

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 7

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

23 JULY 2020

<p style="text-align: center;">ATTENDANCE OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AT THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD</p>
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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 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, with arrangements having been made for individual Members of the Executive to attend OSB.

6. This affords 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 also presents 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 A Waters – Executive Member for Regeneration to attend the July meeting of the OSB. 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:	Executive Member for Regeneration
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Ashley Waters
Lead Officer:	Director of Regeneration and Culture

SCOPE OF PORTFOLIO

The Executive Member for Regeneration will have responsibility for delivering the Mayor's Priorities with regard to ensuring a fair access to high-quality homes, fair access to secure, well-paid jobs and meaningful training, strengthening and diversifying our local economy, and strengthening our transport links.

The Executive Member for Regeneration will be responsible for Council policy on:

- Transportation
- Inward investment
- Economic development
- Housing development
- Planning and Building Control

Policy Framework

- The Local Plan
- Local Transport Plan

Other Plans and Strategies

- Investment Prospectus
- Regeneration service plan
- Polices and strategies for housing activity
- Development briefs and master plans
- Public rights of way
- Surface water management
- Selective Landlord Licensing

Service Functions

- Economic Growth
- Capital Projects
- Housing Growth
- Development Control
- Planning Policy
- Building Control
- Transport
- Infrastructure

In circumstances where it is considered that an Executive Member would have a prejudicial interest the matter will be referred to the Deputy Mayor.