

TEESDALE PARTNERSHIP (LSP)

THEMATIC GROUP LEAD MEMBER REPORT FORM

THEMATIC GROUP:	DATES COVERED IN REPORT:
Economy and Tourism Group Lead Member: Cllr JH Fergus	February to March – prepared for Executive Committee 7th April, 2008
MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES ACHIEVED THIS PERIOD:	
<p>The Economy and Tourism Group of Teesdale Partnership have met twice since the last Executive Committee.</p> <p>A presentation was delivered to the group highlighting the implications of the government's child poverty agenda and welfare reforms and in particular ESA - this will replace Incapacity Benefit from 2008. It also covered Local Employment Partnerships which will create opportunities for disadvantaged groups. This presentation is available via Maggie Wilson together with data detailing benefit claimants in Teesdale. This is broken down into Ward groups.</p> <p>The Economy and Tourism group have prepared a joint bid with North Pennines AONB for New Leader funding which has a strong rural area focus. The subgroup are working hard to deliver their strategy to ONE by 9th May, 2008. Teesdale Partnership support staff and Chair are bringing this potential funding stream to the attention of other groups, hoping that they can identify potential projects for the scheme.</p> <p>The Economy and Tourism group of Teesdale Partnership hosted a consultation event on the Draft County Durham Economic Strategy. This event was open to all LSP partners, TDC staff and members.</p> <p>The Sustainable Community Strategy has undergone a final consultation period and the final edit has now been done. An executive summary version has been produced and both documents are with designers who will produce a version suitable for print. The launch of the SCS will take place at the Teesdale Partnership AGM 30th April, 2008 at Mickleton Village Hall.</p>	
MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES TO BE ACHIEVED NEXT PERIOD:	

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ISSUES AND EXCEPTIONS THIS PERIOD:

None

Signed (Lead Member)..... Date.....