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**SPECIAL MEETING
GREAT YARMOUTH ECONOMIC FORUM**

14 August 2008 – 8.00 am

PRESENT:

Councillor Plant (in the Chair); T Aydin (Great Yarmouth People), J Best (EEEGR), L Brooks (ANGLE), A Carr (Greater Yarmouth Tourist Authority), B Collins (Norfolk County Council, S Derbyshire (Learning & Skills Council), D Dukes (Norfolk County Council), T Gonzalez (Connexions), M Gouldby (Great Yarmouth Port Users Association), J Holt (Job Centre Plus), T Knights (Chamber of Commerce), D Martin (Business Link), I McCreadie (Town Centre Partnership), R Perkins (Waveney Economic Partnership), V Thacker (Great Yarmouth College), C Williams (Norfolk Chamber of Commerce) and A Wright (MP).

Mr T Leonard (LSP Officer), Mr P Wright (Economic Development Officer), Mr P Warner (Head of Planning and Development) and Miss S Davis (Borough Council Officials).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Tony Dadoun (GO-East), Howard Foale (Learning and Skills Council), R Parkinson (Great Yarmouth College) and P Witcombe (EEDA).

2. THE ECONOMIC FORUM – THE WAY FORWARD

The Economic Development Officer led the discussions in relation to the following:-

- (a) **Role/Remit of the Group**
- (b) **Context**

- (c) **Approach**
- (d) **Themes**
- (e) **Next Steps**

A suggestion was made that the possible themes identified should be condensed into four as follows:-

- (i) **Skills and Employment**
- (ii) **Enterprise and Business Growth**
- (iii) **Perception**
- (iv) **Infrastructure**

It was also agreed that an Overarching Partnership Group should be held on a quarterly basis in which each of the four Sub-Groups, as detailed above, should feed into. It was also suggested that each of the four Sub-Groups should have a champion preferably from the private sector with interested parties co-opted on to the Groups.

RESOLVED:

That the Officers be asked to put forward a paper for consideration at the next scheduled meeting in September detailing the proposals put forward at this meeting as above.

3. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting take place on 11 September 2008 at 4.00 pm in the Supper Room, Great Yarmouth.

4. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting ended at 10.00 am.