

Economic Development Block

Proposed Outcome <i>(Note mandatory outcomes)</i>	Comments on inclusion
<p>Improved skills to match current and future economic needs.</p>	<p>The need to develop the skill levels of our current and future workforce are essential if we are to demonstrate we have the skills necessary to both attract needed investment in the County and develop existing businesses.</p>
<p>Increased enterprise activity throughout Cumbria.</p>	<p>Enterprise levels are relatively low in a number of areas – particularly those which are identified as deprived.</p>
<p>Increased employment and economic activity and better paid employment opportunities.</p>	<p>Relatively good average employment levels mask a number of worklessness issues in areas of the County and high levels of real unemployment. Cumbria also has a high rate of low-skill, low wage employment which needs to be addressed.</p>
<p>Improved economic infrastructure.</p>	<p>Improvements to economic infrastructure are essential to facilitate the development of the economic base in Cumbria.</p>