

AGENDA ITEM: 13c

**OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**6 MAY 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 held 2 meetings in April. At the panel's meeting on the 7 April members received the relevant chapters of the Strategic Plan for their comments. The panel also took the opportunity to consider the terms of reference and developed some questions for their meeting on car parking.
3. The panel held a half-day meeting on 10 April to undertake their review of Car Parking. Members considered whether or not the town had the capacity to be able to cope with demand for car parking spaces, both now and in the future.
4. The day included a visit to some of the town's car parks, an update of the position by the Head of Transport and Design and the Head of Economic and Community Regeneration. Representatives from the town's private sector parking providers were present to discuss their views and concerns with the panel.
5. Members of the panel will also have the opportunity to go out on patrol with the Civil Enforcement Officers.
6. The problems in the University Ward were highlighted and as a result the appropriate officers and Members have been invited to the panel's next meeting to discuss the funding issues surrounding the implementation of the residents parking scheme in the University Ward. The University was also given the opportunity to comment and they have kindly written to the panel with their views.

7. At the panel's next meeting on 1 May, members will be considering the draft final report for Car Parking. They will also be considering the draft of the Housing Strategy.
8. The panel's final report on Public Transport will be submitted to the Executive on 29 April.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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