

Financial Incentives To Business Review Group

Action Plan

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1.	Financial Incentives Scheme	Revise scheme as recommended in the paper presented to the review group on 19 October 2006. (See appendix 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase grant unit cost and ceiling • Revise grant eligibility • Revise performance indicators • Re name scheme 	Mar 07	Gwenda Lyn Jones / Caroline Taukulis	Changes to marketing material and briefings to partners to be in place for 1 April 07.
2.	European Funding	Bid for any available funding to support our business support activities (See paper at appendix 4, outlining European funding to date and the future programme)	Not applicable at this stage.	On going	Gwenda Lyn Jones / New External Funding Team Leader	Maintain a watching brief for funding opportunities.

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3.	Continuation of the Skills for Success Workforce Development project	Apply for Single Programme funding to finance an extension to the current project. The project will support the emerging findings of "Taking Forward the Darlington Gateway" research.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Project Initiation Form • Follow the Tees Valley Partnership application guidelines. 	Nov 06 As directed by Tees Valley Partnership	Gwenda Lyn Jones / Suzanne Clark	Current project funding expires March 07. Aim to run new project from 1 April 07 as a seamless business support service, subject to approval of funding.
4.	Respond to the "Taking Forward the Darlington Gateway" research.	Strengthen the local economy and create quality job opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the needs of Darlington's major companies and any other issues emerging from the "Taking Forward the Darlington Gateway" research • Consider alternative ways of delivering years 3 & 4 (2007/08 & 2008/09) of the British American Tobacco (BAT) legacy fund. 	Ongoing.	Gwenda Lyn Jones / Caroline Taukulis	Details to be worked up following final report.

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5.	Explore opportunities for funding from the Local Authority Business Growth Initiative (LABGI)	Utilise funding to support the emerging recommendations from the “Taking Forward the Darlington Gateway” research	Not applicable at this stage.	On going.	Gwenda Lyn Jones / Caroline Taukulis	
6	Monitoring & review	Feedback to members on progress against Action Plan.	Report to Environment Scrutiny Committee on a 6 monthly basis.	Nov 07	Gwenda Lyn Jones / Caroline Taukulis	