

Report of:	Chief Executive
Submitted to:	Overview and Scrutiny Board – 19 July 2022
Subject:	Attendance of Executive Members at the Overview and Scrutiny Board

Summary

Proposed decision(s)
<p>It is RECOMMENDED as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board are appraised of the work of the Deputy Member and Executive Member for Children’s Services. 2. That Board Members question the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Children’s Services in respect of her portfolio and any issues which arise at the meeting.

Report for:	Key decision:	Confidential:	Is the report urgent?
Information	No	N/A	N/A

Contribution to delivery of the 2020-23 Strategic Plan		
People	Place	Business
Open and transparent scrutiny supports all elements of the Mayor’s Vision.	Open and transparent scrutiny supports all elements of the Mayor’s Vision.	Open and transparent scrutiny supports all elements of the Mayor’s Vision.

Ward(s) affected
All Wards affected equally

What is the purpose of this report?

To introduce the attendance of the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Children’s Services at the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

Why does this report require a Member decision?

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Arrangements have been made for the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Children’s Services to be in attendance at today’s meeting.

What decision(s) are being asked for?

It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board consider the content of the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Children’s Services presentation and pose questions in respect of this portfolio.

Other potential decisions and why these have not been recommended

No other options were considered.

Impact(s) of recommended decision(s)

Legal

Not Applicable

Financial

Not Applicable

Policy Framework

The report does not impact on the overall budget and policy framework.

Equality and Diversity

Not Applicable

Risk

Not Applicable

Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)

Implement any decision of the Overview and Scrutiny Board with regard to the attendance of the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Children's Services attendance at the meeting.

Appendices

Details of the relevant aspects of the Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Children's Services portfolio is attached at **Appendix 1**.

Background papers

Middlesbrough Council Constitution

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