

South Wales East Regional Committee

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Time:	10.00am - 12.30pm
Venue:	Beaufort Theatre and Ballroom, Beaufort, Ebbw Vale
Title:	Patrick Lewis - WDA

Heads of the Valleys Programme

Programme Director's Report to the South East Wales Regional Committee

Introduction to the Programme

- 'Heads We Win: A Strategic Framework for the Heads of the Valleys' was launched in March 2005. It provides a focus for discussion about the main issues, challenges and opportunities facing the area, and consultation with communities, stakeholders and other interested parties.

'The Way Ahead: Towards a Strategy for the Heads of the Valleys'

Grouping the objectives of the Programme under five key themes:

- An attractive and well-used natural and built environment
- An appealing and coherent tourism and leisure experience
- A vibrant economic landscape offering new opportunities
- A well educated, skilled and healthier population
- Public confidence in a shared bright future

Current 'early win' projects include

- Sustainable Energy Zone

- Cleaner Valleys Task Force
- Clean Week and Clean Rivers
- Wood User Cluster
- Community Portal
- Trail of Light
- JobMatch Evaluation
- Social Procurement

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