

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 11(c)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

20 AUGUST 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. The Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel's examination of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) is ongoing. At its last meeting, on 1 August 2013, the panel received information from the Council's Director of Transformation on the possible implications of the transformation agenda/change programme on work with the VCS.
4. Information was submitted in respect of the following:
 - The involvement of the Local Strategic Partnership in engaging with key stakeholders, including the VCS.
 - Possible service reviews, including future challenges and possible implications for the VCS.
 - Improving service co-ordination and reducing service duplication.
 - The possible future role of the VCS in future local service delivery.
 - The possible use of community hubs in assisting the public to access Council services.

5. The panel's next meeting is scheduled for 22 August 2013 and will hear from Stockton Council on that authority's relationship/working arrangements with the local voluntary and community sector.

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