

## **Regeneration and Transport Select Committee**

### **Review of Employability**

**Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2007**

#### **Update on Progress (including issues/ problems/ successes)**

The Committee has currently held three meetings of the review and taken evidence from the Government Office North East, Tees Valley Learning and Skills Council, Tees Valley Job Centre Plus, Stockton Riverside College, and from service groups within the Council, including the Adult Education Service, the Training and Employment Service, and the STEP's service.

A further three meetings of the review are currently scheduled, which have been programmed thematically. These focus on areas identified as particularly pertinent to the scope of the review, including health, disability and substance abuse; employers' views and information regarding key occupational sectors within the Borough; and third sector involvement in increasing employability.

As initial evidence has been taken, the review has developed from the original scope and project plan in terms of the witnesses and evidence the Committee will receive, in order to more effectively tackle the main issues and meet the stated aims of the review.

#### **Timescale for Review**

The review is currently on schedule with a view to the final report being presented to Cabinet in December 2007.

#### **Monitoring**

The Committee is due to undertake monitoring of the recommendations contained within the Street Lighting review by December 2007.