

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 9c

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

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<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 (ERT) Scrutiny Panel.

BACKGROUND

2. The ERT Scrutiny Panel's examination of the topic of Middlehaven is ongoing. To date the panel has heard an overview of the subject area, including the development history of the site, progress made to date and future plans.
3. The panel's agreed terms of reference for its investigation focus on the Master Plan for development; finance; access/public transport links; how buildings and features of historical importance are being incorporated into the development programme; and hearing from local stakeholders.
4. At the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel's last meeting, on 19 February 2015, Members considered information in respect of Middlehaven's historic buildings and features. The panel also heard from Mr P Volans, owner of the Brasserie at Hudson Quay. Mr Volans explained the background to his business decision to open in Middlehaven, his view that the area would continue to develop positively and his future plans, including the possibility of opening a further business at Middlehaven.
5. At the panel's next meeting, arrangements have been made to hear from representatives of two more Middlehaven businesses - Middlesbrough College and the Keiro Group (which provides neuro-rehabilitation services).

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

7. The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:
 - Agenda and papers of the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 19 February 2015.

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