

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 4

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

15 SEPTEMBER 2015

<h3>ATTENDANCE OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AT THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD</h3>

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

2. It is **RECOMMENDED** as follows:
 1. That Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board are appraised of the work of the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Regeneration.
 2. That Board Members question the Executive Member in respect of his portfolio and any issues which arise at the meeting.

BACKGROUND

3. 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 C Rooney - Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Regeneration 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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EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIO	SCOPE OF PORTFOLIO
<p>Deputy Mayor / Executive Member for Regeneration</p> <p>(Lead AD: Assistant Director, Economic Development)</p>	<p>Scope</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strategic Highway and Transportation ▪ Economic Growth ▪ Inward investment ▪ Job creation ▪ Housing development ▪ Planning and Building Control ▪ Tees Valley Unlimited <p>Policy Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Local Development Framework/Development Plan Documents ▪ Local Transport Plan <p>Other Plans and Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regeneration Strategy ▪ Regeneration Service Plan ▪ Policies and Strategies for Housing Activity ▪ Economic Development Strategy ▪ Local Development Strategy ▪ Development Briefs and Master Plans ▪ Public Rights of Way Plan ▪ Surface Water Management Plan <p>Service Functions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Urban Policy and Implementation ▪ Regeneration Programmes ▪ Development Control ▪ Building Control ▪ Strategic Housing ▪ Landscaping and Countryside Development ▪ Economic Development ▪ Strategic Highways and Transportation ▪ Deputise when required at Sub-

	<p>regional and regional activities (e.g. DTV Airport) for the Mayor</p> <p>Creating the right environment for businesses by development and promotion of key business areas including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ industrial/commercial areas; ▪ Middlesbrough town centre, including the night time economy; ▪ the DigitalCity/Boho Zone; and ▪ Middlehaven <p>Supporting the town's businesses including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ direct support to businesses seeking to locate or expand; ▪ working with business agencies to ensure businesses can access support required; ▪ working with TVU to secure inward investment; ▪ providing engagement to involve businesses in the town's regeneration; and ▪ providing start up business accommodation in the Council's Enterprise Centres. <p>Support to residents to enable them to benefit from economic opportunities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ working with public, private and voluntary sector projects which provide initiatives/support for local people. ▪ Responsibility (jointly with Executive Member for Finance and Governance) for DigitalCity Business Trading Ltd including appointment of suitable Directors to act on the Council's behalf.
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