

## Council & AGM a Success

Members who attended the open Council meeting and AGM on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November rounded off a successful morning with the AGM.

Dawn Hudd, Vice Chair, took the lead in Council discussions and working groups considered our key strategic priorities for the IED through to 2015.



A working group get down to business

Chair says "Last year was Challenging." Keith Burge, in outlining the achievements of the IED in the last financial year described the year as challenging.



The challenges included cuts in budgets; redundancies in both the public and private sector; the demise of RDAs and uncertainty around the formation of LEPs but there were significant achievements.

Keith said, "We are pleased that we have been able to support over 50 Members with continued membership despite their loss of employment. We have introduced the acclaimed and sometimes provocative Critical Issues series and are now producing monthly Bulletins."

Keith went on to inform Members that some new partnership arrangements had been developed. "In Scotland we're now working with our EDAS colleagues for the benefit of Members of both organisations and in the South East we recently launched a new Economic Development Network the and recruited almost 120 new Members in the year."

## New Directors join IED Board

Company Secretary, Mike Jessop, pictured right, told the AGM that not only had he been returned for another term of office but three new Directors had been appointed and another had been co-opted.



Newly appointed directors are –

**Bev Hurley**, YTKO, Cambridge

**Mark Pearson**, Surrey Economic Partnership

**Suzanne Blackledge**, Deloitte, London

**Richard Cairns**, Audit Commission, London

In welcoming them to the Board, Keith Burge said, "The IED needs experienced and committed directors to ensure that the Institute represents the interests of both Economic Development practitioners and the profession as a whole. I'm delighted that we have attracted such high calibre people and look forward to working with them."

Keith also paid tribute to two outgoing directors who stood down at this year's AGM after many years of service. "John Wicks (South West) and Sheila Davies (Wales) have been dedicated and tireless in their work with IED and it's been a privilege to work with them over the years."

Our Website is being refreshed and full details of all the new appointments will be added very shortly

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## Overseas

**Daniel Mouawad**, a past Chair of the IED who now lives in the USA continues his series of articles with a look at "The Cradle of the Pacific Northwest."

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## Scotland

Watch this space for forthcoming details of our collaboration with **EDAS** in working together for the benefit of **Members** of both organisations.

### **2011 SURF Annual Lecture with Baroness Margaret Ford**

Thursday 1 December, 3pm-4:45pm, Dundee City Chambers

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**Local enterprise partnerships (LEPs) have made "alarmingly slow progress" since their introduction, according to a report by Centre for Cities.**

Of the **24 LEPs** set up to co-ordinate sub-national economic growth, just **two** had produced **long-term strategic plans**, eight had not had their boards recognised by the Government, and five had **no website**. In some cases, **LEPs** have appointed huge boards and advisory teams. **The report also raised concerns** that the working boundaries of some **LEPs** did not match the 'political and economic reality' of their regions.

Read the full report: [Cause célèbre or cause for concern? Local enterprise partnerships one year on](#)

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