

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 9

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

1 JULY 2014

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME - 2014/15
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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 2014/15.

PROPOSALS FROM THE PANELS

2. Ordinarily the topics selected by the scrutiny panels are contained within this report and presented for the Board's consideration. However, at the time of writing this report the panels had yet to consider their work programmes for 2014/15.
3. All panels are scheduled to meet in the week commencing 23 June 2014 to agree a range of suitable topics for inclusion in the work programme.
4. Consequently the findings will be circulated under separate cover for Members' awareness in advance of this meeting.

TEES VALLEY HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE

5. The committee is expected to meet on 10 July 2014 to establish its annual work programme. In accordance with the agreed rotation, the Chair for the Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Committee for 2014 -15 is Hartlepool. Its work programme for the year will be reported to Overview and Scrutiny Board as soon as possible.

SOUTH TEES HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE

6. The committee is expected to meet soon to establish its work programme for the year. The Chair for the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee for 2014-2015 is Redcar and Cleveland. Again, the work programme will be reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

AD HOC PANEL

7. The Overview and Scrutiny Board has traditionally identified topics for consideration by the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel. A number of suggestions have been put forward as possible topics and these are listed below:-

- Customer contact
- Mental health support offered to prisoners and people leaving prison following release from prison?
- The use of Crisis Funding – policy, criteria, budget and application.
- Benefits and worklessness
- Volunteering
- Procurement of goods and services and the impact on town
- Social impact of population change
- Fair access to credit
- Balanced scorecard
- WiFi Town.

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board:

- i) Approve the range of topics identified by the individual Scrutiny Panels for the 2014/15 work programme.
- ii) Identifies the subjects to be pursued by the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel and the appropriate order of priority.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

9. No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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