



Weathering The Storm - Agenda

Date: **Wednesday 18th February 2009**
Venue: **Conference Suite in the Coaver Club**
Devon County Council, County Hall, Exeter, EX2 4QW

- Programme:
- 09.15 – 09.45 **Coffee and Registration**
- 09.45 – 09.50 **Opening remarks**
Leader of the Council, Cllr Brian Greenslade
- 09.50 - 10.05 **Outlook for the UK Economy**
Kevin Butler – South West Regional Director of Bank of England
- 10.05 – 10.20 **Thinking the Unthinkable**
Juliet Williams – Chair of the South West Regional Development Agency
- 10.20 – 10.40 **Questions and Answers**
- 10.40 – 10.55 **Refreshments and round tabling**
- 10.55 – 11.10 **An Introduction to the Homes and Communities Agency**
Colin Molton – Regional Director, Homes and Communities agency
- 11.10 – 11.25 **Building a Better Climate for Business with Knowledge and Skills**
Steve Smith – Vice Chancellor, Exeter University Learning Economy
- 11.25 – 11.45 **Questions and Answers**
- 11.45 – 12.40 **Questions and Answer Panel**
Chaired by Cllr Humphrey Temperley, with:
- Mary Quick – Farmer and cheese maker
 - Tim Jones – Devon Economic Partnership
 - Nora Corkery - Citizens Advice
 - Virginia Pearson - Joint Director of Public Health for Devon
 - Christine Cottle - Exeter Children's Centre
- 12.40 – 12.45 **Closing remarks**
Leader of the Council, Cllr Brian Greenslade
- 12.45 – 13.45 **Buffet lunch and networking**