Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee

26 June 2018

County Durham Economic Partnership

Joint Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and Partnerships and Ian Thompson, Corporate Director of Regeneration and Local Services

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 vision and partnership priorities, measures of success, influencing partnership activity to make a difference and 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, the 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 2018 – 2019 and a report on this features later in this agenda. In view of this, the Chair of the CDEP has been invited to attend the meeting on the 26 June 2018 to provide an opportunity for him to comment on the work programme, identify any additional areas for possible inclusion and contribute to any future review activity.

Current position

5 The Independent Chair of CDEP, Brian Tanner, will provide the Committee with a presentation which will focus on:

- Vision & partnership priorities
- Measures of success
- Partnership approach
- 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 2018 - 2019.

Background Paper(s)
Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Update on the County Durham Economic Partnership – 29 June 2017

Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny report – Refresh of the work programme 2018-2019 – 5 April 2018

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Appendix 1: Implications

Finance – N/A

Staffing – N/A

Risk – N/A

Equality and Diversity – N/A

Accommodation – N/A

Crime and Disorder – N/A

Human Rights – N/A

Consultation – N/A

Procurement – N/A

Disability Discrimination Act – N/A

Legal Implications – N/A