Agenda Item

Place Select Committee

24th February 2020

SCRUTINY REVIEW OF BUSINESS SUPPORT AND ENGAGEMENT

Summary

For this evidence-gathering session, the Committee will receive presentations from some of the Council's partners who also have a role in supporting and engaging with local businesses. Information will include details on how these organisations work in partnership with the Council (and other Local Authorities where applicable), as well as what types of support and engagement has the biggest impact.

Detail

- 1. Representatives from <u>Tees Valley Business Compass</u> will be present to provide information on its role/remit, partnership-working with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council (SBC), and funding opportunities and application data from local businesses.
- 2. <u>North East England Chamber of Commerce / Department of International Trade</u> personnel will give details of their role (relevant to the locality), partnership-working with SBC and how this compares to engagement with other Council's, and what support is most beneficial to local business.
- 3. The Committee will also hear from the Director of Academic Enterprise at <u>Teesside</u> <u>University</u> regarding its business remit, its work with Local Authorities, and what support has the biggest impact.
- 4. A copy of the agreed scope and plan for this review is included for information.

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