



## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

**13 JULY 2004**

### **ECONOMIC REGENERATION & TRANSPORT SCRUTINY PANEL PROGRESS REPORT**

#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To provide Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board with a position statement regarding the progress of the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the content of the report.

#### **PROGRESS OF THE PANEL**

3. The Panel had its first meeting on 9 June in which Members considered the formulation of the Panel's Draft Work Programme, based on a variety of information from a number of different sources.
4. As a result of the meeting the Panel agreed to the following draft work programme, later approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Board at its meeting on 15 June:
  - i) Neighbourhood Shopping Centre Study – briefing/presentation;
  - ii) Middlehaven to Wilton Master Plan – briefing/presentation;
  - iii) Local Transport Plan
  - iv) Local Strategic Partnership; and
  - v) Car Parking in Middlesbrough.
5. The first meeting of the panel will take place on 21 July where consideration will be given to the scoping of our forthcoming investigation of the Local Transport Plan (LTP). Prior to this I will be meeting with the Head of Transport

and Design Services to discuss the issues pertinent to the development of the LTP and the Annual Performance Report.

6. The Overview and Scrutiny Board gave approval to scrutinise the issue of the provision of public toilets in Middlesbrough's libraries as suggested by a member of the public. The topic fell within the remit of the panel. In order to facilitate this enquiry, the person who made the suggestion has been invited to an informal meeting on 6 July to meet with a number of panel members. The panel will then hear a position statement from Head of Libraries and Information at their meeting scheduled for 12 August.
7. The panel has also chosen to undertake two brief investigations into future Executive decisions that are detailed within the Executive's Forward Work Programme. In this regard the panel will receive a briefing from officers on the Neighbourhood Shopping Centre Study and the Middlehaven to Wilton Masterplan.

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