

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 5(c)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

23 JULY 2013

<p>ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY PANEL - PROGRESS REPORT</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. At the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel's last meeting (27 June 2013), the panel received information from officers of the Council's Neighbourhoods and Communities Department in respect of key issues in the year ahead. This was to assist Members in determining work programme topics for the year. The panel's work programme was subsequently agreed and approved by OSB.
4. The panel's examination of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) is also ongoing. Representatives of Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency (MVDA) attended the 27 June 2013 meeting and presented information on:
 - The role of MVDA.
 - Support and training provided to local organisations.
 - Funding.
 - Contracting and commissioning arrangements.
5. Council officers also submitted information in respect of the authority's involvement in commissioning services from the voluntary and community sector.

6. The panel's next meeting is scheduled for 1 August 2013 and will hear from the Council's Director of Transformation on the possible implications of the transformation agenda on work with the VCS.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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