#### MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

**AGENDA ITEM 5** 

#### **HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

#### **23 FEBRUARY 2016**

### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD UPDATE**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To ensure that Scrutiny Panel Members are aware of what took place at meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) held on 5 January and 2 February 2016.

#### PROCEEDINGS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

2. The following matters were considered at the OSB meetings outlined above:

#### **5 January 2016**

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION/COMMENTARY
Attendance of Lead Executive Member for Children's Services	Councillor M Carr, Lead Executive Member for Children's Services, attended the meeting to provide the Overview and Scrutiny Board with information on his portfolio area and progress made.
	The main responsibilities of the Executive Member's portfolio were highlighted and a number of issues discussed, including the following:
	<ul> <li>The Executive Member's close working links with other portfolio area (Communities and Public Health and Education and Skills).</li> <li>High levels of deprivation locally and the resulting demands on children's services.</li> <li>Intervention/preventative work - including the Youth Offending Service, Pathways Team and Social Work teams.</li> <li>The Council's corporate parenting role - including support for looked after children and children leaving care.</li> <li>Recent work in relation to vulnerable, missing and trafficked children.</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>The impact of the authority's budget issues and future spending targets.</li> <li>The recent OFSTED inspection of local safeguarding.</li> <li>The potential impact of future Government policy.</li> </ul>
Feedback from Executive	The submitted report informed the Board of Executive decisions in respect of the following scrutiny panel final reports:  • Health Scrutiny Panel - Neurological Services. • Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel - Middlehaven Regeneration.
	Both reports were approved by The Executive.
Executive Forward Work Programme	OSB was informed of items included in the Executive's Forward Work Programme.  The report was noted.
Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports	A report of the Chair of each Scrutiny Panel was submitted, which outlined progress on current work.  The reports were noted.

# 2 February 2016:

AGENDA ITEM	ACTION/COMMENTARY
AGENDA ITEM  Attendance of Elected Mayor	Dave Budd, Elected Mayor, attended the meeting to provide the Overview and Scrutiny Board with information on his role, areas of responsibility and progress made.  The main responsibilities of the Mayor were highlighted and a number of current issues discussed, including the following:  Current and potential regeneration projects.  The need to continue to promote Middlesbrough positively.  The dementia-friendly town and community bank
	<ul> <li>initiatives.</li> <li>Work concerning Middlesbrough's cultural future.</li> <li>Developments in relation to the closure of the SSI steel plant and the future of the site.</li> <li>Ongoing work in respect of the forthcoming Combined Authority for the Tees Valley.</li> </ul>

Final Report of Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel - Albert Road Regeneration	The Board considered the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel's report on this subject.  The report and its recommendations were approved and referred to the Executive for consideration subject to the addition of an additional conclusion concerning collection of National Non-Domestic Rates and rate relief provided to businesses.
Final Report of Health Scrutiny Panel - Health Inequalities - Improving Levels of Breastfeeding in Middlesbrough	The Board considered the Health Scrutiny Panel's report on this subject.  The report and its recommendations were approved and referred to the Executive for consideration subject to the recommendations being amended to include specific reference to the involvement of Children's Centres.
Interim Report of Health Scrutiny Panel - Temporary Changes to the Breast Radiology Department at James Cook University Hospital	In the absence of the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel, consideration of this report was deferred to the next meeting of OSB.
Feedback from Executive	<ul> <li>The submitted report informed the Board of Executive decisions in respect of the following scrutiny panel final reports:</li> <li>Environment Scrutiny Panel - Education, Enforcement and Environmental Issues.</li> <li>Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel - The Provision of Approved Mental Health Professionals.</li> <li>Both reports had been approved by The Executive.</li> <li>The report was noted.</li> </ul>
Executive Forward Work Programme	OSB was informed of items included in the Executive's Forward Work Programme.  The report was noted.
Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports	A report of the Chair of each Scrutiny Panel was submitted, which outlined progress on current work.  The reports were noted.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 3. The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:
  - Agenda/reports of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting held on 5 January and 2 February 2016.

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