

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 10 (e)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

15 September 2015

HEALTH SCRUTINY – UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide members of the Overview & Scrutiny Board with an update on the Health Scrutiny function.

RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the Board notes the progress of the Health Scrutiny function.

CONSIDERATION

Health Scrutiny Panel

3. The panel met on 1 September to receive information from the Director of Public Health on the recently completed Public Health Annual Report. The panel heard how the emphasis of this year's report was on mental health and emotional well-being. The panel agreed to consider this item again in 6 months' time to review progress.
4. At that meeting, Members also agreed the final report on their recent review of Neurological Services, which is submitted to this meeting of OSB.
5. The panel will begin their review of the new topic of Health Inequalities at their next meeting on 22 September. At that meeting the panel will receive an overview of the key issues from the Council's Director of Public Health and representatives from the South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group.
6. The Department of Health held a 4 week consultation on the deduction of £200m from this year's public health grant which is to be taken from all

Councils in their January 2016 instalment. The panel responded to the consultation, stating their objection to the proposed cut in public health budgets by 6.2% across the board. The panel provided evidence to support their view in which members reluctantly agreed with option D, the option which reduced every local authority's allocation by a standard percentage unless an authority can show that this would result in particular hardship.

Councillor Eddie Dryden
Chair, Health Scrutiny Panel

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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