

**ECONOMIC REGENERATION AND TRANSPORT SCRUTINY PANEL –  
Enterprise Zones– ACTION PLAN**

31<sup>st</sup> January 2012

SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATION	PROPOSED ACTION	BY WHOM	BUDGET COST	TIMESCALE
<p>1. That the Council adopts a policy that any applications from businesses which are looking to relocate to an Enterprise Zone site solely to benefit from the available financial benefits and incentives will not be supported.</p>	<p>This principle is being embedded in the sub-regional mechanisms for managing displacement between authorities in the Tees Valley. Only those businesses that are moving to expand or those that represent inward investments to the Tees Valley will receive financial incentives. There will however be additional criteria established to cover 'exceptional circumstances' where a straightforward relocation is still in the interests of all five boroughs, but these are expected to be limited.</p>	<p>Economic Development Manager</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Mechanisms to be in place from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2012</p>
<p>2. That, given the current financial constraints facing the local authority, consideration is given to how the Council can best work with Tees Valley Unlimited to deliver the local Enterprise Zone to support the creation of new jobs and businesses.</p>	<p>All work to develop, promote and manage Enterprise Zones is being led by Tees Valley Unlimited in conjunction with the five local authorities. Regular meetings are being held to ensure consistency and to maximise joint working opportunities.</p>	<p>Economic Development Manager</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Majority of work to be completed by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, with ongoing joint responsibilities beyond this</p>

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<p>3. That Tees Valley Unlimited be requested to co-ordinate the work of the Tees Valley authorities and work with them to:</p> <p>a) Develop consistent criteria for Local Development Orders for the local Enterprise Zones.</p> <p>b) Develop eligibility criteria for the award of business rates relief.</p>	<p>An Enterprise Zone Planning Group has been established (led by Tees Valley Unlimited) to develop consistent approaches to planning issues, including Local Development Orders. A Governance Group has also been established to agree consistent eligibility criteria for business rate relief and to manage any contentious applications.</p>	<p>Economic Development Manager</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Majority of work to be completed by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, with ongoing joint responsibilities beyond this date.</p>
<p>4. That the results of securing Enterprise Zone status for the Tees Valley - including jobs created, numbers of businesses assisted and business rates received by the Local Enterprise Partnership - are monitored and reported to the scrutiny panel annually.</p>	<p>Monitoring mechanisms are being set up that will allow this to be reported annually.</p>	<p>Economic Development Manager</p>	<p>Minimal – largely officer time only</p>	<p>Mechanisms to be agreed by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, with reporting on an annual basis from 2013.</p>
<p>5. That the Tees Valley authorities work together to seek the funding required to provide the necessary infrastructure for the Enterprise Zones and that financial modelling is undertaken to determine the financial implications for the local authorities.</p>	<p>A Tees Valley Investment Board is being established to consider the investment of resources to achieve the overarching strategic goals of the Tees Valley. This board will consider the necessary infrastructure requirements for Enterprise Zones.</p>	<p>Economic Development Manager initially, with representation likely to be at Chief Executive level</p>	<p>None currently forecast – any future investment required will be presented on a case by case</p>	<p>First meeting to be held in January 2012.</p>

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