

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**4 OCTOBER 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 15 September to receive evidence from the Economic Development Team on how the council is going to ensure that a strategic approach to tackling worklessness is developed. The panel learnt that this would be tackled through a sub group of the Middlesbrough Partnership Economic Vitality Action Group known as 'Middlesbrough Works'
4. At the panel's last scheduled evidence gathering meeting on 13 October, Members will continue to receive evidence, and a representative from Government Office North East and One North East will be attending the panel to give a regional perspective on the topic.
5. It is hoped that the final report into the review of worklessness will be completed in November.

**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**

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