

AGENDA ITEM: 7c

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

1 MAY 2007

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. As reported at the last meeting of the OSB, the panel had met to receive information from the Economic Development Manager on the actions arising from the panel's review of the issue of worklessness. Following the information received at that meeting, the panel members wanted their views on the progress with the worklessness agenda reporting to Executive. In the light of this update, the panel's additional recommendation has been submitted to an Individual Executive Meeting and will be approved by Cllr D Budd, Executive Member for Economic Regeneration & Culture.
3. At the panel's final meeting in April, Members received a useful update on the Council's position with the development of the strategy for the Night Time Economy (NTE), this follows the panel's review of this topic in 2005. The update highlighted that much has been achieved but there was still much to be done. A review of the NTE strategy and action plan was being undertaken due to the changes within the operational and development framework.
4. As it is the end of the municipal year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those officers and representatives from external organisations that have taken part in the panel's reviews.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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