

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

5<sup>th</sup> May 2009

### OUTCOME OF CALL-IN: REFURBISHMENT of MIDDLESBROUGH TOWN HALL COMPLEX

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To report the outcome of the special meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009 which reviewed the Executive decision made on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009, in accordance with the authority's Call-In procedure.

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2 As members will recall, the Call-In procedure was recently instigated, following a decision undertaken by an Individual Executive Member. The decision was based upon a report titled "Refurbishment of Middlesbrough Town Hall Complex". In doing so the Executive member ordered that
  - 1) That the development strategy and the recommended approach to its preparation be supported
  - 2) That the use of Single Programme resources aligned with a contribution from the Regeneration budget to commission further work to develop an outline phased and costed proposal at a cost of approximately £50,00 be supported; and
  - 3) To request a report back at regular intervals on progress.

- 3 Subsequently a special meeting of the OSB was held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009 to allow the Board to review the decision taken.

## **OBSERVATIONS**

- 4 Having reviewed the decision, the Board wish to make the following observations on this issue:-
  - That the Overview and Scrutiny Board recognises that the Executive Members decision to direct £12,500 from the Regeneration Initiatives budget which will add to resources of £37,500 from One NorthEast . This funding to is to be used to refresh the previous Panther Hudspith work in the development of a strategy and create a costed and phased outline plan of investment.

## **CONCLUSION**

- 5 The OSB concluded that on this occasion, the Board would not require the Executive Member to re-consider the decision taken on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6 The Special OSB recommendation to the Executive is that the decision referred to in this report is not referred back for reconsideration.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report: -

- (a) Report of the Senior Scrutiny Officer entitled 'Call-In Refurbishment of Middlesbrough Town Hall Complex, to the Special meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board of 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009.
- (b) Report of the Corporate Management Team presented to the Individual Executive member on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2009.