

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

**31 JANUARY 2006**

**ACUTE HOSPITAL SERVICES REVIEW - FEEDBACK**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To receive feedback from the Executive following consideration of a report on the Acute Hospital Services Review.

**BACKGROUND**

2. The Board will be aware that the Executive at its meeting on 20 December 2005 considered a report on the Acute Hospital Services Review. The review had produced a number of recommendations on the way in which acute hospital services in the Tees Valley and North Yorkshire were delivered and configured. As some of the proposals had implications within Middlesbrough, the Overview and Scrutiny Board had requested the Executive to consider submitting a response to those recommendations, which had been issued for formal consultation.
3. The report considered by the Executive recommended that the Council should seek reassurances, which ensured that the quality of care for patients in Middlesbrough was not compromised. The report also recommended that the transfer of the gastro-intestinal cancer services and the endo-luminal vascular services to the University Hospital of North Tees should not result in a resource deficit.
4. Representatives from the NHS attended the meeting and responded to a number of issues that were raised on the review.
5. The Executive expressed serious concerns on the potential implications of the review, especially in relation to James Cook University Hospital and the residents of Middlesbrough.
6. As a result of the discussions held at the Executive it was agreed that the Mayor would agree a response to the Strategic Health Authority (Appendix A). The concerns of the Executive would also be raised with the Prime Minister (Appendix B) and the Secretary of State for Health (appendix C).

## **RECOMMENDATION**

6. That the decisions of the Executive be noted.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7. Minutes of the Executive held on 20 December 2005.

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