



**AGENDA ITEM: 10**

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**31 JANUARY 2006**

### **CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR SCRUTINY REVIEWS**

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To inform the Overview & Scrutiny Board of the proposed Scrutiny review which has been requested by a Non Executive Member.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the Board considers the appropriateness of commissioning a scrutiny review into the suggested scrutiny topic received from the Non Executive Member.

#### **PROPOSED SCRUTINY TOPIC**

3. To consider undertaking an investigation into the role and functions of Community Centres within Middlesbrough.
4. The Reasons for this request are as follows:
  - *To examine the extent and frequency in which the public use Community Centres.*
  - *The rules and regulations in which Community Centres operate are unknown.*
  - *There are concerns regarding the extent to which local residents are able to use the facilities available within Community Centres.*
5. The suggested Scrutiny topic should be considered against the following criteria:-
  - (i) Does the issue affect a group of people living within the Middlesbrough area;
  - (ii) Relate to a service, event or issue in which the Council has a significant stake or over which the Council has an influence;
  - (iii) Not be an issue which Overview & Scrutiny has considered during the last 12 months;
  - (iv) Not relate to an individual service complaint; and

- (v) Not relate to matters dealt with by another Council committee, unless the issue deals with procedure.
6. The issue falls within the remit of the Economic Regeneration & Transport Scrutiny Panel. It is for the Board to consider the importance of this suggestion in light of the Panel's work programme.

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