

AGENDA ITEM: 8c

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

15 JANUARY 2008

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 review of public transport and the bus operators were invited to attend their last meeting. Due to circumstances only Stagecoach were able to attend. The panel is holding an additional meeting on 9 January at the town's bus station to which the other bus operators have been invited. The panel will view the bus station and have the opportunity to talk to passengers and seek their views on public transport.
3. A request for information from the public was posted on the Council's website, asking people to write to the panel about their views on public transport in the town. However, disappointingly, this approach has only produced a limited response.
4. The panel's final scheduled meeting for the transport review will be held on 17 January and the Mayor has been invited to discuss his views on public transport in the town.
5. At the panel's meeting on 17 January, in addition to the evidence gathering for the transport review, Members will also be receiving a presentation on the Cannon Park Master Plan from the Regeneration Department.
6. In order to consider areas of best practice, at the time of writing, an approach has been made to Sheffield Council for ask for information and to set up a possible site visit.
7. Following the evidence gathering it is anticipated that a final report will be submitted to the panel in February.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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