

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 14c

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

13 OCTOBER 2015

<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 Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel's investigation of the topic of Middlehaven, which was carried over from the previous municipal year, has now been completed. The scrutiny panel's final report appears elsewhere on the OSB agenda.
3. At the panel's 10 September 2015 meeting, a report was considered on supported/subsidised bus services. Members heard an overview of the current position. It was explained that, with effect from 2016, Middlesbrough Council will no longer subsidise any local bus services. It was agreed to invite bus operators to a future meeting to discuss the position.
4. At the time of writing, the next ERT Scrutiny Panel meeting is scheduled for 7 October 2015. At that meeting the panel will begin to investigate the new subject of Albert Road regeneration. Members will receive background information and will consider draft terms of reference at the panel's following meeting.
5. Immediately prior to the 7 October meeting - and in view of the number of new Members appointed to the ERT Scrutiny Panel for 2015/16 - arrangements are to be made for the panel to re-visit Middlehaven to view progress made in the area. Following discussions at the last OSB, an invitation to attend the visit has been extended to all Members of the Council.

6. A verbal update from the 7 October 2015 meeting will be provided at OSB.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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