

AGENDA ITEM: **9 b**

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

12TH FEBRUARY 2008

CONSIDERATION FOR REQUESTS FOR SCRUTINY REVIEWS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform the Overview & Scrutiny Board of the proposed Scrutiny review which has been requested by two Members.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Board considers the appropriateness of commissioning a Scrutiny review into the suggested scrutiny topic received from Members.

PROPOSED SCRUTINY TOPIC

3. To consider undertaking an investigation into 'Collaboration between agencies serving East Middlesbrough in identifying young people in East Middlesbrough aged 16-25 and progressing appropriate Education, Employment & Training opportunities for, and with, them'.

4. The Reasons for this request are as follows:

Without judgement, or conclusion about the work of any organisations. It is considered appropriate to take stock of interventions so far and how this work can best be delivered in the future.

The proposer's consider it would be useful if a review focussed on

- Identifying the numbers who could benefit from the services on offer
- Identifying the number of employment projects and agencies operating in east Middlesbrough.

- Identifying statutory or contractual obligations and requirements of those agencies
 - Exploring the level of joint working - for examples the level of inter-agency referrals and the information sharing agreements that are in place
 - Commenting on successes of above, identifying numbers actually benefiting from interventions and suggesting any areas for improvement
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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