

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 5

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

24 NOVEMBER 2015

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To ensure that Scrutiny Panel Members are aware of what took place at the most recent meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

2. The following matters were considered at the OSB meeting held on **13 October 2015**:

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION/COMMENTARY
Attendance of Executive Member for Environment	<p>Councillor T Harvey, Executive Member for Regeneration, attended the meeting to provide the Overview and Scrutiny Board with information on her portfolio area, aims, aspirations, objectives and priorities.</p> <p>The main responsibilities of the Executive Member's portfolio were highlighted and a number of issues discussed, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The return of the Council's recycling collection contract 'in house.'• Current projects and priorities.• The introduction of Street Champions.• The Executive Member's membership of various local boards.• Moves towards increased self-management of allotments.• Impact of funding/budget reductions on Streetscene services.
Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board - Update	<p>As part of local accountability arrangements, the Chair of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) was present at the meeting. An update was provided on the work of TSAB, its Strategic Business Plan and Annual Report and the comments of OSB were sought.</p>

	<p>The Board agreed to note the current position and submit comments to TSAB regarding the need for the strategic plan to identify future challenges and risk; and to make reference to the potential impact of personalisation of services on future planning.</p> <p>It was noted that the Chair of TSAB would attend OSB on an annual basis in future.</p>
<p>Scrutiny and the Voluntary and Community Sector</p>	<p>A report was submitted that proposed the development of a framework to improve and develop links between the voluntary and community sector (VCS) and the scrutiny process.</p> <p>The Board agreed to support the proposals in principle, subject to developing protocols to govern the process and to introduction of the arrangements on a trial basis that would be subject to future review.</p>
<p>Revenue Budget - First Review - 2015/16</p>	<p>The submitted report presented the first review of the projected revenue budget outturn for 2015/16.</p> <p>After seeking clarification in respect of a number of areas, the Board agreed to note the content of the report and the current position.</p>
<p>Balanced Scorecards - Quarter One 2015/16</p>	<p>The submitted report provided an overview of Council performance at quarter one of 2015/16 in accordance with the recent development of the Balanced Scorecard methodology.</p> <p>It was agreed to note the content of the report and the current position. It was also noted that information from the Balanced Scorecards could be used to assist in developing future scrutiny work programmes.</p>
<p>Referring Reports from Overview and Scrutiny Board to Executive</p>	<p>The submitted report outlined changes that had been made, or were proposed, to improve the process around submission of reports from scrutiny panels to The Executive.</p> <p>OSB noted and supported the changes that have been made to date to streamline timescales. However, it was agreed not to support submission of scrutiny panel final reports to Individual Executive Meetings.</p>
<p>Final Report of the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel - Middlehaven Regeneration</p>	<p>A final report was submitted in respect of Middlehaven Regeneration.</p> <p>It was agreed to approve the report and its recommendations for submission to The Executive.</p>

<p>Final Report of the Health Scrutiny Panel - Neurological Services</p>	<p>A final report was submitted in respect of Neurological Services.</p> <p>It was agreed to approve the report and its recommendations for submission to The Executive.</p>
<p>Executive Feedback</p>	<p>The purpose of the report was to inform the Board of decisions of the Executive in respect of the following scrutiny panel final reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment Scrutiny panel report on North Ormesby Market. • Health Scrutiny Panel report on Future of GP Provision. <p>Both of the above reports had been approved by the Executive.</p>
<p>Executive Forward Work Programme</p>	<p>The purpose of the report was to inform the Board of items currently included in the Executive's Forward Work Programme.</p> <p>OSB noted the content of the report.</p>
<p>Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports</p>	<p>A report of the Chair of each Scrutiny Panel was submitted, which outlined progress on current activities.</p>

3. The following matters were considered at the OSB meeting held on **9 November 2015**:

<p>AGENDA ITEM</p>	<p>ACTION/COMMENTARY</p>
<p>Attendance of Executive Member for Finance and Governance</p>	<p>Councillor NJ Walker, Executive Member for Finance and Governance, attended the meeting to provide the Overview and Scrutiny Board with information on her portfolio area, aims, aspirations, objectives and priorities.</p> <p>The main responsibilities of the Executive Member's portfolio were highlighted and a number of issues discussed, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Government's forthcoming announcement on its Comprehensive Spending review and the potential impact. • The Executive Member's involvement in issues such as s councillors' information technology and future use of tablets.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forthcoming Member briefings on various issues. • The ongoing Customer Services Review. • Representations on the current Trade Union Reform Bill. • Democratic Services review.
Review of Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Call for Evidence	<p>The views of the Board were sought in respect of a current Government consultation reviewing the Freedom of Information (Fol) Act 2000.</p> <p>The submitted report highlighted the questions posed by the commission that is undertaking the review; outlined the Act's current impact on the authority; and proposed a response to the consultation.</p> <p>The Board agreed that there is a need to endorse existing Fol provisions in order to ensure continued accountability by public bodies and that this should be reflected in the Council's response.</p>
Final Report of the Environment Scrutiny Panel - Education/Enforcement - Environmental Issues	<p>A final report was submitted in respect of Education/Enforcement - Environmental Issues.</p> <p>It was agreed to approve the report and its recommendations for submission to The Executive subject to the addition of recommendations concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The need for signage at recycling bring sites and flytipping hot spot areas; and - The need for a briefing for all Members ahead of a targeted campaign of environmental enforcement.
Final Report of the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel - Provision of Approved Mental Health Professionals	<p>A final report was submitted in respect of Provision of Approved Mental Health Professionals (AMHPs).</p> <p>It was agreed to approve the report and its recommendations for submission to The Executive.</p>
Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports	<p>A report of the Chair of each Scrutiny Panel was submitted, which outlined progress on current activities.</p>
Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Panel	<p>The Chair referred to the agreed work programme for the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Panel and advised that it was intended that Membership of the panel would be confirmed and work on the following topics would commence early in 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Training/education for councillors - mandatory and voluntary (eg equal opportunities; what constitutes

	bullying and harassment; media training; accreditation of training). - Council use of consultants.
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BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

- Agenda/reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting held on 13 October and 9 November 2015.

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