

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

19 SEPTEMBER 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. Since the last update the panel has met once to consider a number of items. When the panel was setting its work programme at the beginning of the year the panel considered that it was important that they receive a progress report on the impact of the Marton Road Traffic Experiment, as a one off item.

Marton Road

3. Members received a presentation on the experiment at their meeting on 7 September that contained the latest information regarding traffic flow and observations about driver behaviour, speed, cycling and walking facilities and initial public reaction. In brief, the panel found that the creation of two lanes into the town and one lane leaving has helped reduced congestion in the area around Marton crossroads at Ladgate Lane. Further investigations were to be undertaken into the traffic patterns that were emerging which were to be reported to the Executive in December.

West Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Trust

4. Again at the panel's meeting on 7 September the panel approved their aim and terms of reference for the review of the West Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Trust (WMNT). The review's aim is as follows:

To consider, through the examination of the WMNT Delivery Plan, what the Trust have set out to achieve and to what extent have those aspirations have or will be met

5. The panel received a 'Setting the Scene' presentation from the Director of WMNT and then the panel will go on to receive evidence from a wide variety of sources including WMNT board members and residents.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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