

AGENDA ITEM: 13c

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**9 AUGUST 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 have progressed with their review into the topic of Worklessness.
3. The panel met on 20 July to agree and approve the aim of the review and the terms of reference. It was agreed that the panel would consider the following – To make recommendations in relation to the Council's, and its partner agencies', role in tackling worklessness and more broadly on the nature of a strategic approach to tackling worklessness in Middlesbrough.
4. The panel has therefore continued to receive evidence from the Economic Development Team on the initiatives that operate in Middlesbrough and where they receive their funding. The panel will go on to discuss the effects of worklessness with representatives from agencies such as Job Centre Plus, At Work, Pertemps and Inbiz at their next meeting on 25 August.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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**CHAIR OF THE ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY PANEL**