

AGENDA ITEM: 10c

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

14 NOVEMBER 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 on 5 October to gather further evidence as part of their review of the West Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Trust.
3. Members have received a presentation on the principle of Neighbourhood Management and on how the Trust ensured that the residents had a significant part to play in the development of their neighbourhood.
4. Following on from that presentation the panel engaged in a useful debate with resident members of the West Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Trust (WMNT) Board, representatives from Ayresome Community Council and various residents groups. They had been invited to attend to discuss their thoughts and experiences on residents' involvement in their neighbourhood and the WMNT.
5. The panel's next meeting is scheduled for 16 November and the panel will be receiving evidence about 'sustainable neighbourhoods' and in particular how the Trust is working to ensure long term improvements for people in the area with particular reference to the housing, educational and employment sectors.
6. A number of representatives from a variety of organisations have been invited to take part in a discussion with the panel. In addition to the officers who will be attending from the Trust, other organisations represented will include Middlesbrough Works, Middlesbrough Learning Partnership, Middlesbrough College, Endeavour Housing, Erimus and Middlesbrough Council.

7. The discussion will centre around the following issues:

- How the organisation has worked with the Trust to increase educational attainment/employment opportunities/improve housing and what more could or should be done?
- what help the organisation has received from the Trust
- What have been the outcomes of working with the Trust
- the advantages and disadvantages of a neighbourhood based approach
- general comments on the relationship with the Trust

RECOMMENDATION

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

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