

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

A meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board was held on 30 July 2007.

PRESENT: Councillor Carr (Chair), Councillors Ismail, G Rogers, Rooney, Sanderson, Ward and Williams.

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

****APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bishop, Cole and Dryden.

**** 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 3 July 2007 were submitted and approved.

EXECUTIVE FEEDBACK – CHOOSE AND BOOK – HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS

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 on the Health Scrutiny Panel's final reports in respect of Choose and Book and, Healthcare Associated Infections.

The Executive had considered and agreed the responses of the Corporate Management Team and had also supported the proposed Action Plans involving the Council, Strategic Health Authority, Middlesbrough PCT and South Tees NHS Hospitals Trust.

NOTED

SCRUTINY PANEL'S WORK PROGRAMMES 2007/2008

Further to the meeting of the Board held on 3 July 2007 the Senior Scrutiny Officer submitted a report which outlined the individual's Scrutiny Panel's progress in relation to their 2007/08 Scrutiny Work Programme.

The subject areas identified by each of the Scrutiny Panel's were reported as follows: -

Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel:

- a) Teenagers Hanging Around
- b) Speed Cameras
- c) Respect Agenda.

Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel:

- a) Sure Start & Early Years Improvement
- b) Extended Schools Programme
- c) Substance Misuse by Parents/Carers
- d) School Attendance
- e) Regular Building Schools for the Future Updates.

Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel:

- a) Teesside Archives (one off visit and fact finding)
- b) Public Transport
- c) Promoting Middlesbrough (how the Town is branded, strategy for marketing its image and improving people's perceptions amongst other aspects)

- d) Town Centre Parking
- e) Park and Ride
- f) Local Area Agreement – Economic Vitality (possible one-off for awareness raising).

Environment Scrutiny Panel:

- a) Waste Collection Policies and Strategies
- b) Enforcement Strategies
- c) Tree Management.

Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel:

- a) Street Wardens
- b) Major Adaptations and Equipment
- c) Improving the Levels of Employment for People with Disabilities
- d) Update on the review of the Transition from Children's to Adult Services (one-off meeting)
- e) Joint working with Health Scrutiny Panel as identified.

Health Scrutiny Panel:

- a) Life Expectancy in Middlesbrough with a particular focus on Coronary Heart Disease
- b) Patient Transport to and from James Cook University Hospital.

Single meetings on a number of topics including:

- Changes to the Commissioning regime in Middlesbrough
- Contractual developments in Out of Hours Care in Middlesbrough
- Joint working with Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel on Mental Health issues; integration of health and social care; and medication management.

In response to a Member's query it was confirmed that although the opportunity had existed for the appointments of Vice-Chair of each of the Scrutiny Panels to be made at the Council meeting held on 23 May 2007 such appointments were subsequently undertaken by the individual Scrutiny Panels.

ORDERED that the revised Scrutiny Work Programme 2007/2008 as outlined above be approved subject to the order of priority of topics for the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel being (a), (b), (d), (e) (f) and (c).

SCRUTINY REVIEWS - CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS

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

In commenting on the current process for dealing with petitions a Member referred to a specific case in particular the arrangements for informing initiators of petitions on the outcome of investigations and any subsequent action taken. It was suggested that it would be helpful if the Board received an update on the current procedures for dealing with petitions.

Members referred to a recent meeting of the Executive and meetings of Individual Executive Member meetings, which had been held on the same day. The Board sought clarification on the current criteria for decisions being taken at either meetings of Individual Executive Members or by the Executive.

The Chair confirmed that information had also been sought on the Executive Forward Work Programme in particular the process and timing for the inclusion of items into the plan.

ORDERED as follows: -

1. That the information provided be noted.
2. That reports be submitted to the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board to be held on 28 August 2007 on the following:-
 - a) the current procedure for dealing with petitions;
 - b) the current criteria for decisions being taken by either Individual Executive Members or by the Executive.

CALL IN REQUESTS

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