



AGENDA ITEM: ??

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

7 APRIL 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 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 Services for Carers in Middlesbrough.
4. The reasons for this request are as follows:

“We are writing this e-mail to voice our concerns about the George Hardwick Foundation Centre which is closing at the end of this month. The article in the Evening Gazette on the 12th March 2009 states that at least 300+carers used the centre each week. Carers should be given the choice of visiting the centre in Middlesbrough or outreach services into the carers home. Some carers would prefer to visit a centre as they spend a lot of time in their properties looking after their disabled families and friends and it gives the carers a break.”

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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