

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 4

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

2 FEBRUARY 2016

<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 Elected Mayor.
 2. That Board Members question the Mayor 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 to “hold the Executive to account.” This can happen in a number of different ways and at different stages in the decision-making process, for example
 - 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. 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 the Board.
 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 Dave Budd, Elected Mayor, to attend the meeting. Details of the Mayor's general responsibilities, and Executive 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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General Responsibilities of the Mayor

As the town’s First Citizen, the Mayor promotes Middlesbrough in the sub-region, region and nationally.

Duties and responsibilities of the Mayor include:

1. Providing strong and visible leadership in relation to the Council, citizens, stakeholders and partners of the Council.
2. Leading on partnerships and strategic matters of significance to Middlesbrough on a local, sub-regional, regional and national basis.
3. Promoting, wherever possible, public engagement in the work of the Council.
4. Leading in promoting the core values and objectives of the Council.
5. Leading on promoting proposals in relation to the Council’s Budget and Policy Framework.
6. Leading on the delivery of continuous improvement in Council services.
7. Promoting the highest standards of conduct and ethics within the Council.
8. Making appointments to the Executive, determining portfolios and chairing the Executive.
9. Determining the Executive Scheme of Delegation.

EXECUTIVE PORTFOLIO	SCOPE OF PORTFOLIO
<p>The Mayor</p>	<p>Policy Framework</p> <p>The Mayor has overall Executive responsibility for all Policy Framework documents, although individual Executive Members take the lead for those documents which may come under their respective portfolios.</p> <p>Service areas and Functions</p> <p>The Mayor has overall responsibility for executive functions together with those general responsibilities detailed above. Service responsibilities have been delegated to the Executive Councillors.</p>