

AGENDA ITEM: 7c

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

**29 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 held their first evidence gathering and agreed the terms of reference for the review, which are as follows
  - (a) Through the examination of the Youth/Community Centres in Middlesbrough assess their effectiveness and consider if they are providing value for money.
  - (b) To examine what is being done to support the involvement of the community in the running and management of their local community centres
  - (c) To examine good practice in other areas and consider if that good practice could be implemented in Middlesbrough.
3. Members will be meeting on 29 August to consider figures for usage, opening times, costs, staffing, community use, i.e. who is using the centre, what services are provided for the community and are they appropriate e.g. groups and external services. Members will also consider if community centres are responsive to the needs of the local communities.
4. On 4 September, Members will be making visits to 4 of the Community Centres in Middlesbrough to see the centres in action.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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