



AGENDA ITEM: 10 (a)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

13 January 2009

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 Non-Executive Member.

RECOMMENDATION

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

PROPOSED SCRUTINY TOPIC

3. To consider undertaking an investigation into Open Plan Estates of Middlesbrough.
4. The reasons for this request are as follows:

“Within Middlesbrough there are estates that have been identified as open plan. I’m aware there are planning restrictions for these estates that prohibit residents from erecting walls or fences on their property. I think it would be beneficial if a review was carried out which identifies the monitoring and enforcement that is in place to ensure these rules are adhered to.”

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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