



AGENDA ITEM: 9

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

25 JULY 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 Exec Member.

RECOMMENDATION

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

PROPOSED SCRUTINY TOPIC

3. To consider undertaking an investigation into socio/economic migration within Middlesbrough.

4. The Reasons for this request are as follows:

“The Strategic Risk Register was presented to a previous OSB during which enquiries were made regarding the population changes in Middlesbrough and the affect on socio / economic mix. I consider there is a real risk that as the population in Middlesbrough changes with managerial / professional leaving and with an intake which is predominantly unemployed or low skill base then the risk is that the general socio economic base of Middlesbrough will decline, bringing with it the negative impact this will have on the vitality of the town.

Consequently, I would request that a Scrutiny examination be undertaken which examines the socio / economic migration, the reasons for this and what can be done to arrest any decline.”

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. It is for the Board to consider the importance of this suggestion in light of the work programme.

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