

Regeneration and Transport Select Committee

Review of Employability

Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 13 November 2007

Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)

Since the last update the committee has completed receiving evidence. Information has been received from the Five Lamps Organisation, Stockton International Family Centre, and the Shaw Trust concerning the voluntary and community sector's role in relation to employability. Julia Spittle, Head of Human Resources; Jamie McCann, Head of Direct Services; and Richard Bradley, Care for Your Area Service Manager also provided information concerning how the Council as an employer could possibly assist in improving the employability of people from disadvantaged areas in the borough, with an insight into both the potential benefits and difficulties of this in practice. The final meeting included information from Roland Todd, Labour Market Coordinator for Stockton Borough Council.

The Committee made their recommendations at the start of November. The final agreement of the report will be made on the 3 December, with consideration of the report by Executive Scrutiny on the 11 December. The report is to go to Cabinet on the 20 December.

Timescale for Review

The review is currently on schedule with a view to the final report being presented to Cabinet in December 2007.

Monitoring

The Committee is due to undertake monitoring of the recommendations contained within the Street Lighting review by December 2007. This is scheduled to take place within the Committee's meeting on the 3rd December.