

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 11(c)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

22 JULY 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.

BACKGROUND

2. At the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel's last meeting (26 June 2014), the panel received information from the Interim Assistant Director - Supporting Communities and the Highways Transformation Manager 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.
3. The panel's next meeting is scheduled for 22 July 2014 where the panel is set to receive a 'setting the scene' presentation on the topic of Wi-Fi town. Members are due to hear from the Assistant Director – Supporting Communities on the possibility of the installation of free Wi-Fi across Middlesbrough.
4. In addition to the above the panel has also agreed to examine the topic of the condition of roads and highways. Indications are that it could be advantageous to discuss this topic early in the panel's work programme in order to align it with the Council's Capital Programme bidding process.
5. The Council's Highways and Transportation Manager is scheduled to attend the meeting to present background information and an overview on the above topic.

RECOMMENDATION

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

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