

AGENDA ITEM: 12c

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

1 JULY 2008

ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND 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 has had their first meeting of the 2008/09 municipal year on 16 June. At that meeting the panel discussed the options for the work programme and agreed on the following topics
 1. **Community Centres** – short review
 2. **Middlesbrough's Population** – the panel will initially undertake a short review to examine the issues with the view to undertaking a major review once their line of enquiry has been identified
 3. **Promoting Middlesbrough** (including attracting specialist shops) – major review
 4. **Review of Libraries** – major review to coincide with the Council's review of libraries
 5. **Young People's Transport Needs** – short review in order to get the views of young people
3. The panel was also asked to consider the strategic objectives and the priority actions of the Council's Homelessness Strategy. The key aim of the strategy was to set out the Council's plans for preventing homelessness and for ensuring that sufficient accommodation and support is available to the homeless or people at risk of becoming homeless.
4. The panel also agreed the final report on the previous panel's review of Town Centre Parking. The report is submitted to today's meeting for approval by the Board.
5. Finally, the panel considered the Overview and Scrutiny Board Update report. The panel agreed with the recommendations regarding the new ways of working in Scrutiny.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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