

Item 7

Town Hall Summits

Purpose of report

For noting.

Summary

The 2012/13 programme of Town Hall Summits continues into the new year with a debate hosted with Reading Council on 5 February focussing on what the councils role is in tackling youth unemployment.

These summits are designed to address some of the barriers to local growth which were identified in the Board's 2012 report *Local leadership, Local Growth*. The objective of these summits is to set out how greater devolution and stronger localism could help overcome barriers, to ensure that these solutions are tested locally and that key decision makers are presented with the solutions we are promoting. The full programme of summits and the details for each event is attached as **Appendix A** to this report.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report and promote the summits.

Action

Officers to take actions as directed.

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