

AGENDA ITEM: 10c

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**12 DECEMBER 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 16 November to gather further evidence as part of their review of the West Middlesbrough Neighbourhood Trust.
3. The panel received 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.
4. A number of representatives from a variety of organisations were invited to take part in a discussion with the panel. In addition to the officers who attended from the Trust, other organisations represented included Middlesbrough Works, Middlesbrough Learning Partnership, Middlesbrough College, Endeavour Housing, Erimus and Middlesbrough Council, Yuill Homes and Bellway Homes.
5. The panel's next meeting will take place on 7 December, the last evidence gathering meeting will consider the Trust's exit strategy and officers from the Council will outline the support the Council provides to the Trust.
6. Members may recall that following the call-in on the Housing Renewal Policy Review in June, one of the OSB's recommendations was that the Economic Regeneration & Transport scrutiny panel should 'receive reports on a six monthly basis on the implementation of the scheme and in particular the effect of any movement of market prices on the viability of the compensation package' (OSB minutes 12 June 06). The panel will receive this update in January from the Director of Regeneration.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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