

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** The last meeting of the Economy Thematic Group took place on 25 May and this report provides a summary of issues covered. The group remains focussed on identifying and recording measures which will enable changes in the local economy to be identified and tracked or treated as appropriate.

2. ISSUES DISCUSSED

- 2.1.** The revised scorecard format is now in place but a further request has been made to partners to provide specific measures for inclusion in future reports. Final revisions will be completed at the next meeting.

Updates from partners present illustrated progress against SOA and CPP objectives.

- 2.2** A presentation made by Skills Development Scotland (SDS) covering data on youth destinations, modern apprenticeships and employability led to an interesting discussion on the reasons behind some of the trends and the need to understand the economic implications. A pilot exercise by SDS and partners looking in more detail at the data and possible ways to address the underlying issues is ongoing.

- 2.3** The scheduled presentation on the agricultural sector and SRDP carried forward from the last meeting was not able to take place.

Next Economy Thematic Group meeting will be held on 31 August 2011

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