

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 10 (g)

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

1 MARCH 2016

### AD-HOC SCRUTINY PANEL - PROGRESS REPORT

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) with an update on the work of the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Panel.

#### BACKGROUND

2. The Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Panel is investigating the Council's use of consultants. To date, the scrutiny panel has considered an overview of the subject area and agreed terms of reference for its investigation.
3. At the time of writing, the panel's 25 February 2016 meeting has not yet taken place. An update from that meeting will be provided at OSB. The meeting will receive an update on work being undertaken to identify the costs of consultant usage across the authority.
4. In addition, officers will be at the meeting to explain the processes in place in service areas to appoint consultants and to measure/monitor costs and performance.

#### RECOMMENDATION

5. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the content of the report and the updated position.

#### BACKGROUND PAPERS

6. The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:
  - Agenda and meeting papers - Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Panel - 26 January 2016.

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