



OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

15 June 2004

CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR SCRUTINY REVIEWS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform the Overview & Scrutiny Board of the proposed Scrutiny reviews that have been requested from members of the public.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Board consider the appropriateness of commissioning scrutiny reviews into the suggested scrutiny topics received from members of the public.

PROPOSED SCRUTINY TOPICS

3. The Scrutiny Team has received one completed Have Your Say Scrutiny Slip from a member of the public and one issue was put forward.

4. The issue for consideration is:-

Slip One

- “Toilets in Libraries. My dream on retirement was to take a weekly walk to the library, browse for an hour or so and walk home with new books. A healthy and interesting afternoon. But it seems an impossible dream, as my local library has no toilet facilities for lenders and older people can’t manage without one”.
5. The suggested Scrutiny topics should be considered against the following criteria:-
 - (i) Does the issue affect a group of people living within the Middlesbrough area;
 - (ii) Relate to a service, event or issue in which the Council has a significant stake or over which the Council has an influence;

- (iii) Not be an issue which Overview & Scrutiny has considered during the last 12 months;
 - (iv) Not relate to an individual service complaint; and
 - (v) Not relate to matters dealt with by another Council committee, unless the issue deals with procedure.
6. This issue falls within the remit of the Economic Regeneration & Transport Scrutiny Panel. It is for the Board to consider the importance of this suggestion in light of the proposed Scrutiny topics identified within the work programme, which will be considered later within this meeting.

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