

AGENDA ITEM: 11c

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

13 JANUARY 2009

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 met on 15 December, and Members considered a briefing paper prepared by the Director of Regeneration. The briefing set out the history of the population change in Middlesbrough and considered the key factors which had influenced changes in population numbers. The report also set out the actions and initiatives that were being undertaken by the Regeneration Service to reverse population decline.
3. Following the presentation and discussion the panel agreed that they would like the Director of Regeneration to come back to the panel in the future to update them on progress in that area.
4. One of the areas highlighted in the presentation regarding the population decline was the need to change people's attitudes and promote Middlesbrough's successes. The panel's next topic in their work programme was to consider that issue with the inclusion of how the town can attract specialist shops. To begin the review the panel will receive a presentation on the Love Middlesbrough initiative at their next meeting on 19 January.

RECOMMENDATION

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

COUNCILLOR JOHN COLE
CHAIR OF THE ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY PANEL

Contact Officer:

Elise Williamson, Scrutiny Support Officer, Performance and Policy Directorate
Telephone: 01642 729711(direct line) Email: elise_williamson@middlesbrough.gov.uk