

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 11

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2013

### 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 following topic
4. Given Middlesbrough's present boundaries and that the available land has been reserved for housing, as opposed to commercial and industrial usage. Can Scrutiny examine to assess if the town's economy is sustainable?

5. The reasons for this request is

As a member of the public I am concerned at the economic sustainability for Middlesbrough.

6. 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.

7. It is for the Board to consider the importance of this suggestion in light of the work programme.

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