

AGENDA ITEM: 10c

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

11 MARCH 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. At the panel's meeting on 17 January, in addition to the evidence gathering for the transport review, Members received a confidential presentation about the Cannon Park Master Plan from the Regeneration Department. The panel was impressed with the plans for the development.
3. The Mayor attended the panel's meeting to discuss his views on public transport in the town. The panel also received a presentation about the Tees Valley Bus Network Improvements from the Joint Strategy Unit.
4. The panel received their last evidence on the topic of Public Transport at their meeting on 7 February where the panel heard details of the Council's Major Bus Bid. Since that meeting the panel have completed their review of Public Transport and discussed the report at their meeting on 28 February.
5. Members of the CPA inspection team were present at the panel's meeting on 28 February. Where panel members were consulted on the priorities contained within the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement.
6. Members also discussed their new topic for investigation, Town Centre Parking. The panel agreed to hold a half-day meeting to receive the evidence. Panel members also agreed the terms of reference and who they would like to receive evidence from.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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