

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD
25 OCTOBER 2022

ATTENDANCE OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS AT THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

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 Adult Social Care, Public Health, Public Protection and Digital Inclusion.
 2. That Board Members question the Executive Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health, Public Protection and Digital Inclusion 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 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 Adult Social Care, Public Health, Public Protection and Digital Inclusion to be in attendance at today's meeting. Details of the relevant aspects of the portfolio are attached at **Appendix 1**.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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Portfolio Holder:	Councillor David Coupe
Lead Officer:	Executive Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration
SCOPE OF PORTFOLIO	
<p>The Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, Public Protection and Digital Inclusion in respect of part of the portfolio relating to Adult Social Care, Public Health and Public Protection has responsibility for ensuring vulnerable adults are protected, reducing health inequalities and pushing forward on the dementia-friendly agenda.</p> <p>In respect of the part of the portfolio for Digital Inclusion, the Executive Member has the responsibility of ensuring that the Council operates efficiently, and promotes the use and the benefits of the internet and digital technologies.</p> <p>Responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults with Social Care needs • Public Health • Public Protection • Welfare Reform • Digital Inclusion <p>Correspondence address: c/o Democratic Services Town Hall Middlesbrough TS1 9FX</p> <p>David_Coupe@middlesbrough.gov.uk</p>	