

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

16 NOVEMBER 2004

ECONOMIC REGENERATION & TRANSPORT SCRUTINY PANEL

PROGRESS REPORT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board with an update on 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 review into the preparation of the Local Transport Plan is continuing by assessing the key transport issues in Middlesbrough and since the last update the panel have met with the two main bus operators, Arriva and Stagecoach to hear about bus provision in the town. The panel has also spoken with the Mayor's regarding his key transport priorities and has considered the provision of rail travel.
4. The review is continuing by considering the environmental impact transport has in Middlesbrough. The final evidence gathering meeting is to be held on 25 November where the panel will meet with a representative from Government Office North East.
5. It is the panel's intention that the report will be finalised in December, pending any comments made by Government Office North East on the Council's Local Transport Plan Annual Progress Report.
6. The panel will then be embarking on its next scrutiny topic in January, which will be to assess the impact of the Local Strategic Partnership.

7. The panel has also considered the latest integrated budget and performance clinic information at its meeting on 3 November. The panel were satisfied that the performance indicators were on target and noted the budget implications facing Regeneration in the future.
8. At the Executive meeting held on 26 October, I presented the Board's final report on the review of public toilet provision in public libraries to which the Executive were supportive of the panel's findings.

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