

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 8(c)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

17 SEPTEMBER 2013

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.

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. The panel had previously agreed that it wished to hear from some smaller local VCS organisations. Accordingly, at its last meeting, on 5 September 2013, the panel received information from representatives of three organisations as follows:
 - HELD (Hidden Everyday Lifestyle Dangers) - This voluntary sector organisation is in the process of being established. It aims to work with ex-offenders and hard to reach groups to provide education, training, social and leisure activities, social mobility and better life chances.
 - Enterprise Revolution - This community sector organisation's objectives are to revolutionise local business/enterprise support to assist in creating sustainable jobs and businesses.
 - Allied Resource Community - This voluntary sector organisation is involved in providing work experience for adults with special needs. The organisation's main focus is in refurbishing hand-tools for shipment to Africa.
4. Each organisation provided information on its role, staffing and funding. All were also invited to comment on any involvement with MVDA (Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency) and on any assistance that they have received.

5. The Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel's next meeting is scheduled for 19 September 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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