



**AGENDA ITEM: 9 (a)**

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**23 SEPTEMBER 2008**

### **CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR SCRUTINY REVIEWS**

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To inform the Overview & Scrutiny Board of the proposed Scrutiny review that has been requested from a member of the public.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

#### **PROPOSED SCRUTINY TOPIC**

3. To consider undertaking an investigation into Direct Public Transport to and from James Cook University Hospital.

4. The reasons for this request are as follows:

*“The lack of direct transport from the Brookfield/Acklam area to the James Cook hospital. Many of us in this area find it so frustrating having to get two buses to get to there. Yet someone living - shall we say in the Hardwick area of Stockton are able to get one bus.”*

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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