

**Economy and Enterprise  
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**24 June 2013**



**Update on the Work of the County  
Durham Economic Partnership**

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

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**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 Sue Parkinson, Vice-Chair of the County Durham Economic Partnership (CDEP) focusing on changes in the economy, delivering regeneration and economic development, opportunities, challenges 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 Notice of Key Decisions, Sustainable Community Strategy, Partnership plans and strategies, performance and budgetary control data and changes in Government legislation.
- 3 In addition, the Committee invites on an annual basis the Chair or Vice-Chair 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 and priorities 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 2013 – 2015 and it was thought timely that the Chair or Vice - chair of the CDEP be invited to attend the meeting on the 24 June 2013 providing an opportunity to comment upon the work programme and identify any additional areas for inclusion.

## **Current position**

5 The discussion on the 24 June 2013 will focus on the following key themes:

- Changes in the Economy.
- Delivering regeneration and economic development.
- Opportunities, priorities and challenges.
- Collaboration on the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny work programme.

## **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 2013 - 2015.

## **Background Papers**

Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Update on the County Durham Economic Partnership – 6 July 2012.

Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny report – Refresh of the work programme 2013-2015 – 5 April 2013.

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**Appendix 1: Implications**

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**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