
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

A meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board was held on 29 November 2005.

PRESENT: Councillor Carr (Chair), Councillors Booth, Cole, Dryden, Mawston, Rogers and T Ward.

OFFICIALS: J Bennington, G Brown, P Clark, A Crawford, J Ord and E Williamson.

**** AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE** was submitted on behalf of Councillor McTigue.

**** DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made at this point of the meeting.

**** MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 1 and 16 November 2005 were submitted and approved.

EXECUTIVE FEEDBACK – 14/19 AGENDA

As part of the scrutiny process and in a report of the Executive Manager it was reported that the Executive had considered the Board's findings on the Final Report on the Investigation into the Authority's progress into the 14-19 Agenda.

The Executive had considered and supported the responses of the Service and the Corporate Management Team and had also agreed the proposed Action Plans.

NOTED

EXECUTIVE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

As part of the Board's remit in terms of holding the Executive to account a report of the Senior Scrutiny Officer was submitted which identified the most recent entries to the Executive's Forward Work Programme since the last report to the Board. It was pointed out that this would not negate Non Executive Member's ability to call-in a decision after it had been made.

NOTED

SCRUTINY REVIEW - IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

The Senior Scrutiny Officer submitted a report which outlined progress achieved in relation to the implementation of agreed Executive actions resulting from the consideration of Scrutiny reports.

In terms of the Executive actions which should have been implemented by October 2005, 147 had been implemented, 28 partially completed and progress reports received in respect of 8 out of 10 actions which had not been implemented.

Appendix B of the report submitted gave an update in respect of the Health Scrutiny Action Plans.

Reference was made to the extent of information provided for each Scrutiny Panel and the opportunity for them to consider the impact following the implementation of such recommendations.

NOTED

SCRUTINY REVIEW – NON EXECUTIVE MEMBER – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WORKERS

The Senior Scrutiny Officer submitted a report which outlined a request received from a Non Executive Member for a review to be undertaken into the role of Community Development Workers.

Members suggested that should the topic be approved it would be beneficial if it was examined following consideration of the outcome of the Community Engagement Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel's investigations.

ORDERED that approval in principle be given to the inclusion of a scrutiny topic for a review into the role of Community Development Workers into the work programme of the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel at the earliest opportunity in the next Municipal Year 2006/2007.

SCRUTINY REVIEWS - CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS

It was confirmed that no requests for scrutiny reviews had been received from the Executive, Executive Members or members of the public since the last meeting of the Board.

NOTED

SCRUTINY PANELS - PROGRESS REPORTS – ACUTE SERVICES REVIEW

A report of the Chair of each Scrutiny Panel was submitted which outlined progress on current activities.

The Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel referred to the review being undertaken by the Joint Section 7 Consultation Committee into the Acute Services Review following a report from Professor Sir Ara Darzi. In accordance with the proposed timetable a final report was to be formulated by mid January 2006.

The proposals, which were currently being consulted upon related to hospital based services in the Tees Valley, which also affected residents from North Yorkshire and parts of Durham.

In order to assist the scrutiny process the Board considered the feasibility of the Executive as distinct from any scrutiny perspective examining the possible impact of the proposals for the residents of Middlesbrough.

ORDERED that the Executive, at its meeting to be held on 20 December 2005 be asked to consider formulating a view on the possible impact on the residents of Middlesbrough of the proposals by Professor Sir Ara Darzi as part of the Acute Services Review.

CALL IN REQUESTS

It was confirmed that no requests had been received to call-in a decision.