised by the Assistant Director for School Partnerships.</p>
<p>Final Report of the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel - 20 MPH Speed Limits</p>	<p>The Board considered the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel’s final report on this topic.</p> <p>The report and recommendations were approved for submission to the Executive.</p>
<p>Final Report of the Environment Scrutiny Panel – Allotments</p>	<p>The Board considered the Environment Scrutiny Panel’s final report on this topic.</p> <p>The report and recommendations were approved for submission to the Executive.</p>

Final Report of the Health Scrutiny Panel – Mental Health Services Capacity	In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the presentation of the report was deferred until the next meeting of the Board.
Final Report of the Environment Scrutiny Panel – Income Generation in Environment Services	The Board considered the Environment Scrutiny Panel's final report on this topic. The report and recommendations were approved for submission to the Executive.
Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports	The Board considered an update on the work of each of the Council's scrutiny panels.

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CHAIR OF HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- Agenda and papers of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting of 1 April 2014.

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