

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 13 (c)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

28 APRIL 2015

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 (ERT) Scrutiny Panel.

BACKGROUND

2. The Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel's investigation of Middlehaven is ongoing. To date the panel has:
 - Considered an overview of the subject area.
 - Agreed terms of reference for its work.
 - Visited the Middlehaven area to view progress made and sites for future development.
 - Considered an update on progress made since the panel raised issues relating to transport links to the area in 2012.
3. Most recently the panel has considered an overview of historic buildings and structures in Middlehaven. In particular, the panel heard how these have been/are being incorporated into development. In addition, the panel heard information in respect of the Master Plan for the area and how this relates to the Council's Local development Framework.
4. Members have also heard from the following local stakeholders:
 - Peter Vollans - Owner of The Brasserie at Hudson Quay.
 - Zoe Lewis - Principal of Middlesbrough College.
5. Both of the above attended scrutiny panel meetings to outline plans for business development in Middlehaven and to update the panel on progress to date.

6. In view of the fact that the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel's investigation will not be complete prior to the end of the current municipal year/forthcoming local government elections, it has been agreed that an interim report will be produced that outlines findings to date.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

8. 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 5 March 2015.

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