

# MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 8(c)

## OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

19 AUGUST 2014

<p><b>ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY PANEL - PROGRESS REPORT</b></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 (22 July 2014), the panel received information from the Assistant Director - Supporting Communities on the new scrutiny topic of the possible introduction of free wi-fi in Middlesbrough.
3. In addition to the above, the panel also received information on the condition of the Borough's roads and highways. As a result, it was agreed to support a bid for additional funding as part of the Council's 2015-16 Capital Programme.
4. The panel's next meeting is scheduled for 14 August 2014, when the panel will receive further information in respect of Newcastle/Gateshead's proposed free wi-fi provision.

### RECOMMENDATION

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

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