

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

29th JULY 2008

**OUTCOME OF CALL-IN:
UNALLOCATED RESOURCES**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To report the outcome of the special meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) held on 15th July 2008 which reviewed the decision made at an Executive Meeting on 24th June 2008, in accordance with the authority's Call-In procedure.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2 As members will recall, the Call-In procedure was recently instigated, following a decision undertaken by the Executive. The decision was based upon a report titled "Unallocated Resources". In doing so the Executive ordered that
 - That the package of proposals set out in the report for spending unallocated resources be approved.
- 3 Subsequently a special meeting of the OSB was held on 15th July 2008 to allow the Board to review the decision taken.

OBSERVATIONS

4 Having reviewed the decision, the Board wish to make the following observations on this issue:-

- That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recognises that the Executive decision to direct the Unallocated Resources to focus on the support and development of the Town Centre economy through events, promotion and publicity would benefit many people of Middlesbrough. The Board appreciated that these events have the potential to attract a wider audience, thereby contributing to the vitality of the Town Centre.
- From the information received, the Board did consider that in future the Executive should undertake greater consultation when determining the direction of unallocated resources.

CONCLUSION

5 The OSB concluded that on this occasion, the Board would not require the Executive to re-consider the decision taken on 24th June 2008.

RECOMMENDATIONS

6 The Special OSB recommendation to the Executive is that the decision referred to in this report is not referred back for reconsideration.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report: -
- (a) Report of the Senior Scrutiny Officer entitled 'Call-In: Unallocated Resources. to the Special meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board of 15th July 2008.
 - (b) Report of the Corporate Management Team presented to the Executive on 24th June 2008.