

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY UPDATE
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HEAD OF CORPORATE PERFORMANCE

Summary

1. To seek Overview and Scrutiny Board's comments on the draft Sustainable Community Strategy.

Introduction

2. To date the draft Sustainable Community Strategy has been submitted for consultation to the following groups:
 - LSP stakeholders
 - Community representatives
 - Scrutiny Panels (relevant chapters submitted for scrutiny)
 - Overview and Scrutiny Board.
3. Consultation events have been held which have considered both the sustainability appraisal and the risk assessment of the Sustainable Community Strategy. Further work will take place on these elements, and complementary documents will be produced.
4. In addition to the chapters based on the themes, this draft includes the introductory sections including:
 - The vision for Middlesbrough
 - Partnership arrangements
 - Equality and Diversity
 - Sustainability
 - Performance management.

5. The Sustainable Community Strategy is being developed as a partnership document, and will reflect the contributions of a range of organisations as well as the aspirations of local communities.
6. In view of the ongoing consultation, further changes may be made in response to suggestions and amendments. The final version of the document, subject to amendment, will be presented to Full Council on 26 November.

Evidence / Discussion

7. The latest draft of the Sustainable Community Strategy is attached at Annex A for information and comment.

Conclusion

8. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes and comments on the draft Sustainable Community Strategy.

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