

AGENDA ITEM: 12c

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

25 JULY 2006

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. The panel has agreed the work programme for 2006/07 and Members will begin by considering one of the strategies from the Policy Framework. Members expressed an interest in the Local Development Framework and this will be examined at the next meeting on 27 July, prior to its submission to Executive and Council. Any comments the panel have will be conveyed to the Board, through this report, at the next meeting.
3. Following that the panel will begin its main review of the West Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Trust Development Plan.
4. At the panel's last meeting on 6 July, the panel, as part of the recommendations from the recent Worklessness review, received an update from the service area. The service area was asked to comment on the Government's recent proposals regarding the worklessness agenda and in particular the impact on the changes in Incapacity Benefit regulations. The officer outlined the Council's response to the Government's formal consultation process on the issues contained within the Green Paper as they relate to Middlesbrough, including the proposals for Incapacity Benefit claimants.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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