

David's column

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National Recovery Plan for Wales goes straight to the top

The South Wales Chamber of Commerce (SWCC) Task and Finish Group – a private sector panel driving the National Recovery Plan (NRP) forward, met for the first time last week to discuss the plan to recover Wales.

The NRP looks at the key challenges facing Wales and what the private sector can do to aid in the economic recovery for Wales: rising unemployment, business competition, new manufacturing, growing business, supplier development and a falling economy.

The Task and Finish Group is driven by influential private sector businesses from a variety of industries within Wales, and accompanied by business support organisations with a strong influence on policy.

Part of the first meeting with the Task and Finish Group consisted of breaking down the NRP. The crux of the meeting consisted of setting the key priorities that will be revealed at a National Recovery for Wales Conference at the end of May – details to be confirmed soon.

The conference will be an opportunity for members from different private sector industries to contribute to the plan and aim to make a real influence to the 'decision makers'.

Not only has the Task and Finish Group met in a bid to take forward the NRP, Gordon Brown was presented with the NRP at an event held at the Swalec Stadium in Cardiff last month. It is crucial that as many politicians (particularly one of the top politicians in the country) as possible see, read and hear about the NRP to understand it will primarily be the private sector that will be driving economic recovery.

To view the NRP in more detail visit www.southwaleschamber.co.uk