

Briefing note to Economic Development & Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire's Local Enterprise Partnership – Wave 2 City Deal

Introduction

Members have received information previously about the establishment of the Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire's Local Enterprise Partnership; in short it is a private sector-led partnership that is responsible for driving economic growth for the area. The Council has a member seat at the LEP Board and a number of officers provide support to the secretariat and theme groups of the LEP which drive delivery of its business.

Wave 2 City Deal

From time to time the LEP will be undertaking work that is of particular interest to this Council (and others) and officers considered it important to appraise members of the emerging position regarding an "Expression of interest" submission for a "Wave 2 City Deal with Central Government. An executive summary of this submission is attached at appendix.

At this stage the LEP has received positive feed back about the broad content and has been invited to work with Civil Servants, over the next six months or so, to hone the submission to the point where the Government is prepared to formally offer a City Deal to the LEP.

Officers will be able to respond to any questions members may have about the practical and / or strategic implications for the Borough.

Recommendation:

Members of the Scrutiny Committee are invited to consider the information and to make any comments to the Portfolio Holder for Planning, Regeneration and Town Centres.