

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**6 SEPTEMBER 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 continued to progress with their review into the topic of Worklessness.
3. The panel met on 25 August to receive evidence from the Economic Development Team on the initiatives that operate in Middlesbrough and where they receive their funding from. The panel also held a useful discussion on the effects of worklessness with representatives from the following agencies: Job Centre Plus, At Work, Pertemps and Inbiz.
4. At the panel's next meeting on 15 September Members will continue to receive evidence, which will include an analysis of the effectiveness of current provision.
5. The panel's report into the development of the Night Time Economy was presented to the Executive on 2 August, the recommendations were accepted and the service plan was approved.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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