

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

**AGENDA ITEM 13g**

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

**13 NOVEMBER 2012**

### **AD-HOC SCRUTINY PANEL - PROGRESS REPORT**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To provide members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) with an update on the work of the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Panel.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the updated position.

#### **BACKGROUND**

3. Since the last report to OSB, the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Panel has met once, on 26 November 2012. At that meeting, the panel considered a presentation from the Senior Resources Officer, Members Office, on the following matters:
  - How this issue relates to the authority's ongoing Desktop Strategy (which involves reviewing most aspects of IT operations, equipment, ways of working, efficiencies etc).
  - Links to the authority's Transformation Agenda.
  - Costs.
  - Software issues.
  - Security and insurance.
  - Members' IT usage and organisational culture.

4. The Chair of the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Panel is to attend a meeting of Scarborough Council on 5 November 2012 to observe proceedings - Scarborough is the first authority in the country to adopt an entirely paperless approach. An update from the visit to Scarborough will be presented at the OSB meeting,

**COUNCILLOR JAN BRUNTON**

**CHAIR OF AD - HOC SCRUTINY PANEL**

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