

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

26 JULY 2011

### 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. Since the last update report to OSB the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel has met on two occasions, on 15 June and 20 July 2011.
2. At the panel's meeting on the 16 June the panel received a presentation from the Executive Director of Regeneration on the main responsibilities of the Department of Regeneration, as well as some of the key challenges facing the Department in the year ahead.
3. Following the presentation the panel considered possible topics for review and agreed it works programme for 2011/12. The Overview and Scrutiny Board subsequently approved the panel's work programme on 28 June 2011.
4. The first review topic the panel has selected is 'Enterprise Zones' and on 20 July 2011 the panel received a 'setting the scene' presentation on this topic from the Economic Development Manager.
5. Members were provided with an overview of the Enterprise Zone concept, as well as advised of the sub-regional submission requesting the standard Enterprise Zone designation for eight sites in the Tees Valley. Two sites within Middlesbrough are identified within the Enterprise Zone submission; South West Iron Masters (SWIM) and a 10 acre site adjacent to the existing Boho Zone in St Hilda's.

6. The panel heard that a further 14 sites have been identified in the sub-regional submission where additional flexibilities around Enhanced Capital Allowance and Tax Incremental Financing could unlock longer-term development opportunities. It was noted that a process of negotiation is now underway with Government, leading up to announcement of formal endorsement (or otherwise) by September 2011.
7. In addition to the 'setting the scene' presentation on the topic of Enterprise Zones the panel also received a briefing paper on the topic of Acklam Hall. The Overview and Scrutiny Board will recall that at its last meeting it agreed for the topic of Acklam Hall to be brought forward on the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel's work programme for 2011/12. The panel was informed that a complete planning application for the Acklam Hall site is estimated for submission to the Council by the end of August 2011.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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