

Swindon Borough Council

Growing the Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 30 November 2016

Committee Room 6, Civic Offices

At 6.00 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded that at the start of the meeting they should declare any known interests in any matter to be considered, and also during the meeting if it becomes apparent that they have an interest in the matters being discussed.

3. Minutes (Pages 3 - 6)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 21st September 2016.

4. Public Question Time

See explanatory note below. Please phone the Committee Officer whose name and number appears at the top of this agenda if you need further guidance.

5. **Reference from Resources and Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee** (Pages 7 - 10)
6. **Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership** (Pages 11 - 20)
To receive an update report from Paddy Bradley, Director of SWLEP on the work of the Swindon Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership (SWLEP).
7. **Draft Economic Strategy** (Pages 21 - 28)
To receive a report from Andy Evans, Corporate Director of Economy, Regeneration and Skills about the draft Economic Strategy.
8. **Business Rates: A Sustainable Approach** (Pages 29 - 36)
To receive a report from Andy Evans, Corporate Director of Economy, Regeneration and Skills about short term income and longer term sustainability.
9. **Work Programme** (Pages 37 - 66)

Date of Despatch: 18 November 2016

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