

AGENDA ITEM: 8c

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**24 SEPTEMBER 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 have begun their review of public transport with a 'setting the scene' presentation on issues regarding public transport in Middlesbrough from the Head of Transport and Design Services.
3. The panel then agreed their terms of reference which are as follows:
  - i) Gain an understanding of the current public transport issues in Middlesbrough;
  - ii) Establish what people want in terms of public transport and then consider if it can be provided?
  - iii) Find out what people's perceptions of bus travel (and or public transport) are;
  - iv) Consider what can be done to improve the experience for current users and how to encourage non-users to switch to public transport?
4. The panel identified a number of methods for their evidence gathering, which involved inviting representatives of the bus operators in order to gain an understanding of the commercial issues surrounding public transport.
5. Inviting the Mayor and the Executive Member for Transport to hear their views. Gaining the views of the public through a survey and going out and speaking to people for example passengers at the bus station or asking people to write to the panel.

6. The panel's next meeting will involve a number of issues from the Regeneration department which are submitted for the panel members' input, the Urban Regeneration Strategy and the Older Housing Area Renewal Update.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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