

MEETING OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REGENERATION

1 SEPTEMBER 2004

PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE ECONOMIC REGENERATION WORKING GROUP

REPORT OF THE LEAD OFFICER

1. **PURPOSE**

1.1 To approve the proposed work programme for the Economic Regeneration Working Group.

2. **BACKGROUND**

2.1 The initial meeting of the Working Group took place in mid July and considered and agreed the existing terms of reference along with updates on a range of key issues:-

- a) The Unitary Development Plan
- b) New Technology Centre
- c) Diversification of the Manufacturing Base
- d) Brierley Hill Regeneration Partnership

2.2 In relation to the Brierley Hill Regeneration Partnership, then it was agreed that the next meeting of the Economic Regeneration Working Group set for 21 September includes a presentation and tour of the work being carried out.

2.3 The meeting also agreed a provisional work programme which has had to be changed to respond to the loss of the planned August Working Group.

2.4 It is now proposed that the:-

- 21 September meeting - covers the Brierley Hill Partnership and Visitor Economy Strategy.
- 5 October meeting - covers Jobs and Support for Business in the context of the Updated Economic Strategy.
- 16 November meeting - covers Diversification of the Manufacturing Base and new Technology Centres.

13 December meeting - covers Infrastructural changes required to ensure the Economic Strategy outcomes.

3. **PROPOSALS**

3.1 That the Select Committee consider and agree the provisional work programme.

4. **FINANCE**

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

5. **LAW**

5.1 Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, enables the Council to do anything that is likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well being of the borough.

6. **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

6.1 This report complies with the Council's policies on equal opportunities and diversity.

7. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 That the proposals set out in paragraph 3.1 above be approved.

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