

APPENDIX 1

PROSPERITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – SPECIAL MEETING

PROGRAMME FOR LEP EVENT

- 1.15pm Refreshments
- 1.30pm Introduction – Leader of the Council
Chairs Opening Comments
- 1.40pm Vince Taylor (, Head of Strategy and Performance, Sunderland Council)
- Background to the establishment of LEPs at a national level
North Eastern LEP – makeup/membership/aims/resources
Key aims and progress to date
Key challenges for the future
- 2.00pm Gill Southern (MBE, Director of Wessington Cryogenics (LEP Board Member)
Angela O'Donaghue (Principal of Sunderland College (LEP Board Member)
- Perspective of the academic/private sectors
The first hand experience of Board Members
Key challenges and aims for the future
What has been learnt?
- 2.15pm Dr. Gill Bentley (University of Birmingham)
- Government thinking underpinning the LEP (political/economic)
Potential benefits/weaknesses of LEPS
Recent analysis of LEPs performance nationally
How effective can we expect them to be
Where do we go from here?
- 2.30pm Questions and Open Discussion