

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REPORT**  
8 March 2005

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

- 1 The following issues have been dealt with by the Overview and Scrutiny Board:
  - 2004/05 second quarter capital budget outturn
  - 2004/05 second quarter revenue budget outturn
  - consolidated performance report
  - Implementing e-Government
  - 2005/06 Revenue Support Grant settlement
  - medium term financial plan
  - Audit Commission report on Cultural Services
  - 2005-2006 Revenue Budget
  - 2006-2008 Neighbourhood Renewal Fund
  - draft Community Strategy
  - Annual Audit letter.
- 2 The Executive Board has considered and supported the OSB report on the draft Licensing Policy, and Panel reports on Direct Payments, the educational attainment of Children Looked After, the East Middlesbrough Primary Education review, allotments policy, the Local Transport Plan, and the Active Middlesbrough Strategy.
- 3 Discussions relating to possible changes to the format and content of the Council meeting are continuing.

- 4 On 1 February, Cllr Ward and I met with Audit Commission inspectors as part of the review of the Council's Comprehensive Performance Assessment. We gave a detailed account of the progress that has been made in the development of overview and scrutiny in the last two years.
- 5 In my formal role as chair of OSB, since the last meeting I have agreed that the following reports to the Executive Board and individual Executive members could be treated as "urgent" reports:
  - the Regional Spatial Strategy for the North East
  - Job Evaluation / Single Status
  - draft Local Development Framework Statement of Community Involvement
  - Property in St Hilda's
  - Garnet Street traffic scheme.

They were, therefore, not available for scrutiny under the call-in procedure.

**COUNCILLOR MICHAEL CARR  
CHAIR, OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

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