

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

4 MAY 2010

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 work of the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel.

BACKGROUND

2. The Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny panel last met on 13 April 2010, where it considered the panel's draft final report on the University Residents Parking Scheme and the elements of the Strategic Plan regarding the theme, Enhancing the Local Economy. The Panel also received further evidence in respect of its current review of the Older Housing Areas.
3. In respect of the draft final report on the University Residents Parking Scheme the panel agreed the conclusions and recommendations and the report has been submitted to OSB for approval.
4. With regard to the evidence received in relation to the panel's Older Housing Areas Review the Mayor attended the meeting to provide an update on the current position in relation to Gresham. The Mayor advised that the consultants' emerging option report, which proposes 773 houses for demolition, the refurbishment of 152 houses, facelift works for 75 existing houses and the construction of 285 new houses appeared much more real and not aspirational. It was also clear as to where the funding to deliver this option would be drawn from.
5. The panel was advised that subject to the necessary funding being received all the properties to be demolished could be demolished by 2014 and a high proportion of the new houses built by 2019/20. A consultation exercise with local residents is currently underway in relation to the revised options and a decision will then taken

by the Executive on the future plans for Gresham. The panel has now completed its evidence gathering in relation to this review and is in the process of producing its draft final report.

6. At the panel's next meeting, which is scheduled for 17 May 2010 the panel will consider its draft final report on the Older Housing Areas. In addition an update on the progress made since the panel's review of the Night Time Economy will be provided, as was recommended in the panel's recent Love Middlesbrough Review.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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