

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

A meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board was held on 13 September 2016.

PRESENT: Councillors J Sharrocks (Chair); T Mawston (Vice-Chair); E Dryden, A Hellaoui, T Higgins, C Hobson, L Lewis, J McGee, D Rooney, J A Walker and M Walters

PRESENT BY INVITATION: Councillor C M Rooney - Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Regeneration

OFFICERS: J Bromiley, B Carr and A Crawford

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillor J G Cole, Councillor L McGloin.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest made by Members at this point of the meeting.

1 MINUTES - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD - 2 AUGUST 2016

The minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board meeting held on 2 August 2016 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

2 ATTENDANCE OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AT THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

The Democratic Services Officer submitted a report to provide information in respect of the scheduled attendance of Members of the Executive at the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB). It was intended for Executive Members to provide updates on their respective work in terms of their aims, aspirations, objectives, priorities and any emerging issues.

The Chair welcomed Councillor C Rooney, the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Regeneration, to the meeting.

Councillor Rooney advised that the Council should promote and publicise the positive things that happened in the town, in particular the amount of investment and regeneration that had taken place. Copies of pictures showing examples of the regeneration that had taken place in the town were circulated to the Board. Councillor Rooney provided information in respect of the following:

- Investment and regeneration in the town including the Holiday Inn, Clinkards at Cannon Park, Tees Advanced Manufacturing Park, the new Dock Bridge and Tees Valley crossing;
- Awards received in respect of the Bedford/Baker Street initiative;
- £100k received from the Government's High Street Innovation Fund which facilitated small Grants for shops to improve shop fronts
- 4000 new jobs and 7000 new homes for Middlesbrough;
- Initiatives including the Orange Pip Market and the Gastro Pub at the former Dovecot salerooms,
- The improvement in Project Management of Capital Programme Schemes;
- Tees Valley feasibility study;
- Draft Local Plan;
- Transport - Mitigation of development in the South End of the Town and mitigation of traffic problems;
- Historic buildings;
- Investment portfolio strategy;
- Stabilising the town's population;
- Gypsies and Travellers provision;
- Rebalancing the town's housing stock;
- Supporting economic growth and investment;
- Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan;
- Reviewing the Green infrastructure to ensure green land is used to facilitate the town;

- Preservation of Acklam Hall;
- Town Hall restoration and opportunities for regeneration;
- Middlesbrough Railway Station and proposal for direct link to London by 2020;
- Bus Travel;
- Health/wealth/life expectancy in the town;
- Licensing of Registered Landlords;
- Local Plan - Working Group Document;
- The synergy between regeneration/people and employment

The Chair thanked the Executive Member for his contribution to the meeting.

3 **SOUTH TEES HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE - FINAL REPORT - URGENT CARE SERVICES**

The final report of the South Tees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee was submitted; which outlined the information submitted during the Joint Health Committee's involvement with the South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCG's) development of Urgent Care Services and the Making Health Simple consultation.

The report contained the following recommendations of the Joint Committee based on the evidence submitted and conclusions reached:-

a) That the CCG return to the committee to inform Members on a number of issues, including:

- How the proposals will be implemented;
- What the services will look like;
- Where the locations of the extended hours GP practices will be (and how those locations were determined);
- Further details on the Travel Plan;
- The implications and implementation of the General Practice Forward View.

b) In addition to a) above, that, post implementation, the CCG return to the committee on an annual basis to provide information and analysis to enable the Committee to monitor the effects of the proposals and specifically the siting of a GP in front of house in A&E.

c) That clearly planned and alternative provision must be put in place to deal with the demand across the South Tees before the walk-in centres are closed.

d) That when the changes to the urgent care system are put in place that this is well publicised and clear communication is given to the public so they understand what services are available and when and how they access them.

e) As a result of work that Middlesbrough's Health Scrutiny Panel had been involved in on cancer screening, the Committee would like to recommend that the availability of screening services should be included in the services provided by the extended hours GP hubs.

The Chair of Health Scrutiny Panel advised that the situation had changed in respect of some of the issues included within the recommendations contained in the report and further clarification was required in respect of the current situation. It was recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board note the report and that Councillor Dryden seek clarification with regard to how the current situation would impact on services in Middlesbrough.

ORDERED that the report be noted and that the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel provide an update to a future meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, in respect of the current situation in respect of Urgent Care Services and how it would impact on services in Middlesbrough.

4 **CAPITAL PROGRAMME PROJECT MANAGEMENT - REPORT OF ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY PANEL**

The Chair of the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel outlined the Panel's

main findings, conclusions and recommendations following a scrutiny investigation of the topic of Capital Programme Project Management.

The Board considered the following recommendations of the Panel based on evidence submitted and conclusions reached:-

1. That the pro-active approach to project/contract monitoring in respect of the capital projects in respect of Middlesbrough Town Hall refurbishment and provision of the new dock bridge is noted and endorsed by the Executive.

2. That a similar approach is adopted for all future major capital projects.

ORDERED that the findings and recommendations of the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel be endorsed and referred to the Executive.

5 **EXECUTIVE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chief Executive submitted a report which identified the forthcoming issues to be considered by the Executive as outlined in Appendix A to the report.

The report provided the Overview and Scrutiny Board with the opportunity to consider whether any item contained within the Executive Forward Work Programme should be considered by the Board or referred to a Scrutiny Panel.

The Board requested an update in respect of the review of the Council's Tree Policy.

ORDERED that an update in respect of the review of the Council's Tree Policy be provided to a future meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

6 **SCRUTINY PANEL PROGRESS REPORTS**

A report of the Chair of each Scrutiny Panel was submitted which provided an update on the work of each of the Panels.

The Board noted the contents of the submitted reports.

NOTED

7 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair and Members of the Board requested that their thanks be extended to Alan Crawford and Elise Pout on their valuable contribution to the scrutiny process and that the best wishes of the Board be conveyed to the two officers in respect of their new roles.

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