

**MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL**  
**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

**11 MAY 2022**

<p><b>ATTENDANCE OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AT THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD</b></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 Neighbourhood Safety and Executive Member for Young Adults and Political Engagement.
  2. That Board Members question the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Safety and Executive Member for Young Adults and Political Engagement in respect of their portfolios 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 in recent years, with arrangements having been made for individual Members of the Executive to attend OSB.
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.
7. 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.
8. Arrangements have been made for the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Safety and Executive Member for Young Adults and Political Engagement to be in attendance at today's meeting. Details of the relevant aspects of their portfolios are attached at **Appendix 1**.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9. There were no background papers used in the preparation of this report.

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<b>Executive Portfolio:</b>	<b>Executive Member for Neighbourhood Safety</b>
	Councillor Tony Grainge
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	Director of Environment and Commercial Services
<b>SCOPE OF PORTFOLIO</b>	
<p>The Executive Member for Neighbourhood Safety will have responsibility for coordinating council responses to ASB and crime, spearheading work to improve the interaction with the police to support the police in their duty to prevent crime and the fear of crime, liaison with wardens and other departments. The portfolio holder will explore new ways to make residents feel safe and report incidents.</p> <p>The portfolio holder will also take responsibility for making sure that communities maintain and grow a sense of neighbourliness and that residential and business property owners who bring an area down by neglect are appropriately challenged and pushed to improve.</p>	

<b>Executive Portfolio:</b>	<b>Executive Member for Young Adults and Political Engagement</b>
	Councillor Luke Mason
<b>Lead Officer:</b>	Director of Legal and Governance Services and the Head of Democratic Services

**SCOPE OF PORTFOLIO**

The Executive Member for Young Adults and Political Engagement will take responsibility for making sure Middlesbrough offers the careers, opportunities and amenities that will make young adults (16-25 years old) want to stay here and thrive and others want to move here.

The portfolio holder will also take responsibility for making sure that the council engages with young adults and all groups, encouraging increased levels of democratic engagement.

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