

**Economy and Enterprise  
Overview and Scrutiny  
Committee**



**23 June 2014**

**County Durham Economic  
Partnership**

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**Joint Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive and  
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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 Brian Tanner, Chair of the County Durham Economic Partnership (CDEP) focusing on successes of the partnership, challenges to overcome in continued tough economic times and partnership priorities.

**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, any significant changes to the economy, challenges faced and priorities within County Durham. 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 2014 – 2015 and it was thought timely that the Chair of the CDEP be invited to attend the meeting on the 23 June 2014 providing an opportunity to comment upon the work programme and identify any additional areas for inclusion.

## **Current position**

5 The discussion on the 23 June 2014 will focus on the following:

- Work of the CDEP including successes and challenges
- Partnership priorities.

## **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 2014 - 2015.

## **Background Papers**

- Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Update on the County Durham Economic Partnership – 24 June 2013.
- Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny report – Refresh of the work programme 2014-2015 – 7 April 2014.

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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