

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

## AGENDA ITEM 11(c)

### OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

30 APRIL 2013

<p><b>ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY PANEL - PROGRESS REPORT</b></p>
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#### 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.

#### RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board notes the updated position.

#### BACKGROUND

3. Since the last report to OSB, the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel has met three occasions, on 7 March, 28 March and 18 April 2013.
4. At those meetings, the following matters were discussed:

##### **7 March 2013**

5. The scrutiny panel's draft final report on the Grove Hill regeneration scheme was considered. The panel agreed the content of the draft final report and Members put forward their views on the conclusions and recommendations they wished to make in respect of this review.

##### **28 March 2013**

6. The panel's draft final report on the Grove Hill regeneration scheme, inclusive of conclusions and recommendations, was approved for submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Board and is included earlier on the current agenda.
7. In addition the scrutiny panel received a 'setting the scene' presentation from the Community Regeneration Manager on the panel's new topic area: The Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) and the role and remit of Middlesbrough's Voluntary

Development Agency (MVDA) in supporting the town's VCS. The information received by the panel was focussed on a number of areas, as follows:

- An overview of the Council's relationship with the MVDA
- Details of the financial support provided by the Council to the MVDA – historically and currently
- The Council's expectations of the MVDA in supporting the town's VCS

8. Following receipt of the above information the panel expressed the view that additional information was required in order to assist the panel in setting its terms of reference for this review.

9. An invitation was extended to the Community Regeneration Manager and Commissioning Plan Service Manager (Wellbeing, Care and Learning) to attend the panel's next meeting to provide a general overview of the Council's relationship with the VCS and some more detailed information on grant funding arrangements.

### **18 April 2013**

10. The panel received further evidence on the topic of the Voluntary and Community Sector: MVDA and considered possible issues to explore, sources of evidence to pursue and possible terms of reference to adopt in considering this topic.

11. Following receipt of the information requested it was agreed that the draft terms of reference for the panel's investigation on this topic would be formally agreed at the panel's next meeting. These will focus on:

- How the Council can work more effectively with the VCS in these difficult economic times
- The core role of the MVDA in supporting the town's VCS
- The transparency of Council grant funding arrangements to the VCS
- Commissioning services from the VCS in place of grant awards
- VCS representation on the town's primary partnerships

### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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