















Increased entrepreneurial activity										
2007/08 outturn	PI ref	PI description	Q1	Q2	Q3	compared to target	2008/09 year-end target	predicted performance to target	Progress to date	Remedial Action
940.00	LAA ED&E 02b	Number of new VAT registered businesses (LAA stretch target)	940.00	940.00	1075		1030.00		We are awaiting GONE approval as these figures would indicate that the LAA target has been met. The dataset showing the latest, 2007, data has been recently released and shows a significant increase in the number of businesses than has previously been shown - this is because PAYE registrations are now included which includes businesses not previously counted in the dataset such as doctors, dentists etc	
	NI 171	Number of business registrations per 10,000 resident population aged 16 and above			25.87		23.00		performance relates to 2007 data. A breakdown of district performance is as follows; Chester-le-Street, 27.52% Derwentside, 28.67% Durham City, 25.43% Easington, 16.30% Sedgefield, 29.49% Teesdale, 31.40% Wear Valley, 29.18%	
	NI 172	% of small registered businesses showing year-on-year employment growth							Data is currently unavailable	

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CP EW 2.1	We will maximise funding opportunities to support activities that aim to increase entrepreneurial activity. This will be through effectively managing funding programmes (including developing applications, undertaking monitoring and evaluations and submitting claims) and by working to identify and secure additional funding.				A Local Enterprise Grant Initiative (LEGI) Project Initiation Proforma (PIP) has been submitted to One NorthEast for their consideration. A LEGI Business Case is in development on which a decision is due May 2009	
CP EW 2.2	We will coordinate the development of a new Enterprise Strategy for County Durham, working with the County Durham Economic Partnership's (CDEP) Business and Enterprise Working Group (BEWG). This will provide the impetus to secure the necessary change in the business stock in County Durham.				A review of the Evaluation Plan for delivery of the Enterprise Strategy has been completed and approved by the County Durham Economic Partnership board. This has resulted in the securing of funding for a new Enterprise Advocate and additional delivery funding for Local Enterprise Grant Initiative Schools (LEGI) schools. An Enterprise in Education Strategy and Action Plan has been published and delivery will commence September 2009	
CP EW 2.3	We will work with the County Durham Local Enterprise Grant Initiative (LEGI) – be Enterprising programme in Derwentside, Easington, Sedgefield and Wear Valley to help increase entrepreneurial activity in disadvantaged communities, support business growth and reduce the failure rate of locally-owned businesses.				A review of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funding has resulted in a number of key decisions being made including whether proposed delivery is in line with policy priorities and will extend delivery in County Durham to the 30% most deprived wards.	
CP EW 2.4	We will work with the County Durham Development Company to provide improvements to the highway infrastructure to support future business developments.				Planning approval for Phase 2 of NetPark Infrastructure is awaited. The revised start date for the start of construction works is now the end of February 2009	