

**NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**21 JULY 2010**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Statement by the Chairman**

1. The Economic Development and Regeneration Committee meeting was rescheduled from 21 May to 16 July. In place of the meeting, we held a briefing session with Cllr Watson, Jonathan French from the York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit and Andrew Harper, Assistant Director of Economic and Rural Services. At the briefing we discussed the continuing work on the economic assessment and development of the geographic programme by the York and North Yorkshire Partnership Unit, which underpins the development of a collective Economic Development Strategy for York and North Yorkshire. I reiterated my view that it is critical that the middle area of the County which falls outside of the City Regions is not forgotten and that this area should have a clear focus and strategy identified as a matter of urgency.
2. Since the briefing session in May, the Government has made a number of announcements relating to regional policy and economic development and we have to recognise that these areas are presently in a state of rapid change. The Committee will be brought up to date on developments at the meeting on 16 July and following that meeting, I will be in a better position to give Members a verbal statement at the full Council meeting.
3. Due to the reduction in the number of overview and scrutiny committees, the meeting on 16 July will be the final meeting of this Committee and I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Members, the officers who have supported us and partner organisations who have reported to us.

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROBERT G. HESELTINE**  
Chairman

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**12 July 2010**