



**AGENDA ITEM:
13 (a)**

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

17 NOVEMBER 2009

CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR A SCRUTINY REVIEW

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform the Overview & Scrutiny Board of a 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 Youth Service/Youth Club Involvement with Children of Secondary School Age.
4. The reasons for this request are as follows:

“That once children leave primary school they can be lost to youth service provision in that they can feel that they are too old for continued involvement in youth clubs. As this seems to be a growing problem, there is a need to examine how the youth service promotes the continued involvement and engagement of such young people. A further issue relates to the wider context of youth service engagement and how the service is promoted - some youth clubs have seen participant numbers dwindle to only 12 or 13 young people.”

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) Does it relate to a service, event or issue in which the Council has a significant stake or over which the Council has an influence?
 - (iii) It should not be an issue which Overview & Scrutiny has considered during the last 12 months.
 - (iv) It should not relate to an individual service complaint.
 - (v) Nor should it 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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