

# Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee

23 June 2015



## County Durham Economic Partnership – Update

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### **Joint Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive and Ian Thompson, Corporate Director, Regeneration and Economic 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 Brian Tanner, Chair of the County Durham Economic Partnership (CDEP) focusing on partnership priorities, measures of success, influencing partnership activity to make a difference and overcome continued economic challenges.

#### **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 partnership, activity undertaken and challenges to be faced 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 The work programme for the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee is being refreshed for 2015 – 2016 and a report on this features later in this agenda. In view of this, the Chair of the CDEP has been invited to attend today's meeting to provide him with an opportunity to comment upon the work programme and identify any additional areas for inclusion.

## **Current position**

- 5 The Chair of CDEP, Brian Tanner will provide the Committee with a presentation which will focus on:
- Partnership Priorities
  - Measures of Success
  - Making a difference, supporting growth and influencing partnership activity
  - Challenges Ahead

## **Recommendation**

- 6 Members of the Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider the information provided during the discussion and reflect upon any additional areas arising from the presentation for inclusion in the Committee's work programme for 2015 - 2016.

## **Background Papers**

- Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Update on the County Durham Economic Partnership – 23 June, 2014.
- Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny report – Refresh of the work programme 2015-2016 – 31 March, 2015.

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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