

AGENDA ITEM: 9c

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

28 AUGUST 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. The panel began their 2007/08 work programme with a visit to the Teesside Archives. Members had expressed an interest in viewing the work that was undertaken there, following a presentation by the Director of Regeneration about the varied roles within the Regeneration department.
3. Members received a presentation by the archivist and then had a tour of the facilities. In summary the service, which operates on a budget of £150,000, collects and preserves material from official and private sources in the areas served by Middlesbrough, Hartlepool, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton on Tees.
4. Panel members were interested in the make up of the Joint Archives Committee, which is made up of Executive Members from the four boroughs. Legislative requirements regarding the holding of public records meant that only Executive members could be appointed to the committee. Members also thought that it would be a good idea for all new councillors to be told about the work of Teesside Archives at their induction.
5. The panel will embark on their review of public transport at their next meeting on 6 September, where the Head of Transport will give the panel a 'setting the scene' presentation on issues regarding public transport in Middlesbrough, terms of reference will then be established.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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