



AGENDA ITEM: 7 a

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

18th OCTOBER 2011

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 member of the public.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Board considers the appropriateness of commissioning a scrutiny review into the suggested scrutiny topic received from the member of the public.

PROPOSED SCRUTINY TOPIC

3. To consider undertaking an investigation into the Councils adopted affordable housing strategy.
4. The reasons for this request are as follows:

A member of the public has expressed concerns as they have noticed 3 planning applications, 2 of which were major (290 and above homes) have been agreed with developers and 2 more which are in the process of being set out.

The concern is that it appears the Council is not adhering to its own adopted strategy.

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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