

AGENDA ITEM: 9c

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

20 NOVEMBER 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 is continuing with their evidence gathering for their review of public transport. At the panel's last meeting, members received a presentation from Nigel Anstell, Project Director, Tees Valley Metro, from Steer Davis Gleave who informed the panel about the proposals for the proposed metro scheme.
3. The panel's next meeting will take place on 22 November. The 'Friends of Middlesbrough Station' will be attending the meeting for a discussion about the station. The panel will then make their way to the rail station, in order to have a look at the station and to talk to commuters about their experiences of public transport. An extra meeting will also be arranged which will take place at the bus station. This will allow members to talk to the bus transport focus group and bus passengers.
4. In future meetings the panel will also be considering information from the Neighbourhood Survey regarding the use of public transport and they will be discussing the Council's responsibilities regarding the provision of rail and bus services.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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