

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD
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<p>QUESTIONS FOR SCRUTINY</p>

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To present a document for discussion with members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB).

BACKGROUND

2. The Centre for Public Scrutiny has produced a paper following the high profile investigations of events in Mid-Staffordshire and Rotherham. The document 'What Rotherham and Mid-Staffordshire tell us about scrutiny, and where it's lacking' has been attached to this report at Appendix 1.
3. The paper presents a question for all scrutiny members across the country, 'Where is scrutiny in all this?' This paper gives the basis for a discussion about scrutiny processes and the operation of the scrutiny function.
4. In Middlesbrough there are robust scrutiny procedures in place, and whilst the issues faced by members of scrutiny in Rotherham may not have happened here, it is only right and proper that Members consider the questions contained within the report.

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Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. No background papers were used to prepare this briefing paper.

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