

## **OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD**

**15 NOVEMBER 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. At the time of writing, the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel has met on one occasion since the last update report was presented to OSB, on 24 October 2011.
3. At that meeting the Panel continued to receive evidence in respect of its current review on the topic of Enterprise Zones. The Director of Strategic Resources was in attendance at the meeting to give a view on the financial implications for the Council of the business rates generated within the Tees Valley Enterprise Zone being retained and reinvested by the LEP for a period of 25 years.
4. Evidence was also received from the Council's Urban Policy and Implementation Manager on the use of Local Development Orders as a tool for simplifying the planning processes within Enterprise Zones and the impact that this could have in Middlesbrough.
5. The panel is next scheduled to meet on 14 November 2011. At this meeting, the following matter is scheduled to be considered:
  - a) Enterprise Zones – The panel is due to consider its draft final report and discuss possible conclusions and recommendations.

6. As the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel will meet after dispatch of the Overview and Scrutiny Board agenda, an update will be presented verbally at the OSB meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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