

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 10c

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

15 SEPTEMBER 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 the topic of Middlehaven, which was carried over from the previous municipal year, has almost been completed.
3. Since the last update to OSB, the panel has heard information on the funding of developments that have taken place, and are scheduled, at Middlehaven. Members heard that the area has attracted over £150m of investment with a further £62m committed.
4. Middlehaven projects have been developed on a scheme by scheme and site by site basis. Most sources of funding have been external with much of this being channelled through the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), Tees Valley Unlimited.
5. It was clarified that the £62 million committed for further investment mainly relates to the Gateway development by Terrace Hill. This includes the retail shopping unit, public house, Costa Coffee and KFC Drive Through. The panel was also updated on the position concerning development of the retail units following the recent Sainsbury's decision to not proceed with opening the company's proposed supermarket.
6. The Council's Capital Programme has also been used to fund some improvement works at Middlehaven, including development of the urban park. It was also highlighted that if a Combined Authority is formed for the Tees Valley, this could result in further opportunities for external funding.

7. In addition to continuing its work on Middlehaven, at its 12 August 2015 meeting, the panel also received an update on the previous scrutiny topic of Acklam Hall. Members were advised of progress made in implementing the scrutiny panel's recommendations and in progressing the site's development.
8. At the time of writing, the panel's next meeting is scheduled for 10 September 2015. That meeting will approve the final report on Middlehaven, including conclusions and recommendations, and will also consider a report into bus subsidies. An update from the 10 September meeting will be presented at OSB.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

10. There were no background papers used in the preparation of this report.

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