

AGENDA ITEM: 9c

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

18 DECEMBER 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. The members have 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. At the panel's last meeting on 22 November the 'Friends of Middlesbrough Station' attended for a useful discussion about the station and rail transport. The panel then visited the rail station at 5pm, in order to take a look at the station and to talk to commuters about their experiences of public transport. A number of people also completed the panel's questionnaire. 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. At the panel's next meeting on 10 December the panel will be talking to the bus and rail operators about the services that are provided (given their operation in a commercial environment). They will also discuss how the Council can work with operators to increase the number of people using public transport.
5. 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

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

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