



Local Enterprise Partnerships

Views from the private sector

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Background

- ▶ Largest Chamber of Commerce in UK
- ▶ 5300 full members, employ 300,000 staff
- ▶ Footprint matches AGMA area
- ▶ Group organisation serves 9000+ businesses, support, advice, training and apprenticeships.
- ▶ Held Businesslink contract up to 2007 for Greater Manchester

Story so far.....

- ☛ Chambers of Commerce “liked” by government
- ☛ In Greater Manchester we fit the functional economic area
- ☛ Mature partnership between public and private sector
- ☛ Joining the dots
- ☛ Survey, meetings, events
- ☛ National, regional and local
- ☛ Key input into the proposal

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- ✦ What it isn't ie RDA v2 – no money
- ✦ Level of powers and what they are...
- ✦ Huge support for LEP strategic control over nationally led activities eg business support, access to finance
- ✦ Can't be held back by pace of others
- ✦ Next generation of business support
- ✦ “Circling the wagons”

Summary

- ▣ Favourable response from business
- ▣ Understanding and filling in the gaps
- ▣ Must have control over all elements
- ▣ Great opportunity

Thank you



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