

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 11

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2012

### Work Programme for 2012 -13

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To inform Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board of the progress made by the various scrutiny panels in considering the work programme for 2012/13.

#### PROPOSALS FROM THE PANELS

2. The following presents the proposals from the individual panels who have met in advance of this meeting and are presented for the Board's consideration.
3. Those panels which are scheduled to meet following the distribution of this meetings agenda, will present their proposed work programme to the Board verbally.

#### CHILDREN AND LEARNING SCRUTINY PANEL

4. The panel is scheduled to meet on the 27<sup>th</sup> June, which is following the distribution of this report. Consequently the panel's proposals will be presented verbally to the this meeting of the Board.

#### COMMUNITY SAFETY & LEISURE SCRUTINY PANEL

5. The panel met on the 13<sup>th</sup> June and have identified the proposed work programme. The subject areas proposed for the Boards consideration are as follows
  - **Police resource** Effect of reduction in Police budget on the resources applied to Middlesbrough Re Community Safety

- **Neighbourhood Watch**                      The effectiveness of Neighbourhood Watch and its relationship to Police and Street Wardens
- **Leisure Facilities**                      The shaping of Leisure Facilities provided by the Council in response to budgetary reduction
- **Exploitation of Children**                      Issues associated with Child Abuse, Identification, Facilities and Procedures available to tackle this
- **Anti Social Behaviour**                      Problems associated with ASB in Stewart Park
- **Hate Crime**                                  Facilities afforded to victims and detection of offenders

### **MIDDLESBROUGH HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL**

6.     The Panel is scheduled to meet on 12 July 2012 to consider and agree a range of suitable topics for inclusion in the work programme. The fully confirmed work programme will be presented to a future meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Board. The Panel has, however, already identified that during the year it will be considering the following topics, amongst others.
- Progress in Implementing the Health Reforms
  - The Possible development of Private Patient Units at James Cook University Hospital
  - Possible changes to national formulae to establish levels of health funding.

### **TEES VALLEY HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE**

- 8     There is an agreed rotation regarding which Authority will chair the meeting. For 2012 –13 the Chair will be Darlington. However, meetings will continue to be held in Middlesbrough.
- 9     The Joint Scrutiny Committee will be meeting on 2 July 2012, so the OSB will be updated on its work programme at the meeting on 3 July 2012.

### **SOUTH OF TEES HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE**

- 10    The committee will be meeting soon to establish its work programme for the year, which will be reported to Overview & Scrutiny Board as soon as possible.

## **ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL**

11 The panel met on the 11th June 2012 and determined the following subjects for submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Board:

- Environment Department Service Promises (To also include Environmental Enforcement).
- Renewable Energy - Potential for Council Involvement (To also include Wind Turbines - what are the benefits?).
- Environmental Awareness of Local Public Bodies.
- Fees and Charges (Environment Services).
- Joint Authority Working on Refuse Collection and Street Cleaning.
- Dog Fouling.

## **ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY PANEL**

The panel met on 15th June 2011 to consider and agree a range of suitable topics for inclusion in the work programme. The topics that the panel wishes to examine are detailed below:

- Grove Hill and Gresham.
- Empty Buildings.
- Welfare Reform.
- Voluntary and Community Sectors.
- Town Hall Quadrangle - Future Use.
- Southfield Road Closure.
- Speed Bumps (Carried over from 2011-12).

## **SOCIAL CARE AND ADULT SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL**

12 The panel met on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012 to consider and agree a range of suitable topics for inclusion in the work programme. The topics that the panel wishes to review are detailed below:

- The current role played, and service provided, by the Integrated Occupational Therapy Service
- Welfare Reforms and their impact on the provision, planning and accessibility of Social Care in Middlesbrough
- The Government Social Care White Paper (when published)
- Access to Social Care for BME Communities
- Adults with Learning Disabilities and Personal Budgets

## **AD HOC**

13. The responses from Members for suggested Scrutiny topics contained some topics which may be suitable for the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel. Consequently, these are presented below for the Board's Consideration.

- Voluntary Sector and the extent of its current and potential involvement with Council Service provision.
- The impact of reductions in public spending on Council Services and the long term impact on the shape and functions of the Council

## **RECOMMENDATION**

14 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board:

- Considers the range of priorities presented by the panels for the scrutiny work programme 2012/2013.
- Considers and agrees topics for inclusion in the work programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Board and the Ad Hoc Scrutiny panel as appropriate.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

15 No background papers were used in the preparation of this report

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