

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 8 c

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

9 NOVEMBER 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 ERT Scrutiny Panel's last meeting was held on 20 October 2015. At that meeting the panel continued its investigation of Albert Road regeneration. Members agreed terms of reference for the panel's investigation and considered further information on the topic in respect of:
 - Regeneration of areas including Baker and Bedford Streets.
 - Improvements in respect of paving, lighting and carriageway works.
 - Town centre support and initiatives - such as business rate relief, rates incentives, mentoring and empty shop refit incentives.
3. The panel's next meeting is scheduled for 18 November 2015, when further information will be considered on Albert Road Regeneration, including the position in respect of exemptions/payment of national non-domestic rates on empty properties.
4. An update will also be submitted to the above meeting in respect of Gresham. This subject was previously investigated by the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel.

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

6. The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:
- Agenda and meeting papers - Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel - 20 October 2015.

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