

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

A meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board was held on 4 February 2014.

PRESENT: Councillors Brunton (Chair), Arundale, McIntyre, P Purvis, Sanderson, P Sharrocks, J A Walker and Williams.

OFFICERS: J Bennington, S Blood, G Brown and A Crawford.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were submitted on behalf of Councillors Cole, Dryden, C Hobson, Kerr and Mawston.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest made at this point of the meeting.

1 MINUTES - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD 7 JANUARY 2014

The minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 7 January 2014 were submitted.

A Member referred to concerns raised at a recent meeting of the Kader Community Council regarding a recommendation of the Environment Scrutiny Panel for the possibility of moving to weekly collections of recycling and fortnightly collections of refuse to be examined as outlined in the Final Report regarding household waste management arrangements.

ORDERED as follows:-

1. That the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 7 January 2014 be approved as a correct record.
2. That the Executive Member for Environment be advised of the comments raised at the Kader Community Council regarding possible changes to the frequency of collections of refuse.

2 EXECUTIVE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

As part of the Board's remit in terms of holding the Executive to account a report of the Executive Office Manager was submitted which identified the forthcoming issues to be considered by the Executive as outlined in Appendix A of the report submitted.

NOTED

3 EXECUTIVE FEEDBACK - SCRUTINY REPORTS

As part of the scrutiny process and in a report of the Executive Office Manager it was reported that the Executive had considered the following Final Reports:-

- (a) BME Communities : Access to Social Care Services - Final Report of the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel
- (b) Children with Complex Needs - Final Report of the Health Scrutiny Panel
- (c) Boro Becks Project - Final Report of the Environment Scrutiny Panel
- (d) Child Poverty, Deprivation and Attainment - Final Report of the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel
- (e) Winter Pressures in the Health and Social Care Economy - Final Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

(f) Emergency Access to James Cook University Hospital - Final Report of the Health Scrutiny Panel.

The Executive had considered and supported the Service Responses.

Following clarification sought from Members it was confirmed that it was intended that a report regarding an update on the Executive Decision Monitoring Schedule would be submitted to the meeting of the Board scheduled for 4 March 2014.

NOTED

4 **SCRUTINY PANELS - PROGRESS REPORTS**

A report of the Chair of each Scrutiny Panel was submitted which outlined progress on current activities.

In discussing the current scrutiny topic of the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel concerning the exploitation of children Members indicated a number of possible further/additional areas of examination by the Panel.

The Board was advised that since the circulation of the agenda the Economic Regeneration and Scrutiny Panel had received an update on the traffic calming measures and managing traffic speed (inc. 20 mph Zones) which would be the subject of a draft Final Report to be considered at the next meeting of the Panel.

The Chair reported on a request for a possible topic for scrutiny investigation by the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel in relation to the length of time empty properties owned by registered landlords remained vacant.

A Member referred to a recent Government announcement that the responsibility for children's public health commissioning for 0-5 year olds would transfer from NHS England to local authorities with effect from 1 October 2015.

ORDERED as follows:-

1. That the information provided be noted.
2. That the topic of empty properties owned by registered landlords be included in the scrutiny work programme of the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel.
3. That the Health Scrutiny Panel be advised of impending changes regarding the responsibility of children's public health commissioning for 0-5 year olds transferring from NHS England to local authorities with effect from 1 October 2015.

5 **CALL-IN**

It was confirmed that no requests had been received to call-in a decision.

NOTED

6 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS - SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD**

The Chair reminded Members of the special meeting of the Board to be held on Thursday 20 February 2014 to consider the Revenue Budget 2014/2015.

NOTED