



**AGENDA ITEM: 10**

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**21 OCTOBER 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 Nature's World in Middlesbrough.
4. The reasons for this request are as follows:

*"Having made several visits to Nature's World with my family, I have been very disappointed with the neglected appearance of what was once a flagship attraction in Middlesbrough. In view of the Council's stance on the environment, this site does not reflect our commitment to the environment"*

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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