SW/O SOUTH WEST **OBSERVATORY**

Prospects for Private Sector Jobs Growth

Wednesday 2 November 2011

The Albemarle Centre, Albemarle Road, Taunton TA1 1BA

This *free* workshop will launch a significant piece of research recently completed by the Observatory's Economy and Skills & Learning Modules, which assesses the prospects for private sector jobs growth in the South West. Key learning from the research will be presented alongside the current policy context including the emerging role of LEPs.

Programme

9.30 - 10.00 Refreshments

10.00 - 10.10 **Welcome**
Vinita Nawathe, Managing Director, SWO Core Unit

10.10 - 10.15 **Introduction**
Chris Evans, Director, Skills and Learning Intelligence Module (SLIM)

10.15 - 10.35 **Building globally-competitive local economies: the role of LEPs**
Mike Spicer, Senior Policy Advisor, British Chambers of Commerce

10.35 - 10.55 **Heart of the South West LEP: Priorities and evidence needs**
Jeremy Filmer-Bennett, Interim Chief Executive, Heart of the South West LEP

10.55 - 11.10 Refreshment break

Launching the research findings: Prospects for Private Sector Jobs Growth

11.10 - 11.30 **The prospects for private sector jobs growth in South West England at the current time**
Nigel Jump, Chief Economist, Economy Module

11.30 - 12.00 **Research findings on the prospects for private sector jobs growth**
Shane Vallance, Evidence Manager, Economy Module

12.00 - 12.40 **Issues and findings with relation to labour market and skills within the area of South West England**
Chris Evans, Director, SLIM

12.40 - 12.50 Q&A/Discussion

12.50 - 1.00 **Closing remarks**
Chris Evans, Director, SLIM

1.00 - 2.00 Buffet lunch and networking

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