

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 10(c)

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY BOARD

8 DECEMBER 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 18 November 2015. At that meeting the panel continued its investigation of Albert Road regeneration.
3. Members heard information in respect of the position concerning empty properties and National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR). Information was submitted concerning:
 - National policy in respect of NNDR/empty properties.
 - Exemptions that are available for NNDR.
 - The position concerning different types of commercial properties.
 - Collection rates for NNDR.
4. Details were also submitted of the Albert Road properties that are currently vacant.
5. The scrutiny panel's investigation is ongoing. The panel's next meeting is scheduled for 17 December 2015.

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 meeting papers - Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel - 18 November 2015.

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