## MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

#### OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

## 28 JULY 2015

# ATTENDANCE OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AT THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

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

1. To provide information in respect of the scheduled attendance of Members of the Executive at the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB).

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- It is **RECOMMENDED** as follows:
  - 1. That Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board are appraised of the work of the Executive Member for Adult Health and Social Care.
  - 2. That Board Members question the Executive Member in respect of her portfolio and any issues which arise at the meeting.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- Arrangements are in place in the Council to ensure that potential issues for consideration via the scrutiny process (i.e. by the Overview and Scrutiny Board or the relevant scrutiny panel) are highlighted and brought forward as necessary.
- 4. Overview and Scrutiny also has a responsibility of "holding the Executive to account." This can happen in a number of different ways and at different stages in the decision-making process. In terms of decision making, this can be:
  - Before decisions are made such as by examining policy options or considering issues included in the Council's forward work programme.
  - Immediately after decisions are made, but prior to their implementation, through the call-in process; and

- After decisions are implemented, through monitoring and evaluation of their effects.
- 5. Overview and Scrutiny can be involved in holding the Executive to account as a whole, by using the methods outlined in the preceding paragraph, or on an individual basis. The OSB's role in this area has been strengthened in recent years, with arrangements having been made for individual Members of the Executive to attend OSB.
- 6. This has given OSB Members the opportunity to hear directly from each Executive Member on matters such as their aims and aspirations, progress made, objectives and priorities and also any emerging issues or pressure areas relating to their portfolio. The process has also presented an opportunity for OSB to highlight and question any issues of concern or difficulty (for example in respect of service areas where targets have not been reached or where objectives have not been achieved) and to question what action will be taken to address such issues.
- 7. Arrangements have been made for Councillor J Rostron Executive Member for Adult Health and Social Care to attend the meeting. Details of the relevant portfolio are attached at **Appendix 1**.

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8. There were no background papers used in the preparation of this report.

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# **SCOPE OF PORTFOLIO EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIO Executive Member for Adult Health &** Scope **Social Care** People with disabilities (adults) Elderly and frail people **Lead Assistant Directors:** Assistant Director, Social Care People with Learning Disabilities and Mental Health conditions (adults) Assistant Director Improving Public Health & Director of Public Health) Adults with Social Care needs Carer Support Health Service Quality **Public Protection Policy Framework** Think Local Act Personal, The Direction for Social Care Services Health and Social Care Reform. Health and Well Being Strategy NHS Commissioning and Delivery Plans – Local, Regional and National Licensing Authority Policy Statement 2003 Act Statement of Principle Gambling (2005 Act) Civil Contingencies Act 2004 Other Plans and Strategies Supporting People Strategy Better Care, Higher Standards Prevention Strategy National Health Service Plan Older Peoples' Strategy Physical Disabilities Strategy Social Services' Equalities Plan Social Services' Care Service Plan Mental Health Strategy Learning Disabilities Strategy No Secrets, Protection of Vulnerable Adults from Abuse Taxis Licensing Executive Issues Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Food Safety Service Plan Health Safety Service Plan **Environmental Enforcement**

- NHS Health Check programme
- Food health and safety
- Trading Standards (Inc. Metrology)
- Licensing (Inc. Taxi Licensing)
- Environmental Health

#### **Service Functions**

- Adult Social Services
- Social Services Performance and Modernisation
- Lead Authority arrangements with other Tees Valley Councils' with regard to the Metrology Service
- Social Services' Partnerships
- Older Persons' Champion
- Social Care Commissioning
- Environmental Health and Trading Standards

In circumstances where it is considered that an Executive Member would have a prejudicial interest or by virtue of the fact that they are a member of the Thirteen Housing Board, that the matter will be referred to the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Regeneration.