



AGENDA ITEM: 11

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

8 MARCH 2005

Scrutiny Review – Implementation of Recommendations

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform the Board of the progress achieved with the implementation of agreed Executive actions resulting from the consideration of Scrutiny reports.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The electronic Scrutiny Monitoring Database was introduced in June 2003, to enable Members to track the implementation of agreed Executive Action Plans. The database is accessible through the lotus notes system. As agreed, the Board will receive quarterly updates on the progress of Scrutiny recommendations and in particular the actions that have not been successfully implemented.
3. The OSB meeting held in October 2004 was the last to update members on the implementation of Executive Actions.
4. Since the last report was issued, the Scrutiny Monitoring Database has been revised, to enable the database to record and generate information more effectively.
5. Provided within appendix A is a position update for the following reports :-
 - Third Quarterly Capital Expenditure, Resources and Revenue Outturn Review 2002/03.
 - Physical Disabilities in Middlesbrough
 - Street Cleansing
 - Job Centre Plus
 - Middlesbrough Town Centre Company
 - Pupil Performance: Key Stage 2/3 Transition
 - Review of the Implementation of Local E Government within Middlesbrough Council
 - Draft Social Services Transport Policy
 - Flooding in Middlesbrough

- Social Services Consultation Procedures
- HBS Telephone Contact Service
- Review of Housing Allocation Policy
- Sure Start: Delivering Better Outcomes for Children and Families
- Draft Licensing Policy
- Direct Payments
- The Educational Attainment of Children Looked After by Middlesbrough Council.

6. Previous reviews contain a total of 251 recommendations, of which 114 should have been implemented by February 2005. It would not be feasible to discuss each recommendation in turn, however, where the agreed Executive actions have not been implemented by the proposed target date this will be highlighted.

7. To summarise, of the 114 Executive actions which should have been implemented by February 2005: -

- 68% have been implemented,
- 18% are partially complete
- 14% have not been implemented.

Of the 16 Executive Actions that have not been implemented, a progress report has only been received for 2 of them.

Please note – Within Appendix A, those actions missing a progress report have been categorised under ‘ Executive Actions not implemented’. For the additional Executive actions that have not been completed, a revised target date and/or explanation have been put forth.

8. All of the Agreed Executive Actions for the following reviews have been completed:

- Misuse of Fireworks
- Final Revenue Outturn & the 2002/03 First Quarterly Revenue Budget Review
- Draft Internal Audit Strategic Plan 2003/04 to 2005/06
- Audit Inspection Annual Letter 2003
- Development of Preventative Services provided by Middlesbrough Council for Children.
- Investigation into Service Provision of Gleneagles Resource Centre

These reports have now been archived within the database.

ADDITIONAL MONITORING

9. Provided within Appendix B is an update that relates to the Health Scrutiny Action Plans. The information within Appendix B attempts to inform members of the position for the following reports:

- Review of District General Hospitals
- Appropriate Hospital Care for Older people
- Dental Health

- Review of Patient & Public Involvement

RECOMMENDATION

10. That the Board considers the information presented in Appendix A and agrees an appropriate course of action to monitor the recommendations that have not been implemented by the proposed target date.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

11. No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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