

## JOINT COMMITTEE

Date 27 June 2013

### Worcestershire LEP/WRS Charter Action Plan

#### Recommendation

To approve the WLEP/WRS Charter Action Plan which highlights what actions will be taken to deliver the aims contained within the charter.

#### Report

The Regulatory and Business Charter was launched in November 2012 and it sets out a number of aims which the local authorities and national regulators will deliver to local businesses.

The Charter covers 8 main aims which cover areas such as business support and creating an environment within which business can flourish whilst the public are still protected.

Once the Charter had been agreed between partners the aims within the charter needed to be converted into specific actions and this is where the Action Plan comes in.

To assist with delivering the necessary outcomes a funding bid was made to the Better Regulation delivery Office (BDRO) and a grant of £15,000 has been made available to assist with delivering both the action plan and the actions contained therein.

The primary focus of the action plan in this early stage is on the rural economy around the principle of "Farm to Fork" and work will concentrate on sectors such as farm shops, small rural producers and food producers and horticulture.

The Worcestershire LEP approved the draft Charter action Plan at its Board meeting on 23 May 2013.

#### Financial Implications

A grant of £15,000 has been agreed with the BDRO to Assist with this work.

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**Background Papers**

Draft Charter Action Plan  
Regulatory and Business Partnership Charter

