

Overview and Scrutiny Board 15/04/2026

OSB Short Review – How the Council engages with Faith and Belief Groups

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Terms of Reference

1. To understand how faith and belief groups interact with Council services, partnerships, and community cohesion.
2. To examine how Middlesbrough Council considers religion or belief in decision-making and service delivery, including governance and engagement.
3. To identify strengths, gaps, and risks in current approaches, including issues of inclusion, fairness, safeguarding, and any barriers faced by different faith and belief communities in engaging with the Council.