

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

12 JULY 2005

ECONOMIC REGENERATION & TRANSPORT SCRUTINY PANEL

PROGRESS REPORT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To provide members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) with an update on the progress of the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel.

BACKGROUND

2. Since the last update to the Board the panel concluded its programme for 2004/05 with the approval of the final report into the review of the Night Time Economy which will be submitted to the Executive on 2 August
3. Following the Council's Annual General Meeting on 18 May the membership of the panel was agreed as follows:
 - Cllr Martin Booth – Chair
 - Cllr Peter Sanderson – Vice Chair
 - Cllr Stephen Bloundele
 - Cllr Javed Ismail
 - Cllr Bernie Taylor
 - Cllr Joan Taylor
 - Cllr Maelor Williams
 - Cllr K Hall
4. The panel met on 6 June to discuss the future work programme which has since been agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Board. The panel will begin with the review of Worklessness, then the review of the Development of a Residents' Parking Scheme and time permitting the panel will look at Entrepreneurship and Concessionary Fares.
5. I have met with the Head of Economic and Community Regeneration and the Economic Development Manager to discuss the topic of Worklessness and to agree a way forward with the review.
6. The panel has therefore had its first meeting on 28 June regarding the Worklessness review. At that meeting the panel received a 'setting the scene' presentation which helped to establish the aim and the terms of reference for the review.

7. In addition to the work of the panel, I have also attended the Centre for Public Scrutiny Conference in London on 23 June, where I had chaired one of the seminar sessions on transport and gave a brief presentation on our scrutiny of Middlesbrough's Local Transport Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

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

COUNCILLOR MARTIN BOOTH
CHAIR OF THE ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY PANEL