

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 6 (c)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

7 JANUARY 2014

<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 topic of business creation, including the role of the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), is ongoing. As previously reported, the panel has considered:
 - An overview/introduction of this topic.
 - A presentation from TTE, which is a local apprenticeship training provider.
4. At its last meeting, on 12 December 2013, the panel heard from a representative of Tees Valley Unlimited (TVU). TVU is responsible for the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).
5. The panel heard of the background to the establishment of LEPs, which were established following the abolition of Regional Development Agencies.
6. Information was submitted on progress made to date by the local LEP and the role and involvement of Middlesbrough Council.
7. Arrangements are next to be made for the panel to hear from the Council's Integrated Youth Support Service in respect of apprenticeship and training provision.

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