



**AGENDA ITEM: 13**

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

**6 MARCH 2007**

### **Scrutiny Review – Implementation of Recommendations**

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To inform the Board of the progress achieved with the implementation of agreed Executive actions resulting from the consideration of Scrutiny reports.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2. The electronic Scrutiny Monitoring Database was introduced in June 2003, to enable Members to track the implementation of agreed Executive Action Plans. The database is accessible through the lotus notes system. As agreed, the Board will receive quarterly updates on the progress of Scrutiny recommendations and in particular the actions that have not been successfully implemented.
3. Provided within Appendix A is a position update for the following reports :-
  - The Local Transport Plan
  - Investigation into Middlesbrough Council's Allotments Service Provision
  - Developing Learning Disability Services
  - Worklessness
  - Primary Education Reviews
  - Investigation into the Development and Enhancement of Community Engagement in Middlesbrough
  - Who Cares for Carers? Services for Adult Carers in Middlesbrough
  - One Step at a Time - Scrutiny Investigation into the Warden Service
  - Residents' Parking Scheme
  - Investigation into Council Litterbins
  - Parking On and Protecting Grass Verges
4. Previous reviews contain a total of **436** recommendations, of which **391** should have been implemented by February 2007. It would not be feasible to discuss each recommendation in turn, however, where the agreed Executive actions have not been implemented by the proposed target date this will be highlighted.

5. To summarise, of the Executive actions which should have been implemented by February 2007: -

- **379** had been implemented,
- **8** were partially complete,
- **4** had not been implemented.

Of the **4** Executive Actions that have not been implemented, a progress report has not been received for **2** of them.

Please note – Within Appendix A, those actions missing a progress report have been categorised under ‘ Executive Actions not implemented’. For the additional Executive actions that have not been completed, a revised target date and/or explanation have been put forth.

6. All of the Agreed Executive Actions for the following reviews have been completed:

- **(Nov 02)** Final Revenue Outturn & the 2002/03 First Quarterly Revenue Budget Review
- **(Feb 03)** Flooding in Middlesbrough
- **(Mar 03)** Third Quarterly Capital Expenditure, Resources and Revenue Outturn Review 2002/03
- **(Apr 03)** Social Services Consultation Procedures
- **(Apr 03)** HBS Telephone Contact Service
- **(Apr 03)** Physical Disabilities in Middlesbrough
- **(May 03)** Misuse of Fireworks
- **(May 03)** Review of Housing Allocation Policy
- **(Oct 03)** Draft Internal Audit Strategic Plan 2003/04 to 2005/06
- **(Oct 03)** Draft Social Services Transport Policy
- **(Dec 03)** Sure Start: Delivering Better Outcomes for Children and Families
- **(Jan 04)** Middlesbrough Town Centre Company
- **(Jan 04)** Development of Preventative Services provided by Middlesbrough Council for Children
- **(May 04)** Audit Inspection Annual Letter 2003
- **(May 04)** Investigation into Service Provision of Gleneagles Resource Centre
- **(May 04)** Review of the Implementation of Local E Government within Middlesbrough Council
- **(June 04)** Street Cleansing
- **(June 04)** Job Centre Plus
- **(July 04)** Pupil Performance: Key Stage 2/3 Transition
- **(Dec 04)** Direct Payments
- **(Dec 04)** Draft Licensing Policy
- **(Jan 05)** The Educational Attainment of Children Looked After by Middlesbrough Council
- **(Feb 05)** Investigation into the Active Middlesbrough Strategy
- **(May 05)** Fair Access to Care Services
- **(July 05)** Human Resources and Diversity Issues
- **(Aug 05)** Night Time Economy
- **(Aug 05)** Investigation into Middlesbrough Council’s Green Budget in the Context of the Housing Stock Transfer
- **(Sep 05)** Investigation into Active Intelligence Mapping
- **(Oct 05)** Investigation into the Authority’s Progress into the 14-19 Agenda
- **(Nov 05)** Youth Service Action Plan
- **(Apr 06)** Recycling
- **(May 06)** Investigation into Boro Buzz
- **(July 06)** Review of School Meals

These reports have now been archived within the database.

Number of reports archived: **33**

### **ADDITIONAL MONITORING**

7. Provided within Appendix B is an update that relates to the Health Scrutiny Action Plans. The information within Appendix B attempts to inform Members of the position for the following reports:
  - Review of District General Hospitals
  - Review of Patient & Public Involvement
  - Appropriate Hospital Care for Older people
  - Dental Health
  - Tobacco Control Within Enclosed Public Places
  - Out of Hours Services
  
8. All of the Agreed Executive Actions for the following reviews have been completed:
  - **(May 05)** Healthy Living Review
  - **( Sept 05)** Emergency Admissions into James Cook University Hospital

### **RECOMMENDATION**

9. That the Board considers the information presented in Appendix A and agrees an appropriate course of action to monitor the recommendations that have not been implemented by the proposed target date.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10. No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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