

Dear Councillor

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD - WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY, 2026

I am able to enclose, for consideration at next Wednesday's (29th July 2026) meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, an OSB topic suggestion that was not included with the main agenda pack when it was published.

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8.	<u>Overview and Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2026/2027</u> (Pages 3 - 4)
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For decision.

For OSB to consider and agree its work programme for the 2026/2027 municipal year.

Yours sincerely

Democratic Services.

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Appendix 1 (Supplement) – Suggested Scrutiny Topics for 2026/2027

Ref	Suggested Scrutiny Investigation Topic	Source	Council Plan 2026-2029, Ambition and Aim
1	Nitrous Cannisters	Councillor	Middlesbrough Council has an opportunity to lead the way in tackling this issue, especially support to people who are addicted and prevention for young people considering trying the drug. Boro Champs group over the past few years have removed close to 10,000 discarded cannisters and recycled them. If we didn't do this then the removal by mbc council teams and disposal would be expensive and a cost i expect has not been considered by the environmental department.

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