

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

## AGENDA ITEM 5

### ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY PANEL

13 NOVEMBER 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 (OSB).

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

2. The following matters were discussed at the OSB meeting held on 21 October 2014:

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION/COMMENTARY
<b>Attendance of Executive Member - The Mayor</b>	<p>Mr R Mallon, the Elected Mayor, attended the meeting to provide the Overview and Scrutiny Board with an update on progress in respect of his aims, aspirations, objectives and priorities.</p> <p>The following issues were highlighted and discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The continued challenges facing Middlesbrough Council as a result of Government spending reductions and the impact to date.</li><li>• The impact of pressures arising from children's safeguarding and the ageing population on future council budgets.</li><li>• A breakdown of Council funding sources - with particular reference being made to the impact of population decline in Middlesbrough and the need to build more houses to widen the council-tax base.</li><li>• The local 'skills gap' and action that is being taken to address the issue.</li></ul>

<p><b>Projected Revenue Outturn 2014-15 - First Review</b></p>	<p>The submitted report summarised the position in respect of the Council's 2014-15 Revenue Budget.</p> <p>The report included a projected outturn for the financial year end.</p> <p>The content of the programme was noted.</p>
<p><b>Tees Suicide Prevention Implementation Plan - Report of the Health Scrutiny Panel</b></p>	<p>The Board considered the Health Scrutiny Panel's report on this topic.</p> <p>OSB endorsed the findings and recommendations of the scrutiny panel and noted that (as the report's recommendations had already been actioned) the report was to be referred to the relevant Executive Member for information only.</p>
<p><b>Executive Feedback</b></p>	<p>The Board was notified of the decisions of the Executive on the following scrutiny panel final reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel - Protecting Children From Sexual Exploitation.</li> <li>- Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel - Business and Job Creation.</li> <li>- Health Scrutiny Panel - Access to GP Surgeries.</li> <li>- Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel - Continuing Health Care Provision.</li> </ul> <p>OSB noted the decisions of the Executive.</p>
<p><b>Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports</b></p>	<p>A report was submitted to update the Board on the work of each of the Council's scrutiny panels.</p> <p>The updated position was noted.</p>

**COUNCILLOR EDDIE DRYDEN**

**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 21 October 2014.

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