

**HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**8 June 2007**

**HAMPSHIRE ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP**

**Report by the Director**

1. Peter Dean, Managing Director, will give a presentation on the work of the Hampshire Economic Partnership.
2. HEP was established in 1992 and brings together business and local government to influence government policy and support the economic prosperity of Hampshire and its cities by:
  - identifying and championing the needs and priorities of Hampshire business;
  - providing an authoritative economic voice for business; and
  - ensuring that the best decisions are made to deliver sustainable economic prosperity for the area.
3. Where HEP makes a real difference to the regional economy is through the important work that takes place in its eight direct trade sector task groups. The Task Groups are led by some of Hampshire's leading business experts representing industry sectors across the county and ensures that HEP plays a vital role in addressing the priority issues required to build stronger and sustainable economic performance for the region.

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