



## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

16 NOVEMBER 2004

### CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR SCRUTINY REVIEW FROM A NON EXECUTIVE MEMBER

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To inform Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board of an item submitted by a Non-Executive Members for consideration.

#### RECOMMENDATION

2. The Board consider the appropriateness of directing a Scrutiny investigation into the suggested topic received by the Non-Executive Member.

#### PROPOSED SCRUTINY TOPIC

3. The Scrutiny Team has received one submission for consideration by a Non-Executive Member.
4. This relates to the possibility of implementing a ban on smoking in enclosed public places within Middlesbrough.
5. Extract from submission as follows:-

'I feel that as a forward-thinking and responsible local authority we should lead in the Tees Valley and engage in debate. The dangers to our health through smoking, including passive smoking, are well documented.

Middlesbrough, in particular, has one of the highest incidents of smoking-related diseases in the country. If we as a local authority, can influence and bring about measures with the co-operation of the public, the Health Authority and local businesses which reduce the impact these diseases have on individuals and their families, then we will have made Middlesbrough a healthier, safer and cleaner town'.

6. This submission also acknowledges that this is a politically sensitive issue, which is now at the centre of a national campaign by over fifty local authorities, such as Liverpool, Manchester and Newcastle, copy of newspaper article attached as **Appendix 1**.

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