



AGENDA ITEM: 12

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

29 JULY 2008

CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR SCRUTINY REVIEWS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform the Overview & Scrutiny Board of the proposed Scrutiny review which has been requested by a Non Exec Member.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Board considers the appropriateness of commissioning a scrutiny review into the suggested scrutiny topic received from the Non Exec Member.

PROPOSED SCRUTINY TOPIC

3. To consider undertaking an investigation into Toilet Provision within Middlesbrough.
4. The reasons for this request are as follows:

“Since there has been an ongoing problem for over 15 years I think it is now time that Members of the Council urgently look into this matter, because it does impinge not only on the daily lives of Middlesbrough people (many of whom suffer from kidney/bladder problems), but it is a fundamental part of the infrastructure to encourage tourists to come to the town. Furthermore, it also has an effect on criminal behaviour, since with lack of toilets people have to go somewhere and presently that means shop doorways, alleyways and even right in front of people on the street, all of which are criminal offences. So toilet provision would cure this problem as well”

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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