

**Economy and Enterprise
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

6 July 2012



**County Durham Economic
Partnership**

**Joint Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive and
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Development**

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide Members of the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee with background information in advance of the discussion with Ken Jarrold, Chairman of the County Durham Economic Partnership (CDEP) focusing on changes in the economy, delivering regeneration and economic development, opportunities and collaboration on the Scrutiny work programme.

Background

- 2 The work programme for the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee focuses on the priority areas identified within the context of the Council Plan, Cabinet's Forward Plan of decisions, Sustainable Community Strategy, various plans and strategies, performance and budgetary control data and changes in Government legislation.
- 3 In addition, the Committee invites on an annual basis the Chairman of the County Durham Economic Partnership (CDEP) to discuss with Members of the Committee the priorities of the CDEP, changes to the economy, challenges faced within County Durham and opportunities. This discussion has previously provided the ideal opportunity for collaboration, identifying areas of future focus for the Partnership and the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 4 Currently the work programme for the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee is in the process of being refreshed for 2012 – 2014 and it was thought timely that the Chairman of the CDEP be invited to attend the meeting on the 6 July 2012 providing an opportunity to identify additional areas for inclusion in the Committee's work programme.

Current position

- 5 The discussion on the 6 July 2012 will focus on the following key themes:
- Changes in the Economy.
 - Delivering regeneration and economic development.
 - Collaboration on the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny work programme.
 - Opportunities.

Recommendation

- 6 Members of the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider the information provided during the discussion to identify any additional areas of focus for inclusion in the Committee's work programme for 2012 - 2014.

Background Paper(s)

Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Report –
Refresh of the Work Programme 2012-2014 – 29 March 2012.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance - None

Staffing - None

Risk - None

Equality and Diversity - None

Accommodation - None

Crime and Disorder - None

Human Rights - None

Consultation - None

Procurement - None

Disability Discrimination Act - None

Legal Implications - None