

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

A meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board was held on 22 August 2006.

PRESENT: Councillor Carr (Chair), Councillors Cole, McTigue, Mawston and Rooney.

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

****APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were submitted on behalf of Councillors Dryden, Harris and T Ward.

**** DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**** MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 25 July 2006 were submitted and approved.

EXECUTIVE FEEDBACK – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – CARERS SUPPORT SERVICES – STREET WARDEN SERVICE

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 comments in respect of the following final scrutiny reports:
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- a) Community Engagement
- b) Services for Adult Carers in Middlesbrough
- c) Street Warden Service

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

Specific reference was made to the Executive response in respect of the community engagement report. The Chair reported that whilst the Executive had agreed with CMT that there would be a number of difficulties in establishing additional structures the opportunities to assist Non-Executive Members to enhance their community champion role would be considered further by Members.

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

OUT OF HOURS SERVICE – HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

A report of the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel on the findings of the Panel's scrutiny review into the Out of Hours services had been circulated.

ORDERED that consideration of the report be deferred to the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

SCRUTINY REVIEWS - CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS

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

Specific reference was made to a suggestion previously submitted from a Non-Executive Member to consider a scrutiny topic relating to the use of Community Centres and Youth Clubs. It was confirmed that in considering the overall work programme the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel at its meeting held on 13 June and subsequently the Board on 27 June 2006 had not included such a topic within the current scrutiny work programme.

An indication was given of the ways the issues raised could be pursued and also the possibility of re-submitting the request to undertake a scrutiny investigation.

NOTED

SCRUTINY PANELS – PROGRESS REPORTS

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

NOTED

CALL IN REQUESTS

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