

# South East Cornwall Economic Development Group

## Background

Councillors unclear as to what the current ED strategy is, how it was derived and what plans are in place to update it. They want to be involved in developing a strategy, delivering it and monitoring progress against it. So, at their November 2023 meeting, their concerns and questions were:

## Data

- Is Cornwall Council using the correct indicators that will enable councils to understand what is happening in their locality and to track progress?
- How often are these figures updated?
- Where are the weighting figures derived from and how are they 'weighted'?
- CC should be asking councils what key performance indicators are relevant to them.
- How is ED in CC managed and organised? (a chart would be helpful)

## Transport

- Why has the economic argument been taken out the planning for upgrades to this road (A38)?
- What consultation and planning is carried out to determine what our community area (south-east Cornwall) needs are from public transport?

## Planning & Strategy

- Who is responsible for coordinating economic development in the south east so we can hold them to account.
- Is the infrastructure in place (or planned) to support the development of new business? We mean basics such as electricity and water.
- What preparations are being made for us to benefit from the Plymouth Freeport or to mitigate the impact it will have in our CAP?
- Will a possible change of government in 2024 change any of the plans CC currently has?
- How are we responding to changes in Government policies on inward investment opportunities?
- What is the plan to make our CAP an 'Economic Gateway'?
- Our CAP is shown as a potential site for 'Advanced Engineering' in the Vision 2023 document. What does this mean and how will it be achieved, and where?
- What incentives are available to encourage businesses to relocate in our CAP and how can we support them?
- What evidence does CC have that new housing developments in south-east Cornwall produce a positive economic impact in the locality?