

## **Regeneration and Transport Select Committee**

### **Update to Executive Scrutiny Committee – 2 August 2011**

#### **EIT Programme – Review of Regeneration and Economic Development**

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

The Committee considered the baseline report at the meeting of 20 June. Members requested that further information be required on the following points:

- Marketing of the range of business support available, and support available for social enterprise
- The social impact and benefit of Tees Achieve courses, as well as its importance in relation to employability
- Business start up survival rates

At the meeting of 18 July, the Committee considered a paper highlighting the suggested areas for EIT within the service, a financial breakdown, and a summary of previous consultation activity, together with information on the questions outlined above.

Members discussed the need to re-focus the service's strategic priorities, the links to other EIT reviews (for example the Asset review), and potential options for the business grant scheme, management of the Stockton Business Centre, and Stockton Middlesbrough Initiative.

##### **Timescales**

The review is due to report to Cabinet in December 2011. The meeting of 12 September is due to discuss options in more detail, and the meeting of 24 October is scheduled to agree the recommendations.