



OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

24 AUGUST 2004

HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

PROGRESS REPORT

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board of the progress made to date by the Health Scrutiny Panel.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board approves the actions of the Health Scrutiny Panel.

3. PROGRESS OF THE PANEL

- 3.1 The Panel has held two meetings in conducting its review into 'Healthy Living'. The first meeting, which was held on the 15 July 2004, confirmed the terms of reference of the review as the following.

- Are healthy living initiatives co-ordinated
- Can an overarching strategy be developed
- How are outcomes measured and evaluated

- 3.2 At that same meeting the Panel received an outline from the Elected Mayor on the issues he considered important and the necessity for a co-ordinated approach to ensure a healthy lifestyle for people.

- 3.3 Following that the panel subsequently met on the 11 August 2004. At that meeting the Panel heard from the Public Protection Manager and the Healthy Living Co-ordinator about the current level of co-ordination with partners, across the Authority and activities Middlesbrough is presently engaged in with respect to the promotion of Healthy Living.
- 3.4 The Panel resolved that representatives from the Money Advice Service, Welfare Rights and Citizens Advice Bureau should be invited to come and speak to the Panel to discuss the co-ordination of services aimed at assisting people with financial problems, which can affect mental health. This will take place at the end of August or start of September.
- 3.5 It was further resolved by the Panel that a seminar be arranged at an outside venue, with speakers from a number of partner organisations, to discuss the multi-agency co-ordination of a Healthy Living Strategy with measurable outputs. This will be arranged due course.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background Papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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