



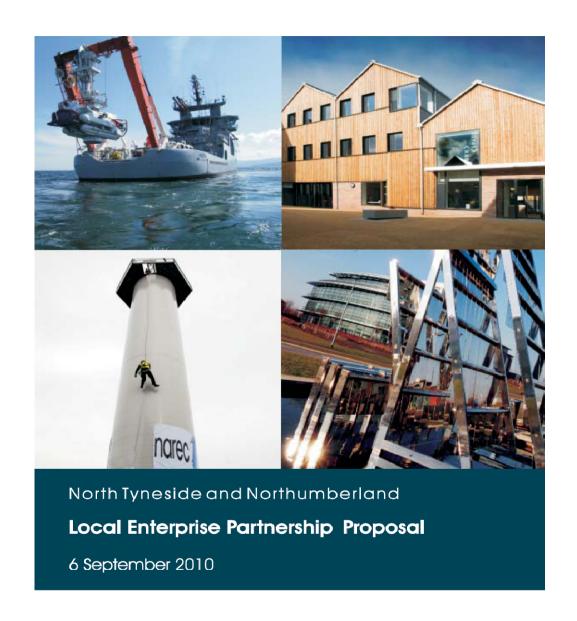
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# Developing a Local Enterprise Partnership – our story so far

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2010, CLES Event Rob Strettle, Regeneration Policy Manager

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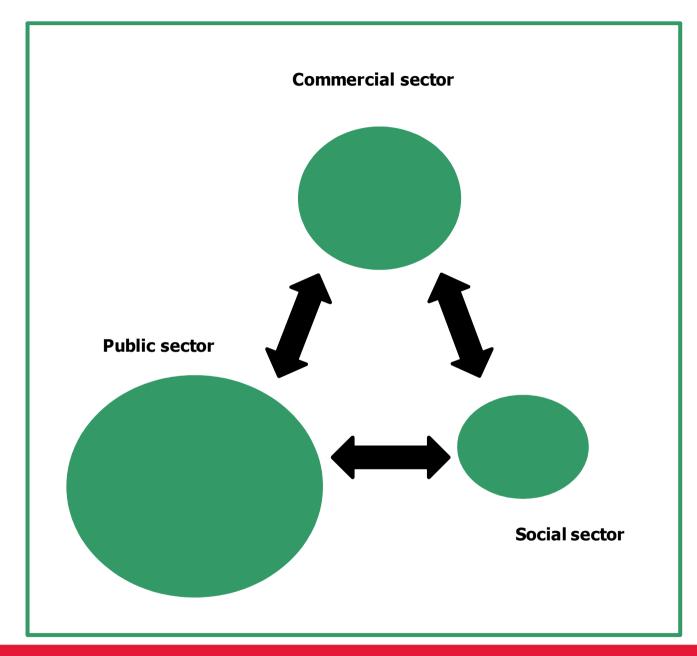
- LEP Proposal Development
- What we want to achieve
- What next Key Issues and Risks







Relative influence of sectors in the Northumberland economy



Source: CLES

## **Events to date**

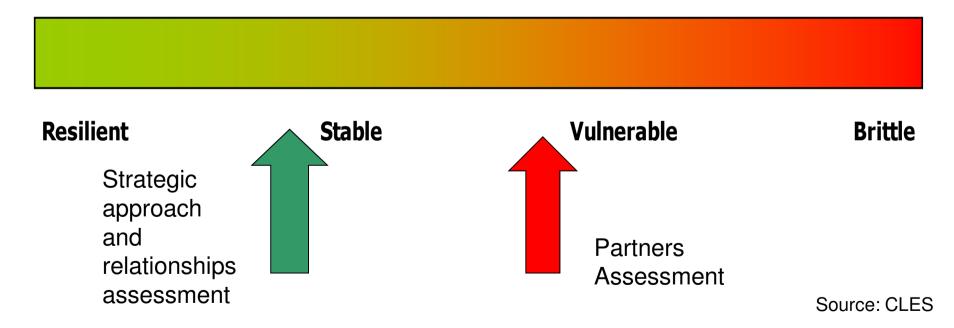
- North East support function agreed but detail to be discussed
- Political discussion key driver
- Issues and options considered Spatial, Governance, Strategic, Resource issues informed by ongoing policy 'breaking news'
- Business engagement building on a range networks and contacts
- Preferred Proposal Development –
  practical, delivery focused option favoured
  with North Tyneside.



## **Resilient but Vulnerable?**

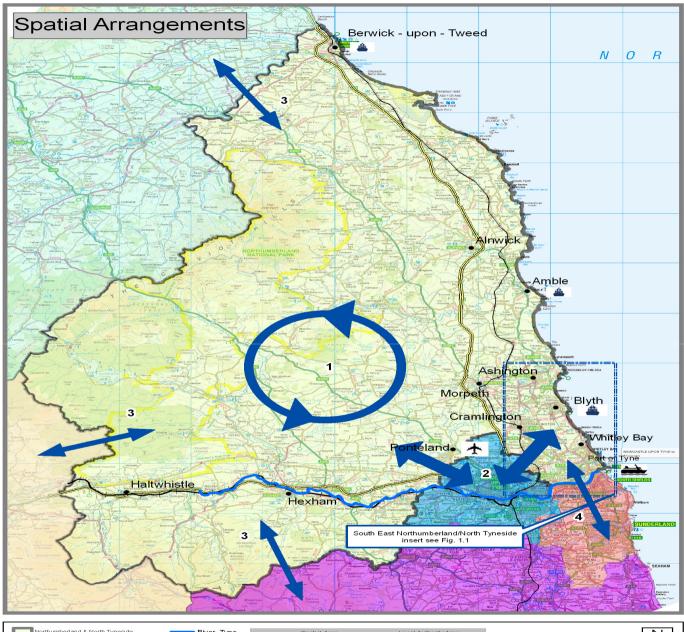
Relationships, Strategy and Assets demonstrate resilience but huge vulnerability and risks that progress may be lost

Northumberland's Place on the CLES Resilience Scale



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# **Business Engagement**



# **Business Engagement**

- Wide broad and strategic (150 directly engaged)
- Leader to leader including strategic partners
- Representative of the structure of the economy private, social and public sector business
- Based on existing relationships
- Secured input to shape principles, priorities and spatial arrangements via event and open feedback process
- Asked for Letters of Support

# **Business Engagement**

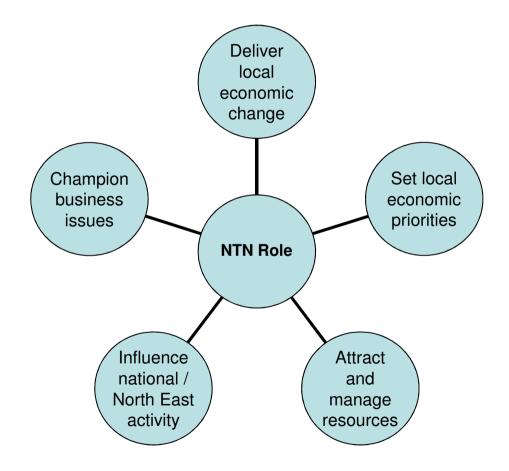
#### Diverse views but common themes:

- Keen on work across boundaries but don't want to lose locality issues and influence
- Concerns over delivery and critical mass to compete
- Concerned that all sector and size of business should have a voice
- Keen to see progress and pace in the arrangements

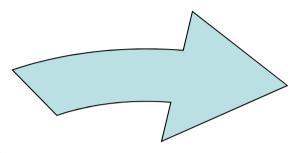
#### Asks for future engagement

- Engage us earlier in the process
- focused, sharp and timely communication,
- more breakfast meetings including networking
- leader to leader, specific issue solutions, public sector facilitation

# **LEP Role**

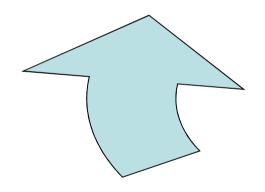


## What we want to achieve

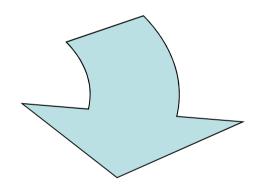


**Create the Conditions for Sustainable Growth** 

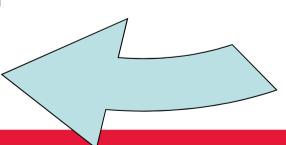
Support Resilient and Diverse Sectors



'To secure opportunities for residents and businesses in a resilient and robust economy'



**Enable Inclusion** and Enterprise



Become a Low Carbon Economy

## Central Government

#### Business Led and Chaired Board

Equal membership of business and local authority leaders

Leadership and decision making Funding Accountability i.e. RGF, ERDF

Influencing, championing and collaborating across boundaries Northumberland County Council and North Tyneside Council

Democratic Accountability

Northumberland North Tyneside Local Enterprise Partnership (NTN-LEP)

Embedded part of wider Partnership activity

influencing, championing and collaborating across boundaries

Internal and external partnerships (including the North East Economic Partnership (NEEP))

Includes Northumberland and North Tyneside Strategic Partnerships and Business Networks / Groups, partner LBPs, Issue, Place and Sector Based Networks Priority Delivery Programmes

Delivery

Partnership infrastructure could be established to support delivery

# What Next? – Key Issues and Risks

#### Government's view

- spatial arrangements
- economic scale
- Potential of North East economic function
- may prompt new developments

#### **Business Led**

- Governance, accountability, power and responsibilities
- transition from current partnerships
- maintaining business interest
- build new relationships
- demonstrate LEPs make a difference and aren't just 'moving the deck chairs'

#### **Operating Model**

- Capacity to enable initial and long term development
- In context of wider efficiencies
- Voluntary partnership to company options being considered
- cross boundary collaboration a given

#### **Funding and Resources to deliver**

- Regional Growth Fund and spending review detail
- Re-shaping the public sector, multiplier effect risk of deficit reduction
- place based, sector interventions
- hard decisions may impact social equity

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## **Further Information**

- LEP Proposal
- Regional Growth Fund Response
- North East Economic Partnership Proposal
- Northumberland Economic Strategy, Assessment and CLES Pilot

Go to <a href="https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=5712">www.northumberland.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=5712</a>