

Executive Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of Executive Scrutiny Committee was held on Tuesday, 2nd March, 2010.

Present: Cllr Robert Gibson (Chairman), Cllr Mrs Ann Cains, Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr Aidan Cockerill (vice Cllr Andrew Sherris), Cllr Ken Dixon, Cllr Miss Tina Large, Cllr Colin Leckonby, Cllr Mrs Jean O'Donnell, Cllr Maurice Perry, Cllr Mrs Maureen Rigg, Cllr Bill Woodhead.

Officers: Graham Birtle, Fiona Shayler, Judith Trainer, Margaret Waggott (LD)

Also in attendance: Mr P Connaughton (Parent Governor Representative).

Apologies: were submitted on behalf of Cllr Julia Cherrett, Cllr David Harrington, Cllr Mrs Liz Nesbitt, Cllr Andrew Sherris, Cllr Mick Stoker, Cllr Allison Trainer.

1 **Declarations of Interest**

2 **Draft Minutes - 16th February 2010**

The draft minutes of the meeting held on 16th February 2010 were agreed as a correct record.

3 **Scrutiny Work Programme - Selection of In Depth Reviews**

Members were provided with a report that presented suggestions received from Members and officers, together with the identified priorities following discussion at the Scrutiny Liaison Forum on 10 February 2010.

The current year's work programme had, in the main, focused on the Council's Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation (EIT) programme.

All of the current review work either had or was nearing completion with the exception of the Fair Access to Care Review and the Youth Services Review.

Topics for 2010/11 had been sought from Members and Officers on a standard pro forma in line with previous practice and other public bodies on the Local Public Service Board had also been invited to make suggestions. In addition, members of the public were able to suggest an issue for scrutiny at any time during the year.

All of the suggestions received were summarised in the schedule set out within the report and given a PICK score. Each suggestion was cross referenced with supporting information.

Scrutiny Liaison Forum met on 10 February 2010 to review the suggestions for in depth scrutiny and prioritised topics for review. The following list set out the prioritised topics by Select Committee for consideration:-

Regeneration and Transport Select Committee – Events, Arts and Tourism

Arts, Leisure and Culture Select Committee – Sport, Leisure and Recreation

Children and Young People Select Committee – Youth Services

Corporate, Adult Services and Social Inclusion Select Committee – School Catering

Environment Select Committee - Built & Natural Environment

Health Select Committee – Fair Access to Care

Gateway Reviews – Officer Reviews reporting Housing and Community Safety Select Committee at Key Stages - Admin, Business Support/ Customer Services and Performance Management

Reporting to Executive Scrutiny Committee – Officer Reviews reporting into Executive Scrutiny Committee at Key Stages:

- Procurement/ Commissioning
- Building Asset Review
- ICT Services

By Task and Finish Group:

- Cycling on Pavements
- Outside Bodies

It was proposed that the review of mental health should be referred to the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for review as the matter will also be of concern to other Tees Valley Authorities.

Members held discussion on the work programme and felt that the Cycling on Pavements review and Outside Bodies review should be considered by Member led Task and Finish Groups.

RESOLVED that:-

1. The work programme be approved.
2. The Cycling on Pavements and the Outside Bodies reviews be considered by Member led task and finish groups.

4 Housing and Community Safety - EIT Review of Regulatory Services

Members were presented with the Housing and Community Safety Select Committee's final report on their EIT Review of Regulatory Services.

RESOLVED that the report be forwarded to the Cabinet for approval.